

Assassination Records Review Board

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Assassination Records Review Board Chronology of Events

- October 26, 1992 The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act is signed into law by President George Bush (PL 102-526).
- September-December 1993 Members of the Board are nominated by President Clinton.
- February 11, 1994 The Board is confirmed by the United States Senate.
- April 11, 1994 The five members of the Review Board are sworn into office by Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg.
- April 12, 1994 First public meeting at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. John R. Tunheim is elected chair of the Board. The Board discusses administrative issues and receives a briefing from Steve Tilley, Director of the JFK Assassination Records Collection at the National Archives.
- July 12, 1994 Public meeting at the National Archives in

Washington, D.C. David G. Marwell is appointed Executive Director. The Board reports on agencies' progress in reviewing records. Steve Tilley from the National Archives briefs the Board on recent openings of records in the JFK Collection at the Archives. Three people speak as the Board allots time for public comment.

October 1, 1994 The Board receives its Fiscal Year 1995 funding of \$2.15 million.

October 6, 1994 The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Extension Act of 1994, extending the term of the Board and clarifying the powers of the Board and staff hiring authority, is signed into law by the President.

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October 11, 1994 First public hearing at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. The process of defining what constitutes an "assassination record" begins and the Board hears testimony from 13 witnesses.

November 18, 1994 Public hearing in Dallas, Texas. The focus is on the search for additional assassination records, as well as receiving further input regarding the

definition of an "assassination record." Nineteen witnesses testify.

December 14, 1994 Public meeting is conducted at the Assassination Records Review Board offices in Washington, D.C. Three representatives from the National Archives brief the Board on the Archives position that artifacts should not be included in the definition of an "assassination record."

February 8, 1995 Publication of proposed definition guidance on "assassination records" in the Federal Register. Thirty day public comment period follows.

March 7, 1995 The Board conducts a public meeting at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and hears testimony from six witnesses on the proposed definition guidance on what constitutes an "assassination record."

March 24, 1995 The Board holds a public meeting at the Massachusetts State House in Boston and hears testimony from six JFK assassination researchers to gain input on the location of assassination records. Mr. Tilley from the National Archives gives an update on the records in the JFK Collection.

May 3, 1995 Public meeting at the Assassination Records Review Board offices in Washington, D.C. The Board unanimously approves the final definition of

an "assassination record." Ms. Mary Ronan from the National Archives provides an update on the JFK Assassination Records Collection.