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ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD VOTES TO RELEASE CIA, FBI, AND HSCA RECORDS

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.

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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.

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