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SUBJECT: Courtesy Visit of JFK Assassination
Records Review Board, 16 October 1996

We have succeeded thus far in working out cooperative arrangements for resolving differences of opinion as to what information can be released to the public and what should be withheld because of sensitivities.

(U) The Board may also express interest in gaining access to records that are not part of the JFK records (the sequestered collection), but which the Board regards as possibly containing useful background information or leads for further inquiry. We have released some 227,000 pages of relevant Agency records thus far and are continuing to collaborate with the Board to identify additional information that can be released.

(U) Suggested Talking Points: You may want to emphasize the Agency's commitment to continuing the very positive relationship with the Board, including making people and computer expertise available to process relevant documents.

(S) You may want to assure the Board that CIA is determined to give the Board and designated staff full access to all assassination records, as required by the JFK statute. At the same time, it would be helpful to stress that there are certain categories of sensitive information that require continued protection and should not be released. Among the types of information contained in the JFK records that we need to protect are:

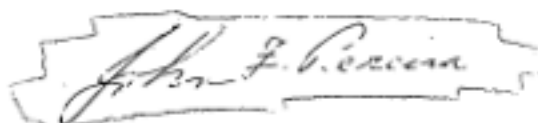
- Identities of agents and CIA officers who retired under cover.
- The Agency's relationships with liaison services, and information received from foreign governments.
 - A specific example in this category is the Agency's current request to the Board to protect the liaison relationship with Australia and to withhold documents received from Australia.
- Need to protect non-official cover.
 - The Board is planning at its 15-16 October meeting to review documents that identify companies that provided commercial cover. We are arranging to have the DO brief the Board on the potential damage to the non-official cover program and companies involved if such cover is compromised.

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- Locations of certain stations and facilities.

-- In this latter connection, the Board is expected to consider at its 15-16 October meeting our request that the Warrenton Training Center not be disclosed as a CIA facility.



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Attachments:

- A. Memo to DCI, 13 June 96
- B. List of Board Members
- C. Biographies of Board members
 - Executive Director
 - General Counsel