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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations and Liaison Division
 Office of Current Production and Analytic Support

FROM: John F. Pereira
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SUBJECT: Appreciation for Thomas Crispell

1. This is to convey our appreciation for the fine briefing that Tom Crispell provided on 16 October to the JFK Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB). The Board was appointed by President Clinton under a statute establishing the Board to oversee the release of all government records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The briefing was part of a program that included a meeting with Executive Director Slatkin, the DDO, and the General Counsel.

2. Judge John Tunheim (ARRB Chairman) and the other four Board members, as well as their Executive Director and General Counsel, all told me that they found Tom's briefing interesting and informative. They appreciated Tom's helpful responses to the various questions that they asked about the functions and organization of the Ops Center.

3. Tom's performance was professional and reflected a good knowledge of his responsibilities. His enthusiasm and ability to put the activities of the Ops Center in perspective clearly made a positive impression on the visitors.

4. Thanks for making Tom available for the Board's visit. His efforts contributed to the good relationship that the Agency has maintained with the Board.

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cc: Thomas Crispell

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