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Case ID #: (U) 62-HQ-1029205 (Pending)

Title: (U) JFK ASSASSINATION RECORDS
COLLECTION ACT (JFKARCA)

Synopsis: (U) On 5/12/1997, the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) formally advised by letter to the FBI their determinations on FBI documents. This communication advises offices of the information the ARRB protected or released.

(U) ~~Classified By: C-3, JFKRR/OPCA~~
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Details: (U) On 5/12/1997, the ARRB formally advised the FBI of the determinations voted by them on FBI documents at a meeting held 4/24/1997. The ARRB listed 108 documents for which they made determinations. The FBI does not have any appeal issues with the release of the material. However, the release of the information in these documents will reveal the identities of 31 individuals whom the documents described as Potential Criminal Informants (PCI), Potential Security Informants (PSI), Sources of Information (SOI), Confidential Sources (CS) and Panel Sources (PS). The ARRB decisions will also release what was previously classified foreign counterintelligence information.

(U) The documents concerning the decisions from the April 24 meeting are listed below by document number, with descriptions of the information to be released and protected.

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The status of informants and sources, if found through research, is noted after the name as Living (L), Deceased (D), Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy), or No Record (NR).

(U) The FBI provided written justifications presenting the evidence available to protect the individuals, singular information, and classified information related to sources and foreign relations as listed above. However, the ARRB supports the position that the information ordered disclosed is relevant and significant to the assassination. They opine the pertinence and importance to the assassination outweigh any current harm to the individuals or the FBI's/United States Government's foreign relations, informants or operational aspects.

(U) The JFKTF will continue to advise CID, NSD and OGC of the ARRB decisions. However, due to the narrowed scope of appeal issues, NSD and CID recommendations will only be sought for significant matters, none of which are documented in this memorandum. If you have questions, please contact Barbara L. Hatch at extension 9482, Carol L. Keeley at extension 9494, or Carl Valentine at extension 9476.

(U) 1 - 18. (4/29) HQ 62-109060-4366, 124-10058-10053; (4/31) HQ 62-109060-4447, 124-10058-10057; (4/33) HQ 62-109060-4453, 124-10058-10055; (4/35) HQ 62-109060-4504, 124-10058-10088; (4/40) HQ 62-109060-4539, 124-10058-10083; (4/41) HQ 62-109060-4542, 124-10058-10082; HQ 62-109060-4607, 124-10058-10075; HQ 62-109060-4689, 124-10027-10211; HQ 62-109060-4793, 124-10026-10296; HQ 62-109060-4828, 124-10042-10192; HQ 62-109060-4885, 124-10048-10477; HQ 62-109060-4959, 124-10053-10356; HQ 62-109060-5167, 124-10031-10252; NO 89-69-1414, 124-10256-10162; NO 89-69-1529, 124-10241-10153; NO 89-69-1533, 124-10241-10157; NO 89-69-1567, 124-10253-10074; and NO 89-69-1604, 124-10167-10145 all release the source symbol number NO 1309-C (L) in its entirety, allowing for the absolute identification of this informant who is still living and working in Louisiana. Of these documents, one (HQ 62-109060-4959) also identifies the source by his name, Joseph Oster, which was previously released; two others (HQ 62-109060-4689 and NO 89-69-1533) additionally release singular, identifying information about the source; and a fourth (NO 89-69-1567) also contains and releases his New Orleans file number, 137-2409. In yet another of the documents, HQ 62-109060-4366 (4/29), the ARRB again releases the name of another

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source, PCI Pershing Gervais (D), and protects the numeric portion of a different symbol source, NO 1203-C, until 04/2007.

Mr. Oster was contacted by New Orleans Chief Division Counsel Warren Jung concerning this decision. He has consented to the release of all information he provided relating to the Kennedy assassination, along with his identity as the source of the information.

(U) 19. (16/72) SF 89-58-328, 124-10272-10396 releases the name and address of source Rolf Tjeder (1922), along with his San Francisco file number, 134-2706A.

(U) 20. (16/74) SE 89-47-192, 124-10272-10442 releases the source symbol number SE 785-S (D); singular information which tends to further identify him; his Seattle file number, 134-943A-81; and Seattle file numbers 134-13B and 134-854B.

(U) 21. (16/77) SF 89-58-20, 124-10261-10152 releases the names of PCI's Lyle Vale Winters (NR), John A. Negri (NR), and Clint Dickson, Jr. (NR).

(U) 22. (16/78) HO 62-2115-38, 124-10264-10250 releases the name of informant Theodore Freedman (D), and established sources Warren R. Richey (NR) and Mrs. Edmund B. Gutowski (L).

(U) 23. (16/79) SU 62-1965-15, 124-10264-10342 releases the name of CS Tom Park (NR) and, in accordance with a previous ARRB decision, again releases the name of CS Charles Campbell (D).

(U) 24. (16/80) SU 62-1965-24, 124-10264-10351 releases the PCI names and Butte file numbers Eugene Louis Kaiser (NR), 137-957; Herman Young (1/12/10), 137-921; and CI name and file number Wilma Grimm (1924), 137-910, as well as her informant symbol number BT 288-C.

(U) 25. (16/81) SU 62-1965-31, 124-10264-10358 releases the names of PCI's Lloyd Grothe (NR), Reuben Rosen (NR), Albert Newell (NR), Ernest Callahan (NR), and William G. Race (NR), along with Races's Salt Lake City file number, 137-977.

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(U) 26. (16/82) SU 62-1965-33, 124-10264-10360 again releases the name of PCI Herman Young, mentioned above, as well as PCI's Norman Magrusen (NR) and Louis Kaiser (NR).

(U) 27. (16/83) SU 62-1965-60, 124-10264-10382 releases the names of PCI's Mimi Boggs (1895), Arnold Clawson (NR), and Bud Purdy (NR). The ARRB decision protects the identity of PCI Eldon Piper (L) until 04/2007.

(U) 28. (21/85) HQ 105-79841, 124-10274-10332 declassifies and releases the file number of this document which reveals our investigative interest in the subject, Dr. Osvaldo Dorticos Torrado, President of Cuba.

(U) 29 - 30. (27/39) HQ 97-4428-128, 124-10274-10320; (30/22) NO 97-74-27, 124-10191-10096 releases the names of PSI's Harley L. Kelley (1937) and Dorothy Irene Capasso (D), along with Kelley's Seattle file number, 134-779A. The ARRB sustained the postponement of the numeric portion of source symbol numbers SE 772-S, SE 691-S and SE 685-S, the case portions of their Seattle file numbers, 134-923A, 134-547A and 134-513A, and the names of former PSI's William Davis (L) and Leroy McRae (L) until 04/2007.

(U) 31 - 34. (30/5) NO 97-74-13, 124-10181-10353; (30/15) NO 97-74-84, 124-10184-10310; (30/16) NO 97-74-85, 124-10184-10311; (30/23) NO 97-74-37, 124-10191-10105 releases the names and identifying information of Cuban Sources Frederick Von Osthoff (NR), David Rangel (NR), Orestes Pena (NR) and Sergio Arcacha Smith (NR), as well as Sources William Mack Duffy (NR), Felix Valdez (NR) and Calixto Garcia (NR). The ARRB sustained the postponement of the name and identifying information of Cuban Source Eduardo A.J. Guevara (L) until 04/2007.

(S) 35. (20/51) 89A-DL-60165-68X1, 124-10179-10358 declassifies and releases information indicating subject, former KGB officer Oleg Maksimovich Nechiporenko, was unwilling to discuss with the FBI matters that might compromise KGB operations or otherwise violate Russian laws. The ARRB decision also declassifies and releases some administrative designators such as case characters, and squad assignments. The ARRB sustained until 10/2017 the classification and postponement of one employee's position title and squad assignment, as well as recommendations that subject should be [maintained in CLASS, 7⁴] State Department computer system, and that [he should only be granted a single entry visa] in response to future requests.

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~~(S)~~ 36 - 37. (21/20) HQ 100-32965-298, 124-10135-10106; (21/158) DL 100-10461-7086, 7987, 7088, 124-10176-10325 declassifies and releases the identity of Fedor Alekseevich Garanin, a Soviet diplomat and member of the Soviet State Security Service, as an individual who had been contacted by "one Yuri (George) De Mohrenschild" in Washington, D.C. in 1946. The ARRB sustained until 04/2007, the classification and postponement of the name and file number of a double agent asset which appears in handwritten notations on page one of the document. (U)

(S) 38. (21/103) HQ 62-109060-3942, 124-10163-10134 is a CIA document which contains a request for information from Bureau files concerning the subject Adolph Jay Albrecht. A portion of one sentence, reading "...cleared, where possible, [for passing to an official Swedish source.]" (S) was classified and redacted in our initial processing. The ARRB decision declassifies and releases the words "cleared, where possible," but sustains the classification and postponement of the remaining portion of the sentence segment until 10/2017, along with a mention on page one that [subject was interviewed by a CIA representative.] (S)

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