

**MINUTES
OPEN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 1996
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Tunheim at 2:10 p.m.

Board Members Present: Henry Graff, Kermit Hall, William Joyce, and Anna Nelson.

Senior Staff Members Present: David G. Marwell, Jeremy Gunn, and Tracy Shycoff.

Judge Tunheim welcomed visitors and staff members.

A motion was made by William Joyce to accept the transcript as minutes of the August 6, 1996 Open Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Anna Nelson and passed unanimously.

On a motion by Anna Nelson and second by William Joyce, the Board voted unanimously to close portions of the October 29 - 30 and November 13 - 14, 1996 Board Meetings.

Jeremy Gunn was asked to summarize the issues regarding the sequestered collections and records that may not be believed to be relevant to the assassination, as was described in his October 15, 1996 memorandum to the Board. Although the Board made no final decision regarding the handling of these records, it was the sense of the Board that the October 15 memorandum contained the proper general outlines on the handling of such records. The Board requested that formal Guidelines be drafted for submission to the Board. In addition, the Board informally suggested that rather than using the designation "no apparent relevance," that the term "no believed relevance" be used instead. The Board also suggested its general preference that records in the sequestered collections be transferred to NARA and that they be presumptively opened in the year 2017. Hall moved that, with the suggested modifications, the staff recommendations be adopted. Joyce seconded the motion, which carried by a 5-0 vote.

Note: Dr. Graff departed at 2:55 p.m.

A motion by Joyce to designate a copy of the Dave Powers film as an assassination record was seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 4-0. It was noted that Tom Samoluk did a fine job in obtaining this film.

There being no further business, Kermit Hall's motion to adjourn was seconded by William Joyce, passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerrie Olson