

## ASSASSINATION RECORDS ADVISORY

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

#### August 5-6, 1996 Board Meeting Totals

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.

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### 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 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.

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