

ASSASSINATION RECORDS ADVISORY

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DOCUMENTS FROM MAY 13-14 MEETING SENT TO NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Introduction

The Assassination Records Review Board today made available an additional 296 FBI, CIA, and House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) documents related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Review Board voted to release these documents on May 13 and 14, 1996.

CIA Records

The Review Board released 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

As previously mentioned in the Review Board's June 13, 1996 advisory, the Board has postponed 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 released 153 additional FBI records, 29 in full and 124 in part. These documents relate to the Bureau's post-assassination investigation of Oswald. The FBI has appealed to the President the Board's decisions to release information contained in 33 other documents from the May meeting. The information contained in the redacted portions of these documents has to do with intelligence sources and methods. Six documents from the May meeting were reconsidered at subsequent meetings, four are still being processed by the FBI, and one was released by the the FBI on its own, after the Board had voted to release it.

HSCA Documents

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

numbers.

The Board also sent to the National Archives 26 HSCA documents being made available by consent release.

The original documents being released today have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection, which is housed at the National Archives in College Park, Maryland.

Update on Other Assassination Records: FBI Appeals Documents From June Meeting

The FBI has appealed the Board's decisions to release information contained in eight documents that the Review Board voted to open at its June 4, 1996 meeting. The information contained in the redacted portions of the documents has to do with intelligence sources and methods.