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DRAFT EXECUTIVE ORDER

FULL AND FINAL DISCLOSURE OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION RECORDS

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This campaign discussion draft directs a comprehensive government-wide search, expedited declassification review, transfer, and public disclosure of any remaining records relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The order is intended for issuance after the first 10 days in office and no later than the twenty-first day, without assigning a fixed calendar date in this draft.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

FULL AND FINAL DISCLOSURE OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION RECORDS

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, as amended, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Policy.

More than six decades after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the American people have a compelling interest in the fullest lawful disclosure of records concerning his assassination. It is the policy of my Administration that records shall not remain classified or withheld merely to protect an agency from embarrassment, conceal historical misconduct, avoid public criticism, or preserve institutional reputation.

Any remaining executive-branch records relating to the assassination shall be located, reviewed, declassified where presidential and statutory authority permits, transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration where required, and made publicly available to the maximum extent permitted by law.

Sec. 2. Timing of This Order.

This order is intended to be issued after the tenth day following the President's assumption of office and not later than the twenty-first day following the President's assumption of office. No fixed calendar date is assigned in this discussion draft.

Sec. 3. Government-Wide Search for Remaining Records.

- (a) The heads of all executive departments and agencies, including the Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Defense, Department of State, Department of Homeland Security, and any successor or component agency possessing potentially responsive records, shall conduct an immediate and comprehensive search for assassination records not already publicly available in full.
- (b) The search shall include records stored in active systems, archival holdings, retired records, special collections, intelligence repositories, investigative files, electronic databases, and other agency-controlled locations.
- (c) Agencies shall not exclude a record merely because it was not previously identified for inclusion in the JFK Assassination Records Collection if its content reasonably falls within the governing statutory definition.

Sec. 4. Expedited Declassification Review.

- (a) Any remaining classified assassination record identified under this order shall receive expedited declassification review.
- (b) Agency heads shall recommend declassification wherever continued classification is not legally necessary to protect a currently valid national-security interest.
- (c) Historical sensitivity, anticipated embarrassment, institutional reputation, or speculative concern about public reaction shall not constitute an independent basis for continued classification.
- (d) Where presidential authority permits declassification, agencies shall promptly implement the President's declassification determination and complete all administrative markings and processing necessary for public release.

Sec. 5. Maximum Lawful Disclosure.

- (a) Following review, assassination records shall be released in full to the maximum extent permitted by law.
- (b) Any information that cannot lawfully be released because of a restriction not displaced by presidential declassification authority shall be withheld only to the minimum extent legally required.
- (c) Each continuing withholding shall identify the specific legal authority supporting the withholding and shall be reviewed for whether partial release or segregability permits additional disclosure.

Sec. 6. Transfer to the National Archives.

- (a) Agencies shall transfer assassination records to the National Archives and Records Administration as required by the JFK Records Act and other applicable federal records laws.

- (b) NARA shall incorporate newly transferred releasable material into the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection and make it available through appropriate public-access systems.
- (c) Agencies shall preserve original records and associated metadata in accordance with federal records law.

Sec. 7. CIA Records Review.

- (a) The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency shall conduct a specific certification review to determine whether the CIA possesses any assassination-related record, attachment, operational file, memorandum, cable, report, photograph, recording, index entry, database record, or derivative record that has not been made publicly available in full.
- (b) The Director shall provide the President and Archivist a written accounting of any such records located, their declassification status, and their disposition under this order.
- (c) Nothing in this section assumes a particular number of unreleased CIA records; the purpose is to establish the complete record through an auditable agency search.

Sec. 8. FBI and Department of Justice Records Review.

The Attorney General and Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall conduct an equivalent review of DOJ and FBI holdings, including investigative, prosecutorial, liaison, evidentiary, administrative, and archival records reasonably related to the assassination or subsequent official investigations.

Sec. 9. No Destruction, Concealment, or Unauthorized Removal.

- (a) No executive-branch officer, employee, contractor, or agent shall destroy, alter, conceal, remove, or improperly dispose of an assassination record subject to federal preservation requirements.
- (b) Agencies shall immediately preserve potentially responsive records until the review directed by this order is complete.
- (c) Credible evidence of unlawful destruction, concealment, falsification, or removal of federal records shall be referred to the appropriate Inspector General, Archivist, Attorney General, or other authority having jurisdiction.

Sec. 10. Public Index and Accountability.

- (a) NARA shall maintain or establish a public index identifying records released pursuant to this order, their originating agency, available record identifiers, release status, and release date.
- (b) Where a record remains partially withheld because disclosure is legally prohibited, the public index shall identify the governing legal authority to the extent permitted by law.
- (c) The index shall be searchable and downloadable where technically practicable.

Sec. 11. Deadline for Agency Certification.

- (a) Within 60 days after issuance of this order, each covered agency head shall certify to the President and Archivist that the agency has completed the search required by section 3 or shall identify specific repositories requiring additional time and the reason.
- (b) Within 120 days, all remaining responsive repositories shall be completed absent extraordinary circumstances documented to the President.
- (c) A certification shall state whether additional assassination records were found and the disposition of each category of records.

Sec. 12. Report on Records That Cannot Yet Be Released.

If any assassination record remains unavailable to the public after completion of this order, the Attorney General, Archivist, and relevant agency head shall provide the President a written report identifying the record or category, the precise legal obstacle to disclosure, whether the obstacle can be removed through executive action, and what action by a court or Congress would be necessary if executive authority is insufficient.

Sec. 13. General Provisions.

- (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to require an executive officer to violate a binding court order, grand-jury secrecy requirement, tax-return confidentiality statute, or other legal restriction that the President lacks authority to override.
- (b) Nothing in this order authorizes destruction or alteration of original federal records.
- (c) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(d) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity against the United States, its departments, agencies, officers, employees, agents, or any other person.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

Date of issuance: _____

DRAFTING NOTE

This draft intentionally does not state an unverified estimate for the number of remaining unreleased JFK records. Instead, it orders an auditable government-wide search and agency certification. It is structured for issuance after Day 10 and no later than Day 21 of the Administration. The order relies principally on presidential classification authority and the disclosure framework established by the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, while recognizing that certain information may remain controlled by statutes or judicial rules outside unilateral presidential declassification authority.