27 April 1992
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Congressional Committees on Disclosure of Kennedy Assassination Records (U)

1. (U) On 10 April 1992, Kevin Powers, David McManis, and the undersigned attended a meeting with staffers from the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee (SGAC) and the House Government Operations Committee (HGOC) to discuss pending legislation to provide for disclosure of government records relevant to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. SGAC staffers present were Dr. Leonard Weiss, staff director, and Steven Katz, counsel. HGOC staffers present were James C. Turner, counsel; Robert Gellman, counsel; and Don Goldberg, committee staffer.

2. (U) The purpose of the meeting was to inform NSA of the committees' interest in any material the Agency possesses regarding the JFK assassination and Warren Committee investigations. Bills have been introduced in both the House and Senate (H.J. Res. 454 and S.J. Res. 282 respectively) to establish an assassination materials review board that would determine whether JFK assassination material provided to the board by government entities should be immediately transferred to the National Archives for public review or qualifies for postponement of public disclosure. Documents will be requested from the CIA, FBI, NSA, DOD, Department of State, Warren Commission files, House Assassination Committee files, Senate Church Committee files, and any other sources found to maintain files on the JFK assassination.

3. ~~(FOUO)~~ Both Mr. Powers and Mr. McManis told the staffers that they did not think that NSA's holdings of assassination material would be voluminous. They added that after nearly 30 years it was likely that NSA holdings would be limited to copies of published reports and responses to queries posed by Congressional committees at the time. The staffers noted that it was the committees' intent to push for the declassification of as much relevant material as possible.

4. (U) Hearings on the bills are scheduled for 28 April and 14 May in the House committee and on 12 May in the Senate committee. Copies of the bills have been provided by the committees to the Legislative and Regulatory Counsel for separate comment.

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