

NSA DOCUMENTS -- TALKING POINTS

The documents were identified as assassination records under the JFK Act by the NSA.

The Board review was conducted within the parameters set by the Act.

Consistent with the Act, the Board has released as much information as possible.

Whenever possible, if information is being withheld, the Board used substitute language, as provided for under the JFK Act, to make as much information public as possible.

Most of the documents are from the days following the assassination. Some are within months of the assassination. Several are from the mid to late 70's when the NSA was responding to various congressional committee requests for records related to the assassination.

Because of the sensitive nature of the NSA's mission and because part of many of these documents remains classified, it is difficult for us to discuss the documents in detail.

The documents basically speak for themselves.

Although we are not able to discuss these documents in detail, we can say that they enhance the historical record.

The NSA has been cooperative with the Review Board in working to meet their obligations under the JFK Act.

It is an unusual exercise for them to have to release documents.

This is the first document release for the NSA under the JFK Act.

Our job is to ensure that the JFK Collection at the National Archives is as complete as possible. With each addition of records to the Collection, it is more complete and more information is available to the American public.

Through these records from the NSA files, we now have a new window on what was going in the world in the aftermath of the assassination, which really was a tragic event that occurred at the height of the Cold War.