

Assassination Records Review Board

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JFK ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING IN BOSTON; FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH

Washington, DC—The Assassination Records Review Board, an independent federal panel appointed by President Clinton to oversee the identification and release of all records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, will hold a public meeting in Boston, Massachusetts on Friday, March 24, 1995.

The public meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Massachusetts State House, Room A-1. The Board will hear expert testimony on the identification and location of assassination records, discuss finalizing their proposed definition guidance on "assassination records," and receive an update by a representative from the National Archives on the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection.

Event: Assassination Records Review Board Public Meeting

Date: Friday, March 24, 1995

Time: 10:00 a.m.

**Location: Massachusetts State House
 Room A-1, 1st Floor
 Beacon Street
 Boston, Massachusetts**

The Review Board will be available to the media for interviews in Room A-1 prior to the public meeting at 9:30 a.m.

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The following expert witnesses are scheduled to testify at the Board's public meeting:

Philip H. Melanson

History Professor at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth and the author of Spy Saga: Lee Harvey Oswald and U.S. intelligence, published in 1990.

Priscilla Johnson McMillan

History Professor at the Harvard Russian Research Center. She is the author of Marina and Lee, published in 1977. McMillan interviewed Oswald in the Soviet Union in 1959.

Carl Oglesby

Author of several books on the assassination and one of the founders of the Washington-based Assassination Information Bureau.

Dick Russell

Author of the 1992 book The Man Who Knew Too Much. The book focuses on an alleged intelligence agent named Richard Case Nagell and his alleged knowledge of the assassination of President Kennedy.

Richard Trask

Author of Pictures of the Pain: Photography and the Assassination of President Kennedy, published in 1994.

In addition to conducting a public meeting in Boston, the Review Board will visit **The John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library** on Thursday, March 23rd, to meet privately with Library representatives. Discussions will focus on what records at the Library should be included in the collection of assassination records. The Review Board will arrive at the Library at 10:00 a.m. The Library staff has indicated that media coverage of the Board's visit will not be allowed.

The Assassination Records Review Board was established by The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, which was signed into law by President George Bush. The five members of the Board were appointed by President Clinton, confirmed by the United States Senate, and sworn in on April 11, 1994.

The law gives the Review Board the mandate and the authority to identify, secure, and make available all records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. It is the responsibility of the Board to determine which records are to be made public immediately and which ones will have postponed release dates.

The Review Board consists of the following members:

1. **John R. Tunheim, Chair;** Minnesota Chief Deputy Attorney General.
2. **Dr. Henry F. Graff;** Professor Emeritus of History at Columbia University.
3. **Dr. Kermit L. Hall;** Dean, College of Humanities, and Professor of History at The Ohio State University.
4. **Dr. William L. Joyce;** Associate University Librarian for Rare Books and Special Collections at Princeton University.
5. **Dr. Anna K. Nelson;** Adjunct Professor of History at American University.

The Review Board has until October 1, 1996 to fulfill its mandate, plus an additional year at the Board's discretion to complete its responsibilities.