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MEMORANDUM FOR: John Pereira
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SUBJECT: Response to Questions Posed by the John F.
Kennedy Assassination Review Board

1. During the OCC briefing of the John F. Kennedy Assassination Review Board on 16 October 1996, members of the Board asked three questions to which OCC said it would respond after additional research. Following are the questions and the responses:

a. ~~How many real businesses or contrived facilities in the commercial cover program are connected to the publications industry?~~ Response: A few real businesses are loosely connected with the publications industry, and the names of a few contrived facilities could be perceived as being associated.

b. ~~How many companies participated in the commercial cover program in the 1960s, and how many participate today?~~ Response: Approximately 500 companies participated in the commercial cover program in the 1960s, and circa 1,800 are currently in the program.

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c. Could a copy of the secrecy agreement which is signed by company officials participating in the commercial cover program be made available, and has it changed since the 1960s? Response: Attached is a copy of the secrecy agreement used from 1955 to 1988 and a copy of the agreement used from 1988 to the present. The only difference is an addendum on the reverse which was added in 1991 pursuant to the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Act of 1991.

2. This memorandum and its attachments are for background information only and must be returned to the Central Intelligence Agency after review by the John F. Kennedy Assassination Review Board.

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Attachment:
as stated

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