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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

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FROM:

John F. Pereira

Chief, Historical Review Group

SUBJECT:

Declassification of JFK Assassination

Records--Status Report

- 1. This memorandum is for your information. It provides a status report on the declassification of records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. We also note requests from Congress and other agencies to review their files.
- 2. Review of documents withheld earlier: We have completed review of nearly one third of the 10,000 pages that were initially denied in full. Of those processed thus far, approximately 95 percent will probably be released. Declassification of the entire collection should be completed within several weeks.
- 3. Declassification of microfilm (150,000 pages): All of the microfilm has been printed out and organized into files, and nearly 15 percent has been reviewed. Our target date for completing review of this material is 1 January 1994.
 - One problem is that many of the pages printed out are virtually illegible, apparently because of the uneven quality of either the microfilming process or the documents that were originally filmed. We are exploring possible methods of enhancing the printouts with the Office of Logistics.

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- 4. External requests: We have been requested to divert personnel to review JFK documents containing CIA-originated information in several substantial sets of records outside the Agency. This could have an impact on the goal of completing review by 1 January 1994.
 - SSCI: 65 large loose-leaf binders of Church Committee and other materials. (At the SSCI's request, one of our review officers has been detailed to the Hill for this task.)
 - House Committee on Administration: 20,000 pages of House Assassinations Committee records. (We are processing these documents.)
 - National Archives: More than 600 tapes of interviews from the Warren Commission. (The Archives is still developing procedures for processing the tapes.)
 - Presidential libraries: We have been asked to send teams to the Kennedy, Ford, and Johnson Libraries. (We have deferred this task until the documents described above have been declassified.)
- 5. The Presidential Review Board, called for by the JFK Act, has yet to be appointed. All sanitized documents are subject to review by the Board, which will have authority to overrule agencies' determinations as to what information is to be protected. We expect to have extensive deliberations with the Board once it is in place.
- 6. With your approval, we have hired ten additional contractors to review the JFK documents, and are planning to bring in several more.

John F. Pereira

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