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A Director:

The purpose of this note is to update you with respect to the status of the latest transfer of FBI JFK assassination documents to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and to inform you that Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) Chairman John R. Tunnheim has been recommended for a federal district court judgeship in Minnesota.

As you know, the latest transfer of JFK documents consists of 10,228 pages of files on organized crime figures Sam Giancana and GUS Alex that were reviewed by the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) in the late 1970s. Those documents were transferred to NARA last Thursday and were accompanied by 149 pages of documents from various FBI "core" assassination files (e.g., that on Lee Harvey Oswald) in which previously postponed information from the SOLO operation is being disclosed for public release by NARA. The FBI's press release (copy attached) regarding the transfer of these documents will be issued tomorrow.

It is anticipated that there will be media interest in both the SOLO and the HSCA documents. The Press Office is coordinating media matters relating to the documents with NARA which plans to make all of the material available to the public tomorrow. In addition, following the issuance of our release, the ARRB will issue a press release (copy of a draft attached) praising the FBI's disclosure of the SOLO information pursuant to the JFK Records Act.

In another matter relating to the ARRB, we learned this week that Chairman John Tunnheim, whom you will recall meeting along with other Board members in January of this year, has been recommended by U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone for the above-mentioned federal judgeship. The ARRB is seeking to determine what effect Mr. Tunnheim's confirmation for judgeship would have on his position on the Board. As I have indicated previously,

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Enclosures

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