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*SUBJECT: <JFK ASSASSINATION>RECORDS REVIEW BOARD (ARRB): CONTINUED PROTECTION OF COVER

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TEXT:

COMBINE: COMPLETE

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE ADVISE IF WE CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

2. THE FOLLOWING ARE [] STATION RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED REF:

A. IF THE [] WOULD THIS DISCLOSURE LEAD TO CLOSER EMBASSY SCRUTINY OF OTHERWISE INTERFERE WITH OPERATIONS?

WERE THE ARRB RELEASES TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC AND CONCRETE USE BY [] THIS MIGHT CALL FOR FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES BY OUR [] UNILATERALLY

[] BECAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

[REDACTED]

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IN WHICH [REDACTED] WERE REMOVED [REDACTED] WAS DRIVEN IN
LARGE MEASURE BY AN UNSCRUPULOUS POLITICIAN LOOKING FOR HEADLINES.

[REDACTED]

B. OTHERWISE IS THE CIA UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE HOST GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE PRESENCE, OR MORE FULLY DECLARE PRESENCE, OR UNDERTAKE NO UNDECLARED ACTIVITIES? DESCRIBE PRESENCE. DESCRIBE THOSE ACTIVITIES TO RESTRICT THE CIA (E.G. SERVICE TO SERVICE, LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES, OPPOSITION POLITICAL INITIATIVES, AND MEDIA ACTIVITIES.)

[REDACTED] TO DATE, THE [REDACTED] HAVE NOT DEMANDED THE IDENTITIES [REDACTED]; HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS POSSIBILITY DUE TO OUR EXPECTATION THAT [REDACTED] MAY DECIDE TO MIRROR ACTIONS OF OTHER EUROPEAN SERVICES WISHING TO RESTRICT CIA PRESENCE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. ARRB DISCLOSURES WOULD SERVE AS A POSSIBLE CATALYST FOR FORCING THIS ISSUE [REDACTED]

C. DESCRIBE SOME PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD BE IMPERILED?

[REDACTED]

D. ARE THERE NEW INITIATIVES WITH [REDACTED] WHICH COULD BE IMPERILED? DESCRIBE.

[REDACTED]

E. IS CIA [REDACTED] INHERENTLY SENSITIVE BECAUSE OF HOSTILE POPULATION ELEMENTS OR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES?

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F. IS THERE POSSIBILITY OF HOSTILE USE (E.G. RUSSIAN OR CUBAN) TO DISCREDIT US EMBASSY AS A "NEST OF SPIES" OR SIMILAR?

THIS IS A POSSIBILITY, BUT WE WOULD EXPECT THAT ANY HOSTILE EXPLOITATION WOULD BE SEEN IN PRESS PLACEMENT/PROPAGANDA RE A "NEST OF SPIES" VICE A DIPLOMATIC PROTEST. WE WOULD NOT EXPECT THAT SUCH PRESS COVERAGE, IF UNSUBSTANTIATED, WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR [] GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS. IF SUCH PRESS EXPLOITATION BY HOSTILE SERVICES DREW ON SPECIFIC AND CONCRETE EXAMPLES OF [] IT COULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO SUSTAIN SOME UNILATERAL ACTIVITY DUE TO A POSSIBLE INCREASE OF [] SCRUTINY OF OUR OFFICERS (SEE BELOW).

G. HAVE THERE BEEN PAST IMBROGLIOS OVER CIA PRESENCE OR ACTIVITIES THAT THIS RELEASE COULD RESURRECT?

H. HAVE OFFICIAL USG RELEASES SUCH AS FOIA EVER APPEARED IN THE LOCAL MEDIA (E.G., JAPAN AND CAMPAIGN FINANCING OR PERU AND FOIA RELEASED CONCERNING VLADIMIRO MOTESINOS TORRES). REFERRED TO BY HOST GOVERNMENT EITHER ON THE RECORD OR OFF THE RECORD.

~~CURRENT STATION PERSONNEL HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF SUCH INCIDENTS IN THE RECENT PAST. WE DEFER TO HQS FOR ANY ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL BACKGROUND.~~

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3. ~~PLEASE ADVISE IF~~ WE CAN PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND.

4. FILE: NONE. DECL ON: X1; CL REASON: 1.5(c); CL BY: 0707476

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