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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Stanley M. Moskowitz
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: DCI Testimony on JFK Assassination
Materials Disclosure Act

1. You and FBI Director Sessions are scheduled to testify on 12 May before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee at a hearing on S.J. Res. 282, the "Assassination Materials Disclosure Act of 1992." Your appearance will follow a congressional panel of witnesses consisting of Senators Boren and Specter (who was a counsel to the Warren Commission) and Congressman Stokes. The Committee will conclude its hearing with a panel of witnesses consisting of Professor Ernest May, of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government; History Professor Athan Theoharis, of Marquette University; and James Lesar, President of the locally based Assassination Archive and Research Center. Your opening statement with your suggested revisions has been provided to OMB for Administration coordination.

2. The Department of Justice will not be sending a witness to testify before the Committee. The Committee has requested that the Department at least send a representative to assist Director Sessions, who does not intend to address major policy and legal issues raised by the joint resolution. Senator Glenn will not ask you to comment on the constitutional objections to the joint resolution raised by the Department of Justice, but other Members of the Committee, such as Senator Levin, may raise these issues.

3. You should be aware that there is a disagreement between CIA and the FBI regarding what constitutes assassination materials. We have taken the position that all the sequestered House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) materials constitute assassination material. FBI Director Sessions has taken the position in his opening statement that assassination material should include only "core" records directly related to the assassination (e.g., records on Oswald and Ruby) and that an additional 265,000 pages of material requested by the HSCA covering organized crime and other criminal investigations should not be considered assassination material since it does not shed any light on who killed Kennedy. It is likely that you and Director Sessions will be asked about these differing positions, so you may wish to discuss this with Director Sessions in advance.


Stanley M. Moskowitz

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