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FROM: John Carver

SUBJECT: Answers for Dave Christian (and Jim Wolf, Reuter)

I gave Dave the following figures today, updating those used by the DCI in his testimony to Congress on 28 September, so he could be prepared to talk to the Reuter reporter.

We did in fact transfer 125,000 pages of HSCA sequestered Agency files on JFK to NARA by 22 August (a Sunday), meeting the statutory deadline. We were the only agency to meet the deadline. NARA made these available to the public within a week.

As to the 20,000 pages of HSCA-originated material in Agency files, HRG was about half way through the review of this when we were overtaken by the higher priority placed by the DCI on review of the Microfilm material. Thus, processing was interrupted, but will resume ASAP once the microfilm job is complete. (We do have the proper authorization from Congress--the House Administration Committee--but, physically, this material will be delivered to NARA's JFK Task Force, which is the agent for HAC.)

The story on the 7,000 pages of "third agency material"--that originating in FBI and about 15 other agencies--is similar. This, too, was partly completed, but is not our highest priority until the Microfilm job is done.

*is dependent on speed of 3rd agency review*

As to the 10,000 pages of material earlier postponed in full in the first review, we can now say that 90 percent will be released to NARA, but here again, processing has been slowed by the Microfilm job. We will not make the date suggested by the DCI in his testimony (28 October), but all of this should be done and transferred within a matter of weeks, in any case certainly by 1 January.

The top priority job for HRG--the 150,000 pages of material on microfilm--has all been printed out and all available manpower is concentrated on reviewing this massive set of records. We will be ready for Assassination Records Review Board examination of all this material by 1 January. We still plan to ask for postponement of a major share of this on grounds of privacy concerns, non-germaneness, sources and methods, and foreign sensitivities.

Journalists should be reminded that everything for which the Agency will be asking for postponement under the provisions of the JFK ARCA, both that denied in full and that presented in sanitized form, will be shown in its original unredacted state to the ARRB, without exception, as required by the Act. Thus, there will be an outside authority making sure that the Agency's requests for continued protection of information fully meet the criteria set down in the Act.