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JFK ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD RELEASES MORE CIA  
RECORDS ON OSWALD TRIP TO MEXICO CITY IN 1963

The Assassination Records Review Board announced today that it has *released 39 additional CIA documents, in full or in part, which relate to Lee Harvey Oswald's 1963 trip to Mexico City before the assassination of President Kennedy.*

*The Review Board released 18 CIA documents in full and 21 CIA documents in part. These documents have been publicly available, but previously contained many redactions. The Board has now released the vast majority of the information contained in these documents, but sustained the CIA's position that some information relating to sensitive intelligence sources and methods should not be publicly released at this time. The Board decided that some redacted parts of the documents still need to be protected, but also noted they contain no information about the assassination of President Kennedy or about Lee Harvey Oswald. In other instances, the Board proposed substitute language which gives some substantive information in place of the redactions, while not revealing the sensitive intelligence information.*

*“Lee Harvey Oswald’s trip to Mexico City is one of most important and intriguing chapters in the Kennedy assassination story,” said John R. Tunheim, Chair of the Review Board. “The Review Board has focused much of its attention to date on documents which relate to this topic. We are seeking to push the limit on new information that we can make available to the American public, while not endangering intelligence sources and methods which still require protection.”*

The Review Board formally voted to release 37 of the documents on August 19, 1995. The other 2 CIA documents released today were formally voted on by the Board on July 17, 1995.

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

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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:

**John R. Tunheim**, Chair; Minnesota Chief Deputy Attorney General.

**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**; Adjunct Professor of History at American University.

The Review Board has until October 1, 1996 to fulfill its mandate, plus an additional year at the Board's discretion to complete its responsibilities.