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

September 17, 1997 Review Board Meeting

The Assassination Records Review Board voted on September 17, 1997 to release 3,044 CIA, FBI, and HSCA documents, including duplicates, related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Review Board voted to release 406 CIA records in part. These documents pertain mostly to cable traffic to and from Mexico City regarding operational considerations and personnel matters, in addition to documents that relate to anti-Castro activities and Jim Garrison's allegations of CIA involvement in the assassination. An additional 1,216 CIA documents will also be open in full by consent release.

The Board also voted to release 308 FBI documents in part from the HSCA subject files. This marks the first significant release of records from these files. Subjects include J.U.R.E., Francis Martello, Carlos Marcello, and Bernardo G. DeTorres Alvarez. In addition, 956 FBI records will be open in full by consent release.

In addition, the Board voted to release 118 HSCA records in part. These records are HSCA documents with CIA equities, and are part of the CIA's "Sequestered Collection." They consist in large part of an inventory of CIA and Warren Commission files reviewed by the HSCA, as well as documents relating to Oswald in Mexico City and Russia, and CIA assassination plots against Castro. Forty additional HSCA records will be open in full by consent release.

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 1, 1997. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's decisions.

August 5, 1997 Review Board Meeting

The Review Board met on August 5, 1997 and voted to release 147 CIA, HSCA, FBI, and Ford Library documents.

The Board voted to release 97 CIA and 36 HSCA documents, with CIA equities, in part. These documents include records from the "Sequestered Collection". They consist of information from the files of anti-Castro Cubans, internal correspondence regarding the HSCA, the Church Committee, and Jim Garrison investigations, and HSCA staff member notes regarding Lee Harvey Oswald and Clay Shaw.

The Board also voted to release five FBI documents in part. These records include informant reports regarding the activities, primarily speaking engagements, of Mark Lane in early 1964.

In addition, the Review Board voted to release nine documents in part from the Ford Library. These documents include material regarding the Rockefeller Commission, records from the Dallas Police Department regarding Cuban operations from 1959-1961, anti-Castro activities, organized crime, and the Warren Commission.

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 are correspondence with the Church Committee, the Brady Hugh Fonden file, and the Armando Diaz-Matos file.

Notification of the Review Board's action on the above documents was sent to the President of the United States and the agencies on August 20, 1997.

July 9, 1997 Review Board Meeting

The Review Board met on July 9, 1997 and voted to release 1,336 CIA and HSCA documents. In addition to this total, 16 FBI documents will be open in full by consent release.

The Board voted to release 42 CIA documents in part, and 33 HSCA documents with CIA equities in part. These documents pertain in large part to cable traffic to and from Mexico City regarding operational considerations and personnel matters. Other documents relate to anti-Castro activities, and the activities of E. Howard Hunt around the time of the assassination.

The Review Board also voted to release 33 HSCA records in part. These HSCA records contain USSS equities and testimony to the Committee by former USSS Chief James Rowley, Inspector Thomas Kelley, and former President Johnson aide Bill Moyers. An additional 298 HSCA records

will also be open in full by consent release.

The Board re-reviewed 963 CIA and HSCA documents and made new formal determinations. The Board revisited documents containing issues related to informant names. The Board's actions on these names will now be applied to the entire JFK Collection. As a result of the reconsideration of these documents, the Review Board made the following determinations: 102 CIA documents open in full and 719 CIA documents postponed in part, and 27 HSCA documents open in full and 115 HSCA documents postponed in part.

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 are the Gilberto Lopez file, and various documents from Robert Bouck's files.

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 30, 1997.