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20, 1995 (202) 724-0088, EXT. 227JFK ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW
BOARD RELEASES ADDITIONAL FBI, CIA, AND HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS RECORDS The
Assassination Records Review Board announced today that it has released additional FBI, CIA, and House
Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) documents related to the assassination of President John F.
Kennedy. The documents are being released in full or in part and have been publicly available, but previously
contained many redactions. The record of the assassination of President Kennedy becomes fuller with each
group of documents released by the Review Board, said John R. Tunheim, Chair of the Review Board. Our
mandate is not to solve the assassination, but by opening up the files we give the public the opportunity to
better understand its government and how it responded to this crisis. The Review Board released 37 FBI
documents (including duplicates), 34 in full and 3 in part. These documents cover various aspects of the FBI
investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy, including a report on anti-Castro Cubans in the
Chicago area who were the focus of the Secret Services attention as part of their assassination investigation.
Some FBI documents in this group are duplicates of ones previously released that were located elsewhere in
the FBI filing system. A total of 197 CIA documents were released by the Board, 143 in full and 54 in part.
These documents relate primarily to Lee Harvey Oswalds trip to Mexico City in the fall of 1963, before the
assassination of President Kennedy. Portions of a report written by the staff of the HSCA entitled Oswald in
Mexico City (commonly identified as the Lopez Report) were released by the Review Board. The Report was
largely declassified in 1993, but contained many redactions. The Board opened up an additional 95 pages in
full. The remaining pages of the Report that still contain redactions will be reviewed by the Board at an
upcoming meeting. The Review Board agreed with the CIA and the FBI that some information relating to
sensitive intelligence sources and methods, and informants should not be publicly released at this time. The
Board determined that some redacted parts of the documents still need to be protected, but also noted they
contain no information about the assassination of President Kennedy or about Lee Harvey Oswald. Substitute
language was provided which gives some relevant information in place of the redactions, while not revealing
sensitive intelligence information. The Assassination Records Review Board was established by The President
John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, which was signed into law by President George Bush.
The five members of the Board were appointed by President Clinton, confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and sworn
in on April 11, 1994. The law gives the Review Board the mandate and the authority to identify, secure, and
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