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### THE ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD COMPLETES RELEASE OF RECORDS IN NEW ORLEANS

The Assassination Records Review Board announced today that it has completed the identification, review and release of records in New Orleans that relate to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

On May 18, 1998, the United States Supreme Court agreed to let stand an order requiring the New Orleans District Attorney to deliver to the Review Board original records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Court rejected the petition by New Orleans District Attorney Harry Connick, Sr., to prevent the transfer of records. This ruling upholds the Fifth Circuit Court's decision to transfer original files of the investigation of Clay Shaw by the former District Attorney Jim Garrison. These records have been transferred to the JFK Collection at the National Archives and Records Administration.

In a related matter, the Review Board received an unsolicited package in July 1995 that contained original grand jury records from the Garrison investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy. These records contain the grand jury testimony of individuals such as Marina Oswald Porter, blah, blah, blah. These records are now available in the Review Board's public reading room.

*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.