

## Assassination Records Review Board Chronology

- 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.

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





Oswald, and the Communist Party, USA reaction to the assassination.

Originally, the Board voted on July 17, 1995, to open these FBI documents in full. Upon reconsideration, after receiving additional information from the FBI, the Board voted again to open the entire documents except for the numerical portion of informant symbol numbers.

Notification of the Board's determinations has been sent to President Clinton. Both the CIA and the FBI have indicated they will not appeal the Board's decisions on these documents.

October 19, 1995

The Board releases 11 FBI documents relating to Jack Ruby's shooting of Oswald, the Communist Party USA reaction to the assassination of President Kennedy, and Oswald's trip to Mexico City in the fall of 1963.

The Review Board originally voted to release 10 of these FBI documents on July 17, 1995. Upon reconsideration, after receiving additional information from the FBI, the Board voted again to open the entire documents, with the exception of the numerical portion of informant symbol numbers. The Review Board's position is that the release of the numerical portion of informant symbol numbers would provide little, if any, useful information related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Board voted to open the eleventh document in full and the FBI did not challenge that action.

The original FBI documents being released have been sent to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection.

October 24, 1995

The Board votes to release 38 FBI documents which cover a range of areas the FBI investigated in relation to the assassination. The Board also voted to release 198 CIA documents which relate to Oswald's trip to Mexico City in the fall of 1963.

In addition, the Review Board voted to release 198 HSCA documents.

Postponements in these HSCA administrative files contain only the HSCA staff member social security numbers. The Board also voted to open in full 98 pages of the HSCA document entitled Oswald in

Mexico City (commonly identified as the Lopez Report.)

October 26, 1995

The Review Board releases 43 additional CIA documents, 27 in full and 16 in part. These documents relate to Lee Harvey Oswald's trip to Mexico City in the fall of 1963. The Board agreed with the CIA that some information relating to sensitive intelligence sources and methods should not be publicly released at this time. The Board voted that one entire document and some redacted parts of other documents still need to be protected, but also noted they contain no information about the assassination of President Kennedy or Lee Harvey Oswald.

The Board also voted to release 9 FBI documents (including duplicate copies.) These documents relate to the Bureau's investigation of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in 1961; the Bureau's post-assassination investigation of Michael R. Paine, the husband of Ruth Paine, with whom Marina Oswald was residing prior to the assassination; and the discussion of the relations of the FBI, the Warren Commission, and the Dallas district attorney's office.

The original CIA and FBI documents being released have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection.

November 14, 1995

The Board votes to release 67 HSCA documents, 53 FBI documents, and 33 CIA documents.

The HSCA documents relate in part to HSCA employee payroll certification records, in addition to HSCA documents that had been referred to the Secret Service regarding the Secret Service's investigation of potential threats to President Kennedy. The Board voted to postpone only the release of employee social security numbers throughout these documents.

The FBI documents relate to various records of the Bureau's investigation of the assassination, including contact that Oswald had made on several occasions with Communist Party USA officials. The documents also contain records on the developments of New

Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination in 1967. Postponements in this group of documents contain informant true names and portions of informant symbol and file numbers.

The CIA documents relate primarily to Lee Harvey Oswald's trip to Mexico City in the fall of 1963, only weeks before the assassination of President Kennedy.

November 21, 1995

The Review Board releases 61 CIA documents, 56 in full and 5 in part. The documents, voted upon by the Board on October 5, 1995, relate primarily to Lee Harvey Oswald's trip to Mexico City in the fall of 1963. The Board voted to release 276 of 281 redactions in this group of CIA documents. The Board agreed with the CIA that in some instances information relating to intelligence sources and methods should not be released at this time. In these instances, the Board provided substitute language which gives some relevant information in place of the redactions, while not revealing sensitive intelligence information.

The original CIA documents being released have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection.

The Review Board also announced a special initiative to collect original films and photographs of the assassination and to make them part of the official historical record at the National Archives. The Board appealed to members of the public to assist in this initiative, adding that other non-photographic records are of great interest and historical importance.

December 13, 1995

The Review Board votes to release 127 additional CIA, FBI, and HSCA documents.

The Board voted to release 57 CIA documents, 23 in full and 34 in part. These documents relate to the CIA's broad post-assassination investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald, including its investigation of Oswald's trip to Mexico City in the fall of 1963.

The Review Board also voted to release 47 FBI documents, 25 in full

and 22 in part. These documents relate in part to the Fair Play for Cuba Committee's reaction to the assassination of President Kennedy. In addition, the Board voted to release 23 HSCA documents in full. These documents relate primarily to David Ferrie's attempt to get reinstated as a pilot with Eastern Airlines after his dismissal by the airline following the filing of 'corruption of minors' charges against him.

December 20, 1995

The Board releases additional FBI, CIA, and HSCA documents related to the assassination of President Kennedy.

The 37 FBI documents released, 34 in full and 3 in part, cover various aspects of the FBI investigation of the assassination, including a report on anti-Castro Cubans in the Chicago area who were the focus of the Secret Service's attention as part of their investigation.

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 Oswald's trip to Mexico City in the fall of 1963, only weeks 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 Board. The report was largely declassified in 1993, but contained many redactions. The Board opened an additional 95 pages in full.

The Review Board had voted to release these documents on October 24, 1995.

The original FBI, CIA, and HSCA documents released were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection.

December 28, 1995

The Review Board releases five previously disputed FBI documents on the investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald while he was in the former Soviet Union in 1960 and 1961. The FBI had originally sought to keep these documents closed because they contained some information

provided by the Swiss Government.

The Review Board originally voted to open these documents in full on July 17, 1995. The FBI appealed the decision to the President. The Board then agreed to approach the Swiss Government through diplomatic channels to seek a waiver of any remaining Swiss interest in the records.

The Swiss Government advised the Review Board that it had no objection to the release of the documents if the names of Swiss citizens were redacted. On December 13, 1995, the Board again voted to release the documents, except for the name of a Swiss citizen, which appeared twice. The FBI did not oppose the release of the documents after approval had come from Swiss officials.

The original FBI documents released were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection.

January 5, 1996

The Board votes to release 52 additional CIA, FBI, House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) and Warren Commission documents relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.

The Review Board voted to release 34 CIA documents, 7 in full and 27 in part. These documents relate to the CIA's broad post-assassination investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald, particularly Oswald's trip through Europe on his return to the United States from the former Soviet Union in 1962.

The Board also voted to release 6 FBI documents in full. These records relate in part to the Bureau's interest in New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

In addition, the Board voted to release 23 HSCA and 5 Warren Commission documents in full. These documents were previously available but contained redactions based on privacy grounds.

Notification of the Board's action on these documents was sent to the President of the United States and the agencies on January 25, 1996.

The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's determinations.

January 25, 1996

The Review Board releases 146 additional CIA, FBI and HSCA records relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.

The Board released 34 CIA documents, 25 in full and 9 in part. These documents relate to Lee Harvey Oswald's trip to Mexico City in the fall of 1963, only weeks before the assassination of President Kennedy.

The Board also released 50 FBI documents, 13 in full and 37 in part. These records relate to various aspects of the Bureau's investigation of the assassination, including contact that Oswald had made on several occasions with Communist Party USA officials, prior to the assassination. Some of the FBI documents relate to New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination.

In addition, the Board released 62 HSCA documents, 30 in full and 32 in part. Many of these documents are HSCA payroll records. The number of postponements are due to the Board's decision not to release the social security numbers of HSCA staff members.

The Review Board voted to release this group of documents on November 13 and 14, 1995, except for one of the 34 CIA documents, record number 104-10017-10015, which the Board voted to release at its October 24, 1995 meeting.

The original documents being released have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection.

January 31, 1996

The Review Board votes to release 207 additional CIA, FBI, HSCA and Warren Commission documents related to the assassination of President Kennedy.

The Board voted to release 72 CIA documents, 17 in full and 55 in part. These documents relate in part to the Agency's post-assassination investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald, including

Oswald's trip to Mexico City in the fall of 1963.

The Board also voted to release 108 FBI documents (including duplicates), 42 in full and 66 in part. These documents relate in part to the FBI's post-assassination investigation of Jack Ruby. Other documents relate to a request made by the White House to the FBI for information about critics of the Warren Commission. These documents were previously available but contained redactions.

In addition, the Review Board voted to release 23 HSCA documents in full, with the exception of HSCA staff social security numbers. These documents include interviews with Secret Service Special Agents in Chicago and Miami regarding the assassination. Other HSCA documents relate to David Ferrie and his attempt to get reinstated as a pilot with Eastern Airlines after his dismissal by the airline following the filing of 'corruption of minors' charges against him. These documents have been previously available with certain names redacted for privacy reasons.

The Review Board also voted to release 4 Warren Commission documents. These documents are the last documents generated by the Commission itself that remain to be released in full to the public.

Notification of the Review Board's action on these documents was sent to the President of the United States and the agencies on February 14, 1996. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Board's determinations.

In other Board related activities, both the Department of State and the Department of Defense have, at the Board's request, agreed to release documents from the HSCA Security Classified files series. DOD released 3 documents and DOS released 30 documents, some of which pertain in part to the HSCA's 1978 trip to Cuba to interview Castro. Many of these documents have been previously available in redacted form.

February 12, 1996

The Review Board releases 127 additional CIA, FBI and HSCA documents relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Board voted to release these documents on December 12 and 13,

1995.

The Board released 57 CIA documents, 23 in full and 34 in part. These documents relate to the CIA's broad post-assassination investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald, as well as Oswald's trip to Mexico City in the fall of 1963, only weeks before the assassination of President Kennedy.

The Board also released 47 FBI documents, 25 in full and 22 in part. These documents relate in part to the Fair Play for Cuba Committee's reaction to the assassination of President Kennedy. Other documents relate to Oswald's trip to Mexico City.

In addition, the Board released 23 HSCA documents in full which relate primarily to David Ferrie's attempt to get reinstated as a pilot with Eastern Airlines after his dismissal by the airline following the filing of 'corruption of minors' charges against him.

The original documents being released have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection.

March 7, 1996

The Review Board *announced today that it has subpoenaed records from the investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy conducted by former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison. The records are held by current New Orleans District Attorney Harry Connick. Connick has failed to comply with the subpoena.*

*A federal judge in New Orleans did not grant a motion by the District Attorney to quash the subpoena, and ordered the parties to arrange for a convenient time for the transfer of documents to the Review Board. Connick has failed to comply with*

*the judge's order and the Board is now seeking enforcement of it.*

*The subpoena required the District Attorney to produce "all documents and records in [his] possession, custody or control relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, including but not limited to handwritten notes, memoranda, drawings, photographs, tape recordings, and correspondence that relate to the investigation and prosecution of Mr. Clay Shaw by former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, with the exception of any grand jury materials still extant in the possession of the District Attorney's Office."*

*Connick did not produce the records by February 16, 1996, as required by the subpoena. On February 16, Judge Marcel Livaudais, Jr., of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, ordered the Review Board and Connick to find "a mutually agreeable time for production of the documents in New Orleans." Connick has failed to agree to a time to produce the documents. The Review Board filed papers today in the U.S. District Court in New Orleans seeking enforcement of Judge Livaudais' order.*

*April 9, 1996*

The Review Board announces the release of records from the private files of former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison and from

the files of Edward Wegmann, a member of Clay Shaw's defense team. Garrison conducted an investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy in the late 1960's.

*"These are the first private records that the Board has made a part of the JFK Collection," said the Honorable John R. Tunheim, Chair of the Review Board. "The Garrison investigation into the Kennedy assassination is an important part of the history of this case. As a result of the generosity of both the Garrison and Wegmann families, the public will be able to gain further insight into the investigation from two very different views. I hope their contributions will serve as a model for others who possess records that should be part of the JFK Collection and available to the public."*

*After being approached by the Review Board, the late Jim Garrison's family agreed to donate a collection of records on the assassination of President Kennedy that Garrison had kept at his residence. The collection includes records from his assassination investigation and prosecution of Clay Shaw, as well as other files on individuals or subjects that Garrison thought were connected to the assassination. There are approximately 15,000 pages in the Garrison collection.*

*The family of the late Edward Wegmann, who was a member of the legal team which defended Clay Shaw*

*at his 1969 assassination conspiracy trial, agreed to donate Mr. Wegmann's files to the JFK Collection. Some of the documents in the Wegmann collection came from the office files of District Attorney Garrison. William Gurvich, an investigator for Garrison, made copies of many internal memoranda and witness interviews from the District Attorney's files when he left the office after becoming disenchanted with Garrison and the investigation. He turned the documents over to Shaw's attorneys. There are approximately 6,000 pages in the Wegmann collection.*

The original documents being released today have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection, which is housed at the National Archives facility in College Park, Maryland.

April 23, 1996

January 5, 1996 Review Board Meeting

The Review Board releases 72 CIA, FBI, House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), and Warren Commission documents relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Board voted to open 68 of these documents on January 5, 1996. Four HSCA documents released with this group were voted on at the Board's November 1995 meeting.

The Review Board released 34 CIA documents, two in full and 32 in part. These documents relate to the CIA's post-assassination investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald.

The Board voted to release 21 of these CIA documents at the January 5th meeting, but reconsidered them at its March 19, 1996 meeting after receiving additional evidence from the CIA. When the issue in these documents was disclosure of the originator of the cable, the Board voted to use the following substitute language "CIA Installation in Northern Europe (or "South Asia") (followed by a designated

number).”

Also released by the Board were six FBI documents in full. These documents relate in part to the Bureau’s interest in New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison’s investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

In addition, the Board released 23 HSCA and five Warren Commission documents in full. These documents were previously available but contained redactions based on privacy grounds. Four additional HSCA documents from the Board’s November 1995 meeting, which had not previously been processed, are also now available.

The original documents being released have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection, which is housed at the National Archives facility in College Park, Maryland.

#### January 31, 1996 Review Board Meeting

The Review Board released 180 CIA, FBI, House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), and Warren Commission documents it voted on at its January 31, 1996 meeting.

The Review Board released 72 CIA documents, three in full and 69 in part. These documents relate in part to the Agency’s post-assassination investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald, including Oswald’s trip to Mexico City in the fall of 1963, only weeks before the assassination of President Kennedy. The Board voted to release 28 of these CIA documents at the January 31st meeting, but reconsidered them at its March 19, 1996 meeting after receiving additional evidence from the CIA. When the issue in these documents was disclosure of the originator of the cable, the Board voted to use the following substitute language “CIA Installation in Northern Europe (or “South Asia”) (followed by a designated number).”

Also released by the Board were 81 FBI documents (including duplicates), 20 in full and 61 in part. These documents relate in part

to the FBI's post-assassination investigation of Jack Ruby. Other documents relate to a request made by the White House to the FBI for information about critics of the Warren Commission. These documents were previously available but contained redactions.

The Board had originally voted to release 24 additional FBI documents at the January 31st meeting, but reconsidered the documents at its March 19, 1996 meeting after receiving additional evidence from the FBI. The issues in these documents are the protection of informant names and the protection of confidential relationships. The Board voted to release 21 of these FBI documents on August 1, 1996. The other three documents will be opened in ten years. Notification of the Review Board's action on these documents was sent to the President of the United States and the agency on April 2, 1996. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's determinations.

In addition, the Board released 23 HSCA documents in full, with the exception of HSCA staff social security numbers. These documents include interviews with Secret Service Special Agents in Chicago and Miami regarding the assassination. Other HSCA documents relate to David Ferrie and his attempt to get reinstated as a pilot with Eastern Airlines after his dismissal by the airline following the filing of 'corruption of minors' charges against him. These documents have been previously available with certain names redacted for privacy reasons.

The Review Board also released four Warren Commission documents in full which had previously been available in redacted form with certain information closed on privacy grounds.

In other Board-related activities, documents from the HSCA Security Classified files series, which both the Department of State and the Department of Defense agreed to release at the Board's request, are now available. The Department of Defense released three documents and the Department of State released 30 documents, some of which pertain in part to the HSCA's 1978 trip to Cuba to interview Castro. Many of these documents have been previously available in redacted form.

The original documents being released have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection, which is housed at the National Archives facility in College Park, Maryland.

March 19, 1996 Review Board Meeting

The Board voted on March 19, 1996 to release 271 CIA, FBI and House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) documents.

The Review Board voted to release 135 CIA documents, 24 in full and 111 in part. These documents relate primarily to the CIA's international investigation to find out anything it could about Oswald, or persons and events allegedly having something to do with him, during the days and weeks following the assassination. The Board voted that some information relating to intelligence sources and methods and true names should not be released at this time.

Other Board action included votes to release 130 FBI documents, 27 in full and 103 in part. These documents relate in part to the Bureau's investigation of the incident involving Sylvia Odio in the fall of 1963, before the assassination. Other documents detail the FBI's post-assassination investigation of Jack Ruby. The Board voted that informant names and symbol numbers should not be released at this time.

The Board voted to release six HSCA documents, five in full and one in part. Included in this group are four documents that relate to Secret Service protection of the President.

In addition to the 21 CIA documents from the January 5 and 28 CIA documents from the January 31, 1996 meetings reconsidered by the Board, (referred to above), two other CIA documents were reconsidered. The Board reconsidered a CIA document originally voted on at the November 14, 1995 meeting. The issue is protection of information about an individual. The other CIA document reconsidered by the Board was from the December 13, 1995 meeting. As with other CIA documents originally considered at Board meetings of January 5th and

January 31st, the issue is disclosure of the originator of a cable. The Board voted to use substitute language in these documents.

Notification of the Review Board's action on these documents was sent to the President of the United States and the agencies on April 2, 1996. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's determinations.

In other Board activities, 886 additional documents will now be open in full by the CIA and the FBI, as well as records from the files of the HSCA. These records are being released based on the standards of release established by the Review Board during its earlier review of other records. They did not require Board votes because they are being released in their entirety by the agencies. The CIA has released 405 documents, the FBI will release 410 documents, and 71 HSCA records will now be available in full, 55 of which are organized crime-related documents obtained from the Metro-Dade County Police Department.

May 10, 1996

The Review Board voted on April 16 and 17, 1996 to release an additional 193 FBI, CIA, and House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Board voted to release 158 FBI documents (including duplicates) in full. These documents relate to the Bureau's broad post-assassination investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald, including the FBI's investigation into the incident involving Sylvia Odio.

The Review Board also voted to release 33 CIA documents, 14 in full and 19 in part. These documents consist of various records from Oswald's "201" file.

In addition, the Board voted to release 2 HSCA documents in full, which were duplicates of documents previously opened.

Notification of the Review Board's action on the above documents was sent to the President of the United States and the agencies on May 1, 1996. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's determinations.

As part of the mandate of the Assassination Records Review Board to identify assassination records, the Board designated Secret Service records from the files of Chief James Rowley as "assassination records." These records include Secret Service comments on the William Manchester book manuscript. The Board will now review these documents for inclusion in the JFK Assassination Records Collection.

In other board-related activities, after consultation with the appropriate federal agencies and in compliance with the JFK Act, 119 additional FBI and HSCA records are being released in full. The FBI is releasing 89 documents, and 30 HSCA documents will be available by consent release.

May 15, 1996

*The Review Board announces that, pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, the FBI has appealed to the President the recent decisions of the Board to release information contained in 13 documents.*

*The information contained in the redacted portions of the documents has to do with intelligence sources and methods. The Review Board found that public interest in the information outweighed the evidence that the FBI offered in support of postponing release of the information.*

*Redacted versions of the 13 FBI documents (and duplicates) are currently available to the public at the National Archives. The Review Board voted on these documents at its March 19, 1996 meeting. Under the Board determinations, two documents*

would be released immediately, with certain source symbol numbers redacted; ten documents would be released in full on August 1, 1996, and one document would be released on August 1, 1996, with a redacted source symbol number. The Review Board will file a brief with the President in support of its position on these documents.

With the recent transfer of an additional 16, 679 pages to the National Archives, the FBI has now placed more than 641, 000 pages of records into The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection.

June 4, 1996

The Assassination Records Review Board voted on June 4, 1996 to release 439 CIA, FBI, and House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) documents, including duplicates, related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

#### CIA Records

The Review Board voted to release 228 CIA records, 4 in full and 224 in part. Included in these documents is the "Mexico City Chronology", a 133-paged summary of CIA communications related to Lee Harvey Oswald's trip to Mexico City in the fall of 1963. Other documents relate to Oswald's stay in the Soviet Union, and former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination. The redacted information includes, for the most part, names of CIA employees and sensitive operational details.

#### FBI Records

The Board also voted to release 205 FBI records, 37 in full and 168 in part. These documents consist in large part of post-assassination FBI headquarters and field office files on Oswald. The redacted information contains informant symbol names and numbers.

HSCA Documents

The Board voted to release 6 HSCA documents, 3 in full and 3 in part.

Included in this group of documents are: a United States Customs Service document from the Metro-Dade Police files, which was acquired by the HSCA, concerning an organized crime meeting in Miami; multiple-year tax returns for Eileen Kaminsky (Jack Ruby's sister); a Department of Defense document that includes a fact sheet on the 112th Intelligence Corps and a fact sheet on the destruction of Oswald's IRR dossier.

Notification of the Review Board's action on the above documents was sent to the President of the United States and the agencies on June 18, 1996. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's decisions.

Secret Service Records

As part of the mandate of the Review Board to identify assassination records, the Board designated additional Secret Service records as "assassination records." These records include Secret Service correspondence with members of the Warren Commission in 1964, and the document "Briefing Book: Director's Appearance Before the House Select Committee on Assassinations, December 1978." The Board will now review these documents for inclusion in the JFK Assassination Records Collection.

In other Board-related activities, after consultation with the FBI and in compliance with the JFK Act, 82 FBI documents will be available by consent release.

*June 6, 1996*

The Board releases to the National Archives 362 CIA, FBI and House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) documents relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Review Board voted to release these documents on March 19, 1996.

The Review Board released 205 CIA documents, 24 in full and 181 in part. (The total number of CIA documents voted on by the Board was incorrectly reported to be 135 in an advisory dated April 23, 1996.)

The CIA documents being released relate primarily to the CIA's international investigation to find out anything it could about Oswald, or persons and events allegedly having something to do with him, during the days and weeks following the assassination. The Board voted that some information relating to intelligence sources and methods and true names should not be released at this time. Nine of these documents were reconsidered at subsequent Board meetings after the CIA provided additional information to support postponements. The number of postponements changed from the original notice in the Federal Register.

After the Board's March 19th meeting, the CIA opened in full three documents that originally contained postponements.

Two documents from this meeting were incorrectly noticed in the Federal Register. The correct information is now reflected in the Record Information Forms that accompany the documents.

Other Board action included the release of 154 FBI documents, 27 in full and 103 in part. The FBI documents from this meeting relate in part to the Bureau's investigation of the incident involving Sylvia Odio in the fall of 1963, before the assassination. Other documents detail the FBI's post-assassination investigation of Jack Ruby. The Board voted that informant names and symbol numbers should not be released at this time. This total includes 24 documents originally voted on by the Board at the January 31st meeting, but reconsidered at the March 19th meeting.

The FBI has appealed to the President the Board's decisions to release information contained in 37 of these documents (including duplicates).

Under the Board's determinations seven of these documents would have been available immediately, with certain symbol numbers redacted. The other 30 documents involved in the appeal would have been available on August 1, 1996. The appeal is pending.

The Board voted to release 9 other documents on August 1, 1996. The FBI did not appeal the determinations on these documents.

The Board also released three HSCA documents, two in full and one in part. Included in this group are documents that relate to Secret Service protection of the President. The Board rescinded its determination on three other Secret Service documents from the HSCA files to give the Secret Service 60 days (until June 24, 1996) to provide evidence to support their proposed postponements.

Based on the standards of release established by the Review Board during its earlier review of records, 71 HSCA records have been released in full. Many of the records are organized crime-related documents obtained by the HSCA from the Metro-Dade County Police Department.

The original CIA, FBI, and HSCA documents being released have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection, which is housed at the National Archives facility in College Park, Maryland.

*June 13, 1996*

The Assassination Records Review Board voted on May 13 and 14, 1996 to release an additional 528 FBI, CIA, and House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) documents related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Review Board voted to release 132 CIA records, one in full and 131 in part. These documents are from Lee Harvey Oswald's "201" file. The Board determined that some information relating to intelligence sources and methods should not be publicly released at this time.

#### CIA "Scelso" Documents

These documents postpone the name of a former CIA employee who was involved in the assassination investigation. This person used the pseudonym "Scelso" when testifying before the HSCA. The Review Board voted to release the individual's name in 188 "Scelso" documents on either May 1, 2001, or three months after the death of the individual whose name is postponed, whichever occurs first.

The Board also voted to release 197 additional FBI records, 40 in full

and 157 in part. These documents relate to the Bureau's post-assassination investigation of Oswald.

The Board voted to release 11 HSCA documents, one in full and 10 in part. These documents relate to a variety of different topics. The postponed information consists of social security numbers.

Notification of the Review Board's action on the above documents was sent to the President of the United States and the agencies on May 29, 1996. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's decisions.

As part of the mandate of the Review Board to identify assassination records, the Board designated additional Secret Service records as "assassination records." These records include protective survey reports for planned presidential trips to Houston, Ft. Worth, and Austin, Texas on November 21-22, 1963, and shift reports of unusual incidents from March 1963 to January 1964. In addition, the Richard Case Nagell file has been designated as an "assassination record." The Board will now review these documents for inclusion in the JFK Assassination Records Collection.

After consultation with the appropriate federal agencies and in compliance with the JFK Act, 463 additional FBI, CIA, HSCA, and Warren Commission records will be released in full. The FBI will release 289 documents, and the CIA will release 146 documents. In addition, 26 HSCA documents and 2 Warren Commission documents will be available by consent release.

June 14, 1996

*The Assassination Records Review Board announced today that, pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, the FBI has appealed to the President the recent decisions of the Board to release information contained in four documents.*

The information contained in the redacted portions of the documents has to do with intelligence sources and methods. The Review Board found that public interest in the information outweighed the evidence that the FBI offered in support of postponing release of the information. The FBI appealed a fifth document based on privacy grounds, but the Board has subsequently rescinded its determination on the document pending further review of the privacy issues that have been raised.

Redacted versions of the documents (and duplicates) are currently available to the public at the National Archives. The Review Board voted on these documents at its April 17, 1996 meeting.

The FBI has another appeal pending before the President in connection with decisions made by the Review Board at its March 19, 1996 meeting to release information contained in 13 documents.

July 2, 1996

The Assassination Records Review Board announced today that it is releasing additional FBI and CIA records that chronicle the agencies' investigations into the assassination of President Kennedy.

The Board is releasing 141 FBI documents and 33 CIA documents, in full or in part, that cover a range of topics relating to the agencies' responses to the assassination. Included in this release of records are FBI documents from 1964 regarding the public appearances of a well-known Warren Commission critic. The CIA documents are from Oswald's "201" file that became a catchall for everything the agency collected or created that related to Oswald and the assassination. The documents were voted on by the Board at its April 16-17, 1996 meeting and have been previously available with redactions.

The FBI appealed to the President the decisions of the Board to release information contained in eight other documents (including duplicates) from the April meeting. That appeal is currently pending before the President, along with another FBI appeal involving records the Board voted to release at its March meeting.

The original documents being released today have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection, which is

housed at the National Archives facility in College Park, Maryland.

July 9-10, 1996

The Assassination Records Review Board voted on July 9 and 10, 1996 to release 416 CIA, FBI, and House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) documents (including duplicates) related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

#### CIA Records

The Review Board voted to release 257 CIA records, 10 in full and 247 in part. This is the first meeting in which the Board reviewed a significant number of documents from the CIA's 'JFK Collection', the group of records containing documents which the Agency considers part of the assassination investigation itself. The issues in these documents cover a wide variety of topics including the investigation of Jack Ruby, the Garrison investigation, and JMWAVE, the CIA station in Miami that concentrated on anti-Castro issues. The Board determined that some information relating to intelligence sources and methods should not be publicly released at this time.

#### FBI Records

The Board also voted to release 150 FBI records, 64 in full and 86 in part. These records include documents that relate to the investigations of Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby. Other documents in this group relate to the international reaction to the assassination of President Kennedy, including that of the Communist Party. The Board determined that some information relating to informant symbol names and numbers should not be publicly released at this time.

#### HSCA/Warren Commission Documents

The Board voted to release 7 HSCA documents, 5 in full and 2 in part.

Included in this group of documents is Marina Oswald's Social Security Administration file, which will be open for the first time, with the exception of social security numbers. Two duplicates of previously opened Warren Commission documents that are in the HSCA files were also cleared for release by the Board.

Notification of the Review Board's action on the above documents

was sent to the President of the United States and the agencies on July 24, 1996. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's decisions.

#### Other Board-Related Activities

After consultation with the appropriate agencies and in compliance with the JFK Act, 402 FBI, CIA, and HSCA documents will be available in full by consent release. The FBI will release 153 documents, and the CIA will release 131 documents. In addition, 118 HSCA documents will be available by consent release.

August 5-6, 1996

The Assassination Records Review Board voted on August 5 and 6, 1996 to release 316 CIA, FBI, and House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) documents (including duplicates) related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

#### CIA Records

The Review Board voted to release 204 CIA documents, 8 in full and 196 in part. In addition to these documents, the Review Board acted on 2 HSCA documents with CIA equities. These documents include portions of the Lopez Report, which pertains to Oswald's trip to Mexico City, and the 193 paged testimony to the HSCA by the CIA officer, alias John Scelso, who coordinated the CIA investigation in the months immediately following the assassination. The redacted portions of these documents include intelligence sources and methods, true names, and file number prefixes.

#### FBI Records

The Board also voted to release 104 FBI documents (including duplicates), 57 in full and 47 in part. The documents relate in large part to the Bureau's investigation of Jack Ruby. The redacted portions of these documents consist mostly of informant names and symbol numbers.

The FBI has appealed to the President the Board's decisions to release information contained in 36 documents (including duplicates) from the July 9-10, 1996 meeting. The information contained in the redacted portions of these documents has to do with intelligence sources and methods. The Board has responded to this appeal.

HSCA Documents

In addition to the 2 HSCA documents mentioned above, the Review Board voted to release 6 HSCA documents in full, including a previously withheld document relating to Joseph Milteer. Also to become available by consent release are 17 HSCA records that document the Miami Police Department's response to inquiries related to Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination.

Notification of the Review Board's action on the above documents was sent to the President of the United States and the relevant agencies on August 20, 1996. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's decisions.

Secret Service Records

As part of the mandate of the Review Board to identify assassination records, the Board designated additional Secret Service records as "assassination records." These records include protective survey reports for planned presidential trips in the period between October 31, 1963--November 21, 1963, and a 13 minute tape of a radio interview with Secret Service Chief James Rowley on August 7, 1963.

Other Board-Related Activities

After consultation with the appropriate federal agencies and in compliance with the JFK Act, 221 additional documents (24 CIA, 180 FBI, and 17 HSCA) will be available in full by consent release.

August 9, 1996

The Assassination Records Review Board today made available an additional 296 FBI, CIA, and House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) documents related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Review Board voted to release these documents on May 13 and 14, 1996.

CIA Records

The Review Board released 132 CIA records, one in full and 131 in part. These documents are from Lee Harvey Oswald's "201" file. The Board determined that some information relating to intelligence sources and methods should not be publicly released at this time.

### CIA "Scelso" Documents

As previously mentioned in the Review Board's June 13, 1996 advisory, the Board has postponed the name of a former CIA employee who was involved in the assassination investigation. This person used the pseudonym "Scelso" when testifying before the HSCA. The Review Board voted to release the individual's name in 188 "Scelso" documents on either May 1, 2001, or three months after the death of the individual whose name is postponed, whichever occurs first.

### FBI Records

The Board also released 153 additional FBI records, 29 in full and 124 in part. These documents relate to the Bureau's post-assassination investigation of Oswald. The FBI has appealed to the President the Board's decisions to release information contained in 33 other documents from the May meeting. The information contained in the redacted portions of these documents has to do with intelligence sources and methods. Six documents from the May meeting were reconsidered at subsequent meetings, four are still being processed by the FBI, and one was released by the the FBI on its own, after the Board had voted to release it.

### HSCA Documents

The Board released 11 HSCA documents, one in full and 10 in part. These documents relate to a variety of topics. The postponed information consists of social security numbers.

The Board also sent to the National Archives 26 HSCA documents being made available by consent release.

The original documents being released today have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection, which is housed at the National Archives in College Park, Maryland.

### Update on Other Assassination Records: FBI Appeals Documents From June Meeting

The FBI has appealed the Board's decisions to release information contained in eight documents that the Review Board voted to open at

its June 4, 1996 meeting. The information contained in the redacted portions of the documents has to do with intelligence sources and methods.

September 17, 1996

The Review Board holds a public hearing in Los Angeles, CA.

The Board heard a wide range of expert testimony on the identification and location of assassination records and received an update from a National Archives representative on the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection (JFK Collection).

*The following witnesses testified at the Board's public hearing :*

*David Belin, former Assistant Counsel to the Warren Commission and author of two books on the assassination, November 22, 1963: You Are The Jury and Final Disclosure: The Full Truth About The Assassination of President Kennedy. Belin also served as the Executive Director of the Rockefeller Commission in 1975, investigating CIA assassinations of foreign leaders.*

*James DiEugenio, author of Destiny Betrayed: JFK, Cuba and the Garrison Case, an analysis of New Orleans's District Attorney Jim Garrison's inquiry and the assassination itself.*

*Eric Hamburg, co-producer of the Oliver Stone movie Nixon and a former Congressional staff assistant involved in the passage of the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act*

of 1992.

**Wesley Liebeler**, former Assistant Counsel to the Warren Commission and currently a professor of law at UCLA.

**David Lifton**, author of *Best Evidence: Disguise and Deception In The Assassination of John F. Kennedy*, which focused on the medical evidence in the case. He is currently working on a book about Lee Harvey Oswald.

**James Rankin**, son of former General Counsel to the Warren Commission, the late J. Lee Rankin. He will testify about his father's personal papers related to his work for the Warren Commission.

**Robert Tanenbaum**, former Deputy Counsel for the House Select Committee on Assassinations in the late 1970's. He is the author of *Corruption of Blood*, a fictionalized account of his experience with the Committee investigating the Kennedy assassination.

**Steven Tilley**, of the National Archives, oversees the JFK Collection.

October 10, 1996

The Review Board released to the National Archives the testimony of John Scelso, which he provided to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), as well as 439 additional CIA, FBI, and HSCA documents (including duplicates) related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Board voted to

release these documents on June 4, 1996.

#### Scelso Testimony

The 193 paged document is a transcript of the once-secret testimony of John Scelso (an alias), a former CIA official who was responsible, for a brief period, for the CIA's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

#### CIA Records

The Review Board released 228 CIA records, 4 in full and 224 in part.

Included in these documents is the "Mexico City Chronology", a 133-paged summary of CIA communications related to Lee Harvey Oswald's trip to Mexico City in the fall of 1963. Other documents relate to Oswald's stay in the Soviet Union, and former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination. The redacted information includes, for the most part, names of CIA employees and sensitive operational details.

#### FBI Records

The Board also released 205 FBI records, 49 in full and 156 in part. Following the June Review Board meeting, the FBI agreed to release in full 12 documents from this group that were originally postponed in part. These documents consist in large part of post-assassination FBI headquarters and field office files on Oswald. The redacted information contains informant symbol names and numbers.

#### HSCA Documents

The Board released 6 HSCA documents, 3 in full and 3 in part. Included in this group of documents are: a United States Customs Service document from the Metro-Dade Police files, which was acquired by the HSCA, concerning an organized crime meeting in Miami; multiple-year tax returns for Eileen Kaminsky (Jack Ruby's sister); a Department of Defense document that includes a fact sheet on the 112th Intelligence Corps, and a fact sheet on the destruction of Oswald's IRR dossier.

The original CIA, FBI, and HSCA documents being released have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records

Collection, which is housed at the National Archives facility in College Park, Maryland.

#### Secret Service Records

As part of the mandate of the Review Board to identify assassination records, the Board designated additional Secret Service records as "assassination records." These records include Secret Service correspondence with members of the Warren Commission in 1964, and the document "Briefing Book: Director's Appearance Before the House Select Committee on Assassinations, December 1978." The Board will now review these documents for inclusion in the JFK Assassination Records Collection.

#### Other Board-Related Activities

The FBI has appealed to the President the Board's decisions to release information contained in 9 documents (including duplicates) from the June 4, 1996 meeting. The information contained in the redacted portions of these documents has to do with foreign counterintelligence issues.

After consultation with the FBI and in compliance with the JFK Act, 82 FBI documents will be available by consent release. Another recent group of FBI consent releases contains a December 1, 1966 document in which a KGB source is quoted as stating that at one time the Soviets believed Lyndon B. Johnson may have been responsible for the assassination. *Copies of this document are available upon request at the Review Board offices.*

October 29, 1996

The Assassination Records Review Board released today 801 CIA, FBI, and House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) documents (including duplicates) related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Review Board voted to release these documents on July 9 and 10, 1996.

#### CIA Records

The Review Board released 257 CIA records, 10 in full and 247 in part. This was the first meeting in which the Board reviewed a

significant number of documents from the CIA's 'JFK Collection,' the group of records relating to the HSCA investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. The issues in these documents cover a wide variety of topics including the investigation of Jack Ruby, the Garrison investigation, and JMWAVE, the CIA station in Miami that concentrated on anti-Castro issues. The Board determined that some information relating to intelligence sources and methods should not be publicly released at this time. In addition, 131 CIA documents are available in full by consent release.

#### FBI Records

The Board also released 114 FBI records, 53 in full and 61 in part. These records include documents that relate to the investigations of Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby. Other documents in this group relate to the international reaction to the assassination of President Kennedy, including that of the Communist Party. The Board determined that some information relating to informant names and symbol numbers should not be publicly released at this time. An additional 153 FBI documents are available in full by consent release.

The Board voted at its July 1996 meeting to release an additional 36 records (including duplicates), which the FBI has subsequently appealed to the President. The FBI has argued that portions of these records should be protected for foreign counterintelligence reasons.

In additional 21 FBI documents that the Board voted to release at its March 1996 meeting have been transferred to the National Archives. The Board's decision to release these documents was originally appealed by the FBI, and the appeal was subsequently withdrawn.

#### HSCA/Warren Commission Documents

The Board released 7 HSCA documents, 5 in full and 2 in part. Included in this group of documents is Marina Oswald's Social Security Administration file, which is open for the first time, with the exception of social security numbers. Two duplicates of previously opened Warren Commission documents that were in the HSCA files were also cleared for release by the Board. In addition, 118 HSCA documents are available in full by consent release.

The CIA, FBI, and HSCA documents being released have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection, which is housed at the National Archives facility in College Park, MD.

November 4, 1996

September 27, 1996 Board Meeting Totals

The Assassination Records Review Board voted on September 27, 1996 to release 1404 CIA, FBI, House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), and Secret Service documents, including duplicates, related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

CIA Records

The Review Board voted to release 223 CIA records, 2 in full and 221 in part. These documents include communications between the Mexico City station and CIA headquarters during the months immediately before and after the assassination, Mexico City surveillance reports, correspondence between the CIA and HSCA regarding access to information, and documents related to assassination attempts on Fidel Castro, including portions of the 1967 Inspector General's report.

FBI Records

The Board also voted to release 203 FBI records, 115 in full and 88 in part. These FBI assassination investigation documents consist, in part, of records related to Clay Shaw, Michael and Ruth Paine, and Orest Peña. Other documents relate to the Communist Party reaction to the assassination. An additional 177 FBI documents will be available by consent release.

HSCA and NARA Documents

The Board voted to release 47 HSCA documents, 13 in full and 34 in part. Included in this group of documents are such previously withheld records as a Congressional Research Service memo to the HSCA summarizing the Clark Commission re: autopsy, and HSCA records concerning Dealey Plaza/TSBD witness James Jarman. Also included in this group of documents are handwriting analyses of Marina Oswald and George DeMohrenschildt. An additional 747 HSCA documents will be available by consent release.

Notification to the President and the Agencies

Notification of the Review Board's action on the above documents was sent to the President of the United States and the agencies on October 11, 1996. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's decisions.

Secret Service Records

The Board voted to release one document in part. An additional 5 Secret Service documents will be available by consent release.

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December 18, 1996

November 14, 1996 Board Meeting Totals

The Assassination Records Review Board voted on November 14, 1996 to release 460 CIA, FBI, National Security Agency (NSA) and House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) documents (including duplicates) related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

CIA Records

The Review Board voted to release 66 CIA documents in part. These documents relate in large part to the work of the HSCA and the CIA's responses to HSCA requests, as well as the Agency's discussions of how to respond to such requests. These include responses to requests for information about names, discussions of HSCA plans to interview individuals, discussions of appearances of CIA officers before the HSCA, in addition to discussions about HSCA access to CIA documents. The redacted portions of these documents include intelligence sources and methods, true names, and file number prefixes.

FBI Records

The Board also voted to release 120 FBI documents (including duplicates), 72 in full and 48 in part. The documents relate in large part to the Bureau's post-assassination investigation of Lee Harvey

Oswald, as well as documents pertaining to the FBI's liaison with the HSCA, Communist Party members' reaction to the assassination, and the assassination investigation of Orleans Parish District Attorney Jim Garrison. The redacted portions of these documents consist mostly of informant names and symbol numbers. An additional 58 FBI documents are being made available in full by consent release.

#### NSA Documents

For the first time, the Review Board made determinations on the release of National Security Agency documents. The Board voted to release 65 NSA documents in part, and 3 documents will be postponed in full. These documents pertain to the international reaction to the assassination, as well as foreign government protocol following the assassination. An additional 8 NSA documents are available by consent release.

#### HSCA Documents

The Review Board voted to release 22 HSCA documents, 14 in full and 8 in part. These documents consist in part of the Army personnel records of Private First Class J.D. Tippit, and an outside contact report and an interview with Colonel Robert E. Jones regarding his activities with the Army's 112th Intelligence Group. An additional 116 HSCA documents are available by consent release.

#### Notification to the President and the Agencies

Notification of the Review Board's action on the above documents was sent to the President of the United States and the relevant agencies on December 2, 1996. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's decisions.

#### Secret Service Records

The Review Board voted to open 7 Secret Service documents in full. In addition, the Review Board voted not to sustain any postponements requested by the Secret Service in remaining protective survey reports for President Kennedy's trips to Miami and Tampa on November 18, 1963.

As part of the mandate of the Review Board to identify assassination records, the Board designated additional Secret Service records as "assassination records." These records include: "United States Secret

Service: The Evolution of Its Protective Policies, Practices and Procedures," "Report of Investigation by Inspector Arvid J. Dahlquist" [on Abraham Bolden], as well as computer printouts on Perry Russo, George DeMohrenschildt, Michael and Ruth Paine, Jack Ruby, Marguerite Oswald, and Marina Oswald Porter. In addition, the Board designated internal memorandums from Chief James Rowley dated November 1963 through December 1964 as assassination records.

January 15, 1997

December 16-17, 1996 Board Meeting Totals

The Assassination Records Review Board voted on December 16-17, 1996 to release 494 CIA, FBI, and House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) documents (including duplicates) related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

CIA Records

The Review Board voted to release 164 CIA documents, 11 in full and 153 in part. The Board voted to postpone two records in full. The documents acted upon by the Board include CIA Counterintelligence Chief James Angleton's testimony to the HSCA, cables from the Mexico City station regarding Oswald's visit in September and October 1963, and correspondence between the CIA and the Warren Commission, including a Counterintelligence Staff response to the Warren Commission's questions regarding Oswald's stay in the Soviet Union. The redacted portions of these documents include intelligence sources and methods, true names, and file number prefixes.

FBI Records

The Board also voted to release 22 FBI documents (including duplicates), 10 in full and 12 in part. The documents relate in large part to the Bureau's investigation of the assassination. The redacted portions of these documents include informant names and symbol numbers. An additional eight FBI records will be available by consent release.

HSCA Documents

The Review Board voted to release 23 HSCA documents, five in full and 18 in part. These documents include Bureau of Prisons records

regarding E. Howard Hunt, memoranda written by HSCA investigator Gaeton Fonzi regarding Antonio Veciana, leader of the Cuban exile group Alpha 66, as well as Fonzi's interview with U.S. Army Colonel (Ret.) Samuel G. Kail, army attache at the U.S. Embassy in Havana from 1958 through 1961. In addition, 277 HSCA records will be available by consent release.

#### Notification to the President and the Agencies

The Review Board notified the President and relevant agencies of its determinations on the above documents on January 6, 1997. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's decisions.

#### Other Board-related Activities

At its October 1996 meeting, the Review Board designated United States Secret Service protective survey reports for President Kennedy's trips from March 1963 through November 1963 as "assassination records." These reports consist of 45 documents and have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in the JFK Assassination Records Collection. In addition, the "United States Secret Service: The Evolution of Its Protective Policies, Practices and Procedures (1932 to 1973)" [RIF # 154-10002-10426] and the "Report of Investigation by Inspector Arvid J. Dahlquist" (on Abraham Bolden) [RIF # 154-10002-10427] are now available at the National Archives.