

ASSASSINATION RECORDS ADVISORY

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

May 13-14, 1996 Board Meeting Totals

The Assassination Records Review Board voted on May 13 and 14, 1996 to release an additional 528 FBI, CIA, and House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) documents related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

CIA Records

The Review Board voted to release 132 CIA records, one in full and 131 in part. These documents are from Lee Harvey Oswald's "201" file. The Board determined that some information relating to intelligence sources and methods should not be publicly released at this time.

CIA "Scelso" Documents

These documents postpone the name of a former CIA employee who was involved in the assassination investigation. This person used the pseudonym "Scelso" when testifying before the HSCA. The Review Board voted to release the individual's name in 188 "Scelso" documents on either May 1, 2001, or three months after the death of the individual whose name is postponed, whichever occurs first.

FBI Records

The Board also voted to release 197 additional FBI records, 40 in full and 157 in part. These documents relate to the Bureau's post-assassination investigation of Oswald.

HSCA Documents

The Board voted to release 11 HSCA documents, one in full and 10 in part. These documents relate to a variety of different topics. The postponed information consists of social security numbers.

Notification to the President and the Agencies

Notification of the Review Board's action on the above documents was sent to the President of the United States and the agencies on May 29, 1996. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's decisions.

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Secret Service Records

As part of the mandate of the Review Board to identify assassination records, the Board designated additional Secret Service records as "assassination records." These records include protective survey reports for planned presidential trips to Houston, Ft. Worth, and Austin, Texas on November 21-22, 1963, and shift reports of unusual incidents from March 1963 to January 1964. In addition, the Richard Case Nagell file has been designated as an "assassination record." The Board will now review these documents for inclusion in the JFK Assassination Records Collection.

Other Board-Related Activities

After consultation with the appropriate federal agencies and in compliance with the JFK Act, 463 additional FBI, CIA, HSCA, and Warren Commission records will be released in full. The FBI will release 289 documents, and the CIA will release 146 documents. In addition, 26 HSCA documents and 2 Warren Commission documents will be available by consent release.

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