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NOTE FOR: D/OIM

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Barry HarrelsonSUBJECT: Talking Points for Meeting
with Jeremy Gunn, 3 Feb 98

Background: Gunn has been with the JFK Assassination Records Review Board since its inception in 1994. When the Board's Executive Director resigned in the summer of 1997, Gunn replaced him, but continued as General Counsel as well. Gunn may be accompanied to your meeting by two of his senior staffers who handle CIA matters--Michele Combs and Bob Skwirot.

Suggested Discussion Points:

(U) 1. CIA is committed to meeting the deadline of 1 September 1998 for completing the review of records and transferring them to the Board. Recently we shifted seven additional contractor/reviewers to the JFK team, bringing the total to 20. If necessary, additional resources will be made available.

(U) 2. The merger of former HRG into OIM does not create new impediments to CIA's ability to respond to requests from the Board and will not slow down the document review.

(S) 3. We are looking forward to meeting the Board's Chairman, Judge Tunheim on 18 February. We have followed up on Tunheim's request to obtain from [redacted] records and other information related to Oswald's activities in Mexico. We have asked the Mexico City Station to provide any additional information by mid-February.

(U) 4. Per the Board's request, we are sending a team of reviewers to the Board on 4-6 February to review materials from the Army, JCS, and Presidential Libraries. This joint approach makes sense to us, and is preferable to having documents circulate from agency to agency. The process seems to have worked well earlier for other records.

(U) 5. We intend to respond fully to the Board's many informal and formal requests for additional information. (See listing of requests, dated 18 December 1997.) However, to the extent that resources are devoted to searching files

and compiling information for a response, those resources are drawn away from the document review. We urge the Board's staff to avoid overly broad requests that may lead to extensive searches.

(U) 6. We appreciate the cooperation of Gunn's staff in persuading the Board to accept our recommendation that some 40,000 pages from the sequestered collection be declared non-relevant. (This avoided the need to review these materials for declassification.)