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Title: POLICY FOR INFORMANTS/ASSETS
 UNDER THE JOHN F. KENNEDY
 ASSASSINATION RECORDS COLLECTION
 ACT OF 1992 (THE ACT)

Synopsis: OPCA requests the Criminal Informant/Sensitive Information Unit, Criminal Investigative Division (CID), the Asset Unit, National Security Division (NSD), and the Administrative Law Unit, Office of the General Counsel (OGC) review current policy regarding informants and assets and provide guidance for compliance under the Act.

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Details: In 1992, Congress signed the Act mandating federal agencies to release all documents concerning the presidential assassination or information related by conspiracy theory to the assassination. The Act narrowly defined the types of information that agencies could still protect by postponement until the year 2017. The Act also established the Assassination Records Review Board (the Board) as a separate entity to oversee the release of material from federal agencies to the National Archives and Records Administration (the Archives). Beyond the Board's oversight responsibilities, the Act charged the Board with the duties of reviewing agencies' proposed postponements presented with evidence for approval or denial. Their decision weighed by the damage to the agency's program compared to the public's need to know. In addition, the Board researches new leads for any relevant information concerning the assassination. Since the Board's inception, the FBI has been working closely with them to achieve the public enlightenment of the assassination as defined in the Act.

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Please review and provide response for policy revisions concerning passing authority to HERU to determine if deceased or no information available informants in the JFK material can be released before Board vote.

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