

ASSASSINATION RECORDS RELEASE ADVISORY

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ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD VOTES TO RELEASE ADDITIONAL CIA, FBI AND HSCA DOCUMENTS; MORE THAN 800 RECORDS OPENED IN FULL THROUGH 'AGENCY CONSENT RELEASE' PROCESS

The Assassination Records Review Board voted on March 19, 1996 to release 266 additional 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 135 CIA documents, 24 in full and 111 in part. These documents relate primarily to the CIA's international efforts (investigation of/contact with) to find out anything it could about Oswald, or persons and events allegedly having something to do with Oswald, during the days and weeks following the assassination. The Board agreed with the CIA that some information relating to intelligence sources and methods and true names should not be released at this time.

The Board also voted to release 130 FBI documents, 27 in full and 103 in part. These documents relate in part to the Bureau's investigation of the Odio incident. Other documents detail the FBI's post-assassination investigation of Jack Ruby. The Board agreed with the FBI that informant names and symbol numbers should not be publicly released at this time.

In addition, the Board voted to release 6 additional HSCA documents, 5 in full and 1 in part.

In other Board activities, 888 documents will now be open in full as a result of the 'agency consent release' process. After consultation with the appropriate agencies, 406 CIA, 410 FBI, and 72 HSCA records will now be available in full.

[and 55 organized crime-related documents obtained from the Metro-Dade Police Department in Miami, Florida will become available due to an agency consent release.]

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.

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