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Memorandum For: The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States

From: David S. Ferriero
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Subject: Recommendation Concerning Certification of Certain Records
Related to the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

This memorandum is in response to your memorandum of 26 October 2017, which asked that I provide you with my recommendation regarding proposals by departments and agencies ("agencies") to withhold particular records from public disclosure under section 5(g)(2)(D) of the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (44 U.S.C. 2107 note) (the "JFK Act").

The following agencies provided the enclosed reports to NARA as of 12 March 2018 requesting continued postponement of particular records:

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)	Tab 1
Department of Defense (DoD)	Tab 2
Department of Justice	
• Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	Tab 3
• Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)	Tab 4
Department of State (State)	Tab 5

In addition, we have enclosed our own request for continued postponement of the Social Security Numbers for living individuals (Tab 6). We have also enclosed a list of 80 Record Identification Form (RIF) numbers that were identified by agencies when the collection was assembled in the 1990s, but for which we have not been able to

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associate with a specific record, and which we therefore believe require further postponement pending their resolution (Tab 7). Finally, we have enclosed a spreadsheet of all of the items proposed for continued postponement under section 5(g)(2)(D) of the Act (Tab 8).

My staff reviewed each of the records proposed for further postponement on a page-by-page basis, with the exception of those submitted by the CIA and FBI and those found at Tab 7. For CIA and FBI, the volume and time allotted for review required that we instead conduct a sample. We sampled approximately ten percent of the records from CIA and approximately 25 percent of the records from FBI. In addition to our sampling, we have had extensive discussions with CIA and FBI since 26 October 2017 regarding their review methodology and our assessment of prior reviews. During the course of our review, we identified questions or concerns, and adjustments were made by DoD as well as CIA.

Based on the results of the further review by agencies, an additional 5,821 records are being released in their entirety. 13,922 documents contain specific information that is proposed for further postponement under section 5(g)(2)(D) of the JFK Act. No records remain denied in full (other than the 80 identified in Tab 7 for which we have not been able to associate the RIF number with a specific record) under section 5(g)(2)(d) of the JFK Act. The National Archives is prepared to make available online the records with new releases no later than 26 April 2018.

Based on our review of submissions from the agencies, I believe that the enclosed proposals are consistent with the requirements outlined in section 5(g)(2)(D) of the JFK Act. Accordingly, I am able to recommend to you that the information identified by agencies warrants continued postponement, for the time being.

I further recommend that you only certify further postponements through 26 October 2021, contingent upon any further recommendations for postponement being made in writing, on a document-by-document basis, by 26 April 2021 (to allow sufficient time for review by NARA and consideration by the President).

Thank you for your consideration of my recommendations.

cc: General John F. Kelly (Ret.), Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff
Donald F. McGahn II, Assistant to the President and Counsel to the President
LTG H.R. McMaster, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs



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