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SUBJECT:

JFK Board's Second Letter to the DCI

This note is corrected per comments by Barry Harrelson. Corrections are in first paragraph:

FYI, The JFK Assassination Records Review Board sent its second letter to the DCI on 31 July 1995. This letter notifies the DCI that it has decided to release in full CIA documents considered during its July hearings. Two of these documents contain the crypt "LIENVOY." This was the crypt for the joint CIA/Mexican teltap operation in Mexico City in 1963. This teltap picked up the Lee Harvey Oswald telephone calls.

As with the previous letter, the Center for the Study of Intelligence has the action to get recommendations to the DCI on whether to appeal to the President. I understand that John Pereira will discuss this with Fred Wickham (the DO focal point for these issues) whether to pursue an appeal. I do not know what the DDO's recommendation will be.

During the hearing with the Board on 2 August 1995, we stressed the necessity to keep secret the fact the teltap operation was a joint operation with Mexican liaison. The DO sought to explain the mosaic problem to the Board on the release of LIENVOY. The Board's position appears to be that release of the crypt when it will not compromise the fact that the teltap was a joint operation should be permitted under the Act. The Board probably will require us to justify on a document-by-document basis the redaction of LIENVOY, and will not agree to redact every mention of the crypt. We should know by the end of the week what position the Board will take on the CIA documents mentioning LIENVOY or talking about the operation. The DO officers at the hearing tried to get the Board to reconsider its determination to release the crypt in the two documents. However, the Staff of the Board does not believe the Board can or is inclined to reconsider.

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The following Agency members will attend the meeting
with the ARRB on Wednesday, 2 August 1995:

Eleanor Neiman
Directorate of Operations

Michael Luce (Mex desk officer)
Directorate of Operations

John Kambourian (Peg's Deputy) - ^{Div.} LA Branch / usp. Mex)
Directorate of Operations

Fred Wickham
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