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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Center for Studies in Intelligence
FROM: Katherine M. Stricker, DO/IRO
SUBJECT: Discussion re Release of Form 362
REFERENCE: HRG Memorandum, same subject, 6 November 1992

1. When the subject of the Name Trace Form 362 first came up in the JFK material, the DO's position was that the form is classified, reveals a DO method and must remain classified, regardless of the name on the form being traced.

2. Now the denied in toto documents are being reviewed, especially large categories such as the Name Trace Forms. The DO has reconsidered and, in the interests of cooperating with the HRG so that some words can appear on the form, has proposed a modified position allowing for about 1/4 of the form to be released, again depending on the name being traced. Two HRG officers have indicated that that is unsatisfactory and they want a "less heavy-handed" approach.

3. The reason the DO is so protective of this form is that it represents one of the most unique and basic of all DO methods, the name trace. That we do name traces is no secret; how we do them is. The portion of the form the DO is prepared to release deals only with the title of the form and the biographic data required to trace an individual. All other portions of the form which deal with what other offices are to be checked and in what order, where the initials and date go, and how to consolidate 201s are part of a pre-printed classified form which cannot be released to the public. Methodology is the primary concern of the DO on this matter, but there is also the question of fabrication should the entire form be released. We have been burned in the past by hostile services or corrupt Americans using our forms for their own purposes--causing us untold resources in righting the situation, where caught.

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4. It occurs to us that if the primary reason for releasing part of the Form 362 is to eliminate blank pages, then the goal of the HRG will be accomplished with our proposal. We urge you to consider the remaining DO equities in this matter.

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