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ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD RELEASES TRANSCRIPTS OF MEDICAL DEPOSITIONS

The Assassination Records Review Board announced today that it is making available for inspection 42 transcripts that contain the testimony of witnesses that testified during the trial of Clay Shaw. This trial was the result of the investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy by former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison.

"XXXX," said Judge John R. Tunheim, Chair of the Review Board. "XXX."

Transcripts from the Orleans Parish Grand Jury Special Investigation include the testimony of witnesses such as Marina Oswald Porter, Perry Raymond Russo, Harold Weisberg, Mark Lane, and Ruth Paine. The grand jury records will be available for inspection beginning on Monday June 8 through Friday June 12, 1998, from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m., in the public reading room at the Assassination Records Review Board, 600 E Street, NW, Second Floor. The records will then be transferred to the JFK Collection at the National Archives and Records Administration.

The Assassination Records Review Board was established by the JFK Act, which was signed into law by President George Bush. The five members of the Board were appointed by President Clinton, confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and sworn in on April 11, 1994. The law gives the Review Board the mandate and the authority to identify, secure, and make available all records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. It is the responsibility of the Board to determine which records are to be made public immediately and which ones will have postponed release dates.

The Review Board consists of the following members:

Honorable John R. Tunheim, Chair; U.S. District Court Judge, District of Minnesota.

Dr. Henry F. Graff; Professor Emeritus of History at Columbia University.

Dr. Kermit L. Hall; Dean, College of Humanities, and Professor of History at The Ohio State University.

Dr. William L. Joyce; Associate University Librarian for Rare Books and Special Collections at Princeton University.

Dr. Anna K. Nelson; Distinguished Adjunct Historian in Residence at The American University.