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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Office of the Director

Washington, D.C. 20535-0001

December 13, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

(U//FOUO) I am writing in reply to your presidential memorandum of October 22, 2021, on the temporary certification of information within certain FBI records under the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act (JFK Act) of 1992, P. L. No. 102-526. As discussed below, I respectfully request continued postponement of highly sensitive information beyond the expiration of the intensive one-year review period which concludes December 15, 2022, propose dates for additional review, and provide an anticipated date of final release, when postponement would no longer be necessary. Attached please find the requested index for each record where the FBI is proposing continued postponement of information.

(U//FOUO) Consistent with the need to maximize government transparency, the FBI re-examined all relevant material previously withheld to release as much information to the public as possible. As a result, the FBI seeks continued postponement of limited information in only 487 documents out of the over 140,000 documents within its JFK Act collection. The requested postponements (redactions) are in three information categories: (1) material protected from disclosure by court order, (2) names of living law enforcement and national security confidential sources, and (3) the social security numbers (SSNs) of living individuals.

(U//FOUO) The first category of information concerns Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) information within the FBI's JFK Act collection shielded from disclosure by court order. This information remains sealed by order of United States District Court for the District of Columbia until and including May 1, 2027. Disclosure on or before this date would violate the court's order; therefore, the FBI proposes release of this information on May 2, 2027.

(U//FOUO) In the second category, the FBI seeks continued postponement of the names of living law enforcement and national security sources. Per the statutory standard for postponement, disclosure would trigger identifiable harm to intelligence operations and law enforcement of such gravity to outweigh the public interest in disclosure. JFK Act, Sect. 5(g)(2)(D)(i-ii). The FBI (only) protected the names of these sources in the records, not the

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information they provided. Confidential human sources are integral to the success of the FBI's intelligence and law enforcement mission, and the viability of the FBI's informant program is dependent on their trust. Disclosure of these names would be contrary to the FBI's commitment to protect those who have risked their lives and reputations for the United States and undermines the FBI's ability to recruit sources in the future. As such, the significant harms of disclosure to intelligence and law enforcement operations outweigh the public interest in disclosure of these identities in and of themselves, since disclosing the names alone would not greatly advance public understanding of the events surrounding the assassination.

(U//FOUO) Since harm in the second category is tied to life status, the FBI reviewed its records and public source information to establish whether the individuals protected within this category were deceased, or could be deemed such under the judicially recognized "100 year rule," where an individual born more than 100 years ago is presumed dead. Where dates of birth or death were located, the FBI withheld the names of only those individuals whom it could not verify were deceased or would not be over 100 years old. In those instances where no date of birth or death could be located, a contextual review was conducted to determine whether or not the individual could be presumed dead based on the "100 year rule."

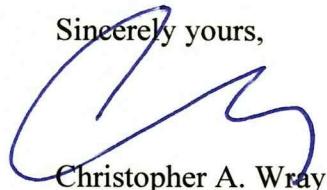
(U//FOUO) Beyond December 15, 2022, the FBI proposes periodic life status reviews of remaining redacted information every two years thereafter until all source names are released or until December 15, 2042, whichever occurs first. Accordingly, the next release of any additional source names would occur on December 15, 2024, and every two years thereafter and, if necessary, a final proposed release of any remaining names on December 15, 2042, when all individuals could reasonably be presumed dead.

(U//FOUO) In the third category, the FBI seeks continued postponement of SSNs assigned to living individuals. The FBI likewise reviewed its records and public source information to assess life status for these individuals and (only) protected the SSNs of those it could not locate proof of death or could not be presumed dead under the "100 year rule." Disclosure of this personally identifying information risks identity theft, thereby posing an identifiable law enforcement harm greater than any discernable public interest in disclosure per the statutory standard. The release of individual SSNs would not advance public understanding of the events surrounding the assassination. Parallel to the review of source names, the FBI proposes periodic life status reviews every two years until all SSNs are released or until December 15, 2042, whichever occurs first. The next release of any additional SSNs would occur on December 15, 2024, and every two years thereafter, with a final proposed release on December 15, 2042, if necessary.

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(U//FOUO) The FBI is committed to robust transparency in the release of material from its files to the public. As relevant here, this commitment must be balanced against the need to protect information under court seal, safeguard the names of living law enforcement and national security sources, and prevent the compromise of SSNs assigned to living individuals. In accordance with the requirements of the JFK Act as implemented by your presidential memorandum, the FBI respectfully requests continued postponement of these carefully targeted redactions beyond December 12, 2022, per the proposed periodic review and disclosure dates outlined above.

Sincerely yours,



Christopher A. Wray
Director

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Caroline MacKay, Chief of Staff to the White House Counsel

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Index of Remaining FBI Postponements within the JFK Records Collection: Addendum

JFK Record Number	The record number created by NARA to identify individuals records. Many records have multiple numbers because records have been combined over the course of multiple reviews.
Case File No.	The FBI file number.
Doc ID No.	This is NARA's assigned document number. Like JFK Record Numbers, many documents have multiple Doc ID Nos. This column has been reduced to the most current Doc Id No.
Final FBI Disposition	All documents are Released in Part (RIP).
FBI Postpon.	<p>Section within the act authorizing postponement of release.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5(g)(2)(D) - "Each assassination record shall be publicly disclosed in full...25 years after the date of enactment...unless the President certifies...-(i) continued postponement is made necessary by an identifiable harm to the military defense, intelligence operations law enforcement, or the conduct of foreign relations; and (ii) the identifiable harm is of such gravity that it outweighs 10(a)(1) - Relevant to records under court seal.
Basis for Postponement	Categories of information that meet the act's requirements for continued postponement.
Next Review Date	The next date the FBI proposes it review categories of postponed information for possible release.
Release Date	The dates the FBI proposes for release of categories of postponed information.
Total Documents	487

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JFK Record Number	Case File No.	Doc. ID No.	Final FBI Disposition	FBI Postpon.	Basis for Postponement	Next Review Date	Release Date
124-10219-10454	100-30067-71	32297678	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10220-10452	92-2918-70	32298176	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10220-10492	CR 157-742-498	32298216	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10221-10491	92-3171-225	32341098	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10222-10234	92-2914-22X	32298458	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10222-10242	92-2914-3RD NR 23	32298466	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10222-10395	92-3267-530	32298619	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10222-10403	92-3267-539	32298627	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10223-10143		32570095	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10224-10032	63-50-1ST NR 11, 12	32298752	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10224-10085	CR 61-10459-143, 146, 162	32298805	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10224-10111	92-3171-72	32298831	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10226-10347	92-3171-260	32300077	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10232-10145	100-10461-8466, 8467	32180435	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10232-10485	105-38431-1204	32180775	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10238-10331	62-116395-1153 THRU 1156	32989550	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Social security number(s) of living individual(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10256-10021	105-38431-1246, 1247	32191587	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10264-10134	89-69-3984, 1ST NR 3984	32195641	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10264-10191	62-116395-552 THRU 567	32989633	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Social security number(s) of living individual(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10264-10206	62-116395-951 THRU 953	32989673	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10264-10208		10(a)(1)			Sealed MLK information	N/A	May 2, 2027
124-10264-10209							
124-10264-10210							
124-10264-10448		32195955	RIP	10(a)(1)	Sealed MLK information	N/A	May 2, 2027
124-10271-10000	62-116395-1 THRU 50	32989530	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Social security number(s) of living individual(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10273-10007	62-116395-101 THRU 150	32989532	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Social security number(s) of living individual(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10274-10040	62-116395-1091 THRU 1100	32989536	RIP	10(a)(1)	Sealed MLK information	N/A	May 2, 2027
124-10274-10125	62-116395-1120	32989544	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Social security number(s) of living individual(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10274-10125	62-116395-1120	32989545	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Social security number(s) of living individual(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10274-10125	62-116395-1120	32989546	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Social security number(s) of living individual(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10271-10003	62-116395-2ND NR 221 THRU 230	32989588	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Social security number(s) of living individual(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10271-10011							
124-10273-10299							
124-10273-10008	62-116395-231 THRU 235	32989506	RIP	10(a)(1)	Sealed MLK information	N/A	May 2, 2027
124-10273-10022	62-116395-252 THRU 254						
124-10271-10027	62-116395-331, 332	32989611	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Social security number(s) of living individual(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10271-10033		10(a)(1)			Sealed MLK information	N/A	May 2, 2027
124-10271-10293							
124-10274-10029	62-116395-500 THRU 535	32989627	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Social security number(s) of living individual(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
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124-90151-10013	CR 105-150030-48	32339768	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-90158-10011	2-2173-231	32340354	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-90158-10012	2-2173-231	32340355	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-90158-10017	CR 105-169535-2	32340360	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-90158-10029	CR 105-137317-1	32340372	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-90158-10031	CR 105-137317-4	32340374	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-90158-10034	CR 105-126039-31	32340377	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-90158-10047	CR 105-132509-21	32340390	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-102616-10180	92-2781-646	32290904	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10226-10305	92-9844-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	32300025	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
124-10216-10483	62-116395-262 THRU 265	32989606	RIP	10(a)(1)	Sealed MLK information	N/A	May 2, 2027
124-10266-10128	62-116395-1153	32989551	RIP	10(a)(1)	Sealed MLK information	N/A	May 2, 2027
		32195954	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
			10(a)(1)	Sealed MLK information	N/A	May 2, 2027	
		32287697	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
		32295965	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
		32327954	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
		32332692	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
		32332861	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
		32332863	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
		32332870	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
		32332899	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
		32333121	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
		32333122	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
		32336679	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042
		32336722	RIP	5(g)(2)(D)	Living confidential source(s)	December 15, 2024	Upon death, 100 y/o, or December 15, 2042