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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: THE SENIOR DIRECTOR FOR RECORDS ACCESS AND INFORMATION
SECURITY MANAGEMENT, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

FROM: THE ACTING ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES

SUBJECT: Continued Postponement of Records in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination
Records Collection (JFK Collection)

The purpose of this memorandum is to formally transmit the updated request of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for postponement from disclosure beyond December 15, 2022, of information within the JFK Collection. This request accounts for some changes made since my memorandum of September 30, 2022, resulting in fewer records being requested for postponement. NARA requests to postpone the disclosure of information in 358 records containing the Social Security numbers and financial information of living persons and two hi-yield typewriter ribbon cartridges containing potentially classified information, under Section 5 of the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (JFK Act).

Social Security Numbers and Financial Information of Living Persons

NARA staff have reviewed the Social Security numbers in 416 records originating with multiple agencies in the JFK Collection to determine whether information exists to document that these individuals are deceased. An additional 58 records are now released in full based on proof of the death of the individual, or confirmation of the date of birth in the year 1922 or earlier.

The release of social security numbers of living persons would cause an identifiable harm to law enforcement by increasing the possibility of identity theft and related crimes, which would necessitate a law enforcement response. Moreover, there is no discernable public interest that would outweigh the grave harm that could result from such disclosure.

I recommend that the postponement of each of these records be extended until one of the following conditions is met: the death of the individual; 100 years from the date of birth of the

individual, where that information is known; or, where the date of birth is unknown, 75 years from the date of the record; or, for individuals whose information was maintained in the HSCA Staff Payroll Files, 75 years from the conclusion of the HSCA investigation (2054), whichever occurs first.

Pursuant to section 5(g)(2)(D) of the JFK Act, NARA requests postponement of Social Security numbers and financial information of living persons in the remaining 358 records.

Hi-Yield Typewriter Ribbon Cartridges

Two cartridges housing hi-yield typewriter ribbons in the CIA Segregated Collection within the records of the HSCA. The ribbons may contain classified information and NARA is developing a process to safely unspool the cartridges, convert the information to a digital format, and prepare a transcription to facilitate review. Pursuant to section 5(g)(2)(D) of the JFK Act, NARA requests postponement of the two hi-yield typewriter ribbon cartridges.

We have also enclosed a transparency plan to describe our anticipated mechanisms for future release of all postponed information within the JFK Collection.

If your staff has questions regarding this request, please contact William J. Bosanko, Chief Operating Officer, at 301-837-3604, or william.bosanko@nara.gov.

Sincerely,



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ENCLOSURES:

NARA Index of Documents Proposed for Postponement December 2022 FINAL
NARA Transparency Plan 2022 FINAL