

## ASSASSINATION RECORDS ADVISORY

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

#### July 9-10, 1996 Board Meeting Totals

The Assassination Records Review Board voted on July 9 and 10, 1996 to release 416 CIA, FBI, and House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) documents (including duplicates) related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

#### CIA Records

The Review Board voted to release 257 CIA records, 10 in full and 247 in part. This is the first meeting in which the Board reviewed a significant number of documents from the CIA's 'JFK Collection', the group of records containing documents which the Agency considers part of the assassination investigation itself. The issues in these documents cover a wide variety of topics including the investigation of Jack Ruby, the Garrison investigation, and JMWAVE, the CIA station in Miami that concentrated on anti-Castro issues. The Board determined that some information relating to intelligence sources and methods should not be publicly released at this time.

#### FBI Records

The Board also voted to release 150 FBI records, 64 in full and 86 in part. These records include documents that relate to the investigations of Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby. Other documents in this group relate to the international reaction to the assassination of President Kennedy, including that of the Communist Party. The Board determined that some information relating to informant symbol names and numbers should not be publicly released at this time.

#### HSCA/Warren Commission Documents

The Board voted to release 7 HSCA documents, 5 in full and 2 in part. Included in this group of documents is Marina Oswald's Social Security Administration file, which will be open for the first time, with the exception of social security numbers. Two duplicates of previously opened Warren Commission documents that are in the HSCA files were also cleared for release by the Board.

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**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 July 24, 1996. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's decisions.

**Other Board-Related Activities**

After consultation with the appropriate agencies and in compliance with the JFK Act, 402 FBI, CIA, and HSCA documents will be available in full by consent release. The FBI will release 153 documents, and the CIA will release 131 documents. In addition, 118 HSCA documents will be available by consent release.

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