

ASSASSINATION RECORDS ADVISORY

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ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD VOTES TO RELEASE CIA, FBI, HSCA, ARMY, AND JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF RECORDS

October 14, 1997 Board Meeting Totals

The Assassination Records Review Board met on October 14, 1997 and voted to release 2,649 CIA, FBI, Army, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and HSCA documents related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In addition to this total, 41 other HSCA documents will be available by consent release.

CIA Records

The Review Board voted to release 213 CIA documents in part. A portion of these records are from the CIA's "Sequestered Collection," which contains HSCA documents with CIA equities. The CIA documents relate primarily to cable traffic to and from Mexico City regarding operational details and personnel matters. The HSCA documents from the Sequestered Collection pertain in part to Lee Harvey Oswald during the post-Russian period, and security issues related to Cuba. An additional 624 CIA documents will be open in full by consent release.

FBI Records

The Board also voted to release 445 FBI documents in part. These documents are from the HSCA subject files, which contain issues that the HSCA investigated as potentially relevant to the assassination. These particular documents relate to subjects including John Roselli, Dino Vincent Cellini, Edward Moss, M.I.R.R., and the American G.I. Forum. In addition, 1,151 FBI documents will be open in full by consent release.

Army and Joint Chiefs of Staff Consent Releases

For the first time, as a result of Review Board initiatives, Army documents and records from the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) will be available by consent release. Twenty-one Army documents from the papers of Joseph Califano will be open in full, in addition to 116 JCS documents covering the

1961-1964 period.

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Reconsidered Documents

The Review Board reconsidered a total of 79 documents that relate to CIA employee and source names at this meeting. These documents are CIA records and HSCA records with CIA equities. The Board made new formal determinations and voted to release one CIA document in full, and 45 in part. In addition, the Board voted to release 33 HSCA documents, three in full and 30 in part.

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 agencies on October 28, 1997. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's decisions.

Correction: In the advisory dated October 10, 1997, the HSCA document total for the July 9, 1997 Board meeting (page 2) reads, "The Review Board also voted to release 33 HSCA records in part." The total should be 27 documents open in full.

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