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SUBJECT: ARRB Meeting 13 May 1998 -- Results

REFERENCE: Lotus note dated 8 May -- ARRB Meeting 12-13 May 1998

The JFK Board addressed six Agency issues at the 13 May meeting. The Agency's proposals prevailed in four of the six issues ~~on one~~ and one issue was tabled for further discussion. The Board made the following determinations:

1) Alias Documentation and Accommodation Addresses:

accepted our proposal to postpone release of specific information until 2017 and use generic substitute language.

2) LITAMIL-9 [CIA penetrator [redacted] considered a "key player" in the Oswald-Mexico City story]:

agreed to continue to protect the full crypt and delay the release of additional documents (201 file) until his death. They set an annual review date on the documents; the Agency will need to advise NARA annually on his status.

3) Richard Gibson [member of Fair Play for Cuba Committee during early 60's/considered a "key player in Oswald's story/Agency asset beginning in 1965]:

agreed protect Gibson's relationship with the Agency and designated Agency and FBI files and documents outside the JFK collection window, 1960-64, as NBRs (not believed relevant).

4) AMTRUNK Assets [AMTRUNK was an early 1960's anti-Cuban operation; most of the details of the operation including crypts have been previously released]:

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agreed to protect true name and 201 file numbers of assets not previously released.

5) Mark Lane Item (extract from foreign document):

postponed until 4 June meeting; board would like have a member or its staff confirm the existence of the document and ensure that it contains no other JFK assassination related information.

6) Carlos Tepedino (CIA asset/ key figure in AMLASH-Cubela plot to kill Castro/true name and role in story has been publicly known for years):

voted to release his name in the 1967 IG Report on Plots Against Castro and other JFK collection documents

The [] Golitsyn issue was pulled from the agenda and will be addressed at the next meeting (4 June).

This was a very successful meeting from the Agency's perspective. The loss on Tepedino was not unexpected. Given what is in the public domain, the Agency has not been able to make a persuasive argument to protect his name in the three years Tepedino has been at issue. Thanks to all who assisted in preparing for the meeting, and especially to [] and [] who prepared the issue and talking point papers that carried the day.

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