

ASSASSINATION RECORDS RELEASE ADVISORY

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ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD VOTES TO RELEASE ADDITIONAL CIA, FBI, HSCA AND WARREN COMMISSION RECORDS

The Assassination Records Review Board voted on January 30 and 31, 1996 to release 207 additional CIA, FBI, House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), and Warren Commission documents relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Review Board voted to release 72 CIA documents, 17 in full and 55 in part. These documents relate in part to the Agency's post-assassination investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald, including Oswald's trip to Mexico City in the fall of 1963, only weeks before the assassination of President Kennedy.

The Board also voted to release 108 FBI documents (including duplicates), 42 in full and 66 in part. These documents relate in part to the FBI's post-assassination investigation of Jack Ruby. Other documents relate to a request made by the White House to the FBI for information about critics of the Warren Commission. These documents were previously available but contained redactions.

In addition, the Board voted to release 23 HSCA documents in full, with the exception of HSCA staff social security numbers. These documents include interviews with Secret Service Special Agents in Chicago and Miami regarding the assassination. Other HSCA documents relate to David Ferrie and his attempt to get reinstated as a pilot with Eastern Airlines after his dismissal by the airline following the filing of 'corruption of minors' charges against him. These documents have been previously available with certain names redacted for privacy reasons.

The Review Board also voted to release 4 Warren Commission documents. These Warren Commission documents are the last documents generated by the Commission itself that remain to be released in full to the public.

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Notification of the Review Board's action on these documents was sent to the President of the United States and the agencies on February 14, 1996. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's determinations.

In other Board-related activities, both the Department of State and the Department of Defense have, at the Board's request, agreed to release documents from the HSCA Security Classified files series. The Department of Defense released 3 documents and the Department of State released 30 documents, some of which pertain in part to the HSCA's 1978 trip to Cuba to interview Castro. Many of these documents have been previously available in redacted form.

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