

**INFORMAL AGENDA**  
**21 October 1997 Meeting**  
**National Security Agency Representatives**  
**Assassination Records Review Board Staff**  
**Issues regarding the review of NSA documents**

This agenda will outline the outstanding issues that exist as they pertain to the acquisition and review of NSA materials related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. We hope this meeting will allow us to make sure that the NSA's and the ARRB's responsibilities under the JFK Act can be met, to the satisfaction of both parties, before the ARRB's authority expires in October 1998.

1. ARRB staff members have questions regarding the proposed continued protection of many items in the last batch of documents (47 total: 43 from the last batch of 61 delivered on 09 August 1997, and 4 from a batch of 49 delivered on 13 March 1997) We have organized the documents by review "topic" and hope to arrive at a consensus that meets the needs of both NSA and ARRB.

2. ARRB is currently in the process of declassifying four documents from the House Select Committee on Assassinations "Numbered Files" which may contain NSA equities. ARRB would like NSA to review these documents.

3. ARRB is in possession of two documents which will require review by the NSA before they can be released to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). We would like to arrange a schedule for the eventual review and return of these records to the ARRB in order to facilitate a complete file transfer to NARA when the Review Board's authority expires in October 1998.

These items are:

1. Transcripts/summaries of Review Board interviews of NSA personnel related to their knowledge of NSA operations around the time of the assassination of President Kennedy.
2. A memorandum from the NSA to the ARRB which responded to questions regarding the possible existence of additional assassination records and NSA capabilities around the time of the assassination.

4. To ensure full NSA compliance with the JFK Act, NSA and ARRB must rectify disparities in the number of assassination records noted in the NSA Compliance Statement (267) with the number of documents received and accounted for by ARRB staff (263).

5. ARRB would like to discuss the possibility that additional assassination records, or records which might enhance the historical understanding of the assassination, still exist in NSA archives. ARRB would need to outline the parameters for any new searches it would like NSA staffers to conduct.

5. At the August meeting at Fort Meade, NSA staffers brought up the issue of a briefing on NSA capabilities and records procedures that would be held for the benefit of relevant ARRB staff. ARRB would like to possibly schedule such a briefing, at NSA's convenience. Review Board member Kermit Hall may accompany staff on such a trip. Dr. Hall has several specific questions regarding NSA practices that he would like to put forth to relevant NSA personnel.