

ISSUES BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD  
RE: NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY DOCUMENTS  
17 SEPTEMBER 1997 MEETING

61 documents were delivered to the ARRB on 07 AUG 97.

ARRB staff has prepped a total of 29 Documents from this batch:

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An additional document was excluded from the earlier batch of 83 reviewed in March. This document is now included for review:

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Twelve additional documents are consent releases (NSA has no objection to releasing these documents "in full")

The information in these documents repeat information that was already released through either through the 1993 JFK release or through prior ARRB action.

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**Issues in these documents include:**

Redactions in these documents were taken largely due to privacy concerns of NSA employees and other USG officials (names), and "internal production information."

**Administrative Matters:**

Reference NSA Memorandum of 13 March 1997, to the Assassination Records Review Board:

The NSA forwarded 49 documents to the Review Board as an attachment to the above memorandum, 32 of which were "consent releases" and 17 of which required a Board vote on the continued protection of NSA employee names (these documents were downgraded to "for Official Use Only" (FOUO) before delivery to the ARRB). 13 of these documents were voted on by the Board in the March meeting. However, RIF (Record Identification Form) information was lacking for four of these documents. At the present time, ARRB staff is still awaiting this RIF information. It is my guess that the ARRB staff had not processed the remaining 45 documents for release in order to maintain uniformity within this batch of records.

Reference NSA memorandum of 16 DEC 96, to the Assassination Records Review Board:

The NSA forwarded 28 records identified as being responsive to the JFK Act as an attachment to the above memorandum. The NSA stated that these records had been reviewed by the National Security Council and the U.S. Department of State for their equities, however, the Central Intelligence Agency had yet to conduct a similar review of these files. In a memorandum dated 08 Sept 1997, J. Barry Harrelson of the Historical Review Group, CIA indicated that the CIA had reviewed these records and had no objection to their release in full.

As a result, 26 of these 28 records can now be released to the National Archives and Records

Administration. (The State Department had requested that 2 of these documents be postponed in part, however, ARRB would like to negotiate directly with our State liaison in hopes of releasing these documents in full (“consent releases”).

State Department Cables now releasable (Cables regarding the passage of the JFK Act)

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National Security Council Documents now releasable (letters from Warren Commission to National Security Agency)

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Central Intelligence Agency Documents now releasable (FBIS reports re: JFK Act and a draft DCI statement on the JFK Act)

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