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My evidence is brief, but to the point.

There are arguments, certainly, but I do not believe there is any compelling case for changing the date of disclosure from the current 30 years. A shortening of this period will cause more problems than it will solve. It will not lead to better government and could lead to worse. As for historians, the essential contours of contemporary history are known (largely due to interviews) long before the opening of the public records.

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