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~~RE: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA; ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; NOVEMBER 22,~~

1963.

ON DECEMBER 7, 1977 FIRST SEGMENT OF FILES OF JFK ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION WILL BE RELEASED AT PEIRCE. MAJOR NEWS SERVICES WILL EXTENSIVELY REVIEW THESE NOW INVESTIGATIVE FILE MATERIALS WHICH INCLUDED SUBMISSIONS FROM EVERY FIELD OFFICE OF FBI. YOU MAY ANTICIPATE LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE OVER NEXT SEVERAL DAYS PROMPTED BY REVIEW OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS.

MATERIALS FOR FIRST SEGMENT RELEASE TOTAL 40,000 PAGES

~~DESCRIBED DURING EARLY MONTHS OF ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION.~~

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION WERE INCORPORATED INTO REPORTS THE FBI FURNISHED IN 1963 AND 1964 TO WARREN COMMISSION. IN SPITE OF.

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POSSIBLE PRESS EFFORTS TO CURRENTLY SENSATIONALIZE OUR FOIPA RELEASE, MANY OF FBI INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS ON ASSASSINATION BECAME PART OF THE DOCUMENTARY RECORD MADE PUBLIC WITH THE WARREN COMMISSION'S TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS IN 1964 AND SUBSEQUENTLY MADE AVAILABLE IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES. OUR FOIPA RELEASE OF RAW INVESTIGATIVE FILE MATERIALS WILL MAKE PUBLIC

~~THE UNDERLYING FBI INTERNAL DOCUMENTS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO OUR REPORTS TO WARREN COMMISSION.~~

ALL LEGATS, PARTICULARLY MEXICO CITY, SHOULD BE AWARE THAT LIAISON CONTRIBUTIONS FROM COOPERATIVE GOVERNMENTS IN THEIR TERRITORIES RELATING TO BACKGROUND OF THE ASSASSIN OSWALD, WERE MADE PUBLIC BY WARREN COMMISSION IN 1964. FBI WAS PORTRAYED AS A FEDERAL AGENCY WITH SPECIAL COMPETENCE IN FIELD OF FOREIGN INVESTIGATION IN MEXICO AND ELSEWHERE. A DETAILED CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNT OF OSWALD'S SEPTEMBER 26 -

OCTOBER 3, 1963 TRIP TO MEXICO CITY WAS PUBLICLY RECONSTRUCTED BY WARREN COMMISSION FROM OFFICIAL REPORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO, SUPPLEMENTED BY CONFIDENTIAL U.S. SOURCES IN MEXICO.

THE ABOVE IS FOR INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND ONLY OF EACH SAC, LEGAT AND APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL. NO PRESS RELEASE

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SHOULD BE MADE. REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS WHICH MAY BE PROMPTED BY LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE SHOULD BE REFERRED TO FBIHQ FOR DIRECT HANDLING. APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF OF FBI FILES ON ASSASSINATION WILL BE RELEASED WITH BALANCE TO FOLLOW EARLY NEXT YEAR.

ALL LEGATS ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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