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

November 14, 1996 Board Meeting Totals

The Assassination Records Review Board voted on November 14, 1996 to release 460 CIA, FBI, National Security Agency (NSA) 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 66 CIA documents in part. These documents relate in large part to the work of the HSCA and the CIA's responses to HSCA requests, as well as the Agency's discussions of how to respond to such requests. These include responses to requests for information about names, discussions of HSCA plans to interview individuals, discussions of appearances of CIA officers before the HSCA, in addition to discussions about HSCA access to CIA documents. The redacted portions of these documents include intelligence sources and methods, true names, and file number prefixes.

FBI Records

The Board also voted to release 120 FBI documents (including duplicates), 72 in full and 48 in part. The documents relate in large part to the Bureau's post-assassination investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald, as well as documents pertaining to the FBI's liaison with the HSCA, Communist Party members' reaction to the assassination, and the assassination investigation of Orleans Parish District Attorney Jim Garrison. The redacted portions of these documents consist mostly of informant names and symbol numbers. An additional 58 FBI documents are being made available in full by consent release.

NSA Documents

For the first time, the Review Board made determinations on the release of National Security Agency documents. The Board voted to release 65 NSA documents in part, and 3 documents will be

postponed in full. These documents pertain to the international reaction to the assassination, as well as foreign government protocol following the assassination. An additional 8 NSA documents are available by consent release.

HSCA Documents

The Review Board voted to release 22 HSCA documents, 14 in full and 8 in part. These documents consist in part of the Army personnel records of Private First Class J.D. Tippit, and an outside contact report and an interview with Colonel Robert E. Jones regarding his activities with the Army's 112th Intelligence Group. An additional 116 HSCA documents are available by consent release.

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 relevant agencies on December 2, 1996. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's decisions.

Secret Service Records

The Review Board voted to open 7 Secret Service documents in full. In addition, the Review Board voted not to sustain any postponements requested by the Secret Service in remaining protective survey reports for President Kennedy's trips to Miami and Tampa on November 18, 1963.

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: "United States Secret Service: The Evolution of Its Protective Policies, Practices and Procedures," "Report of Investigation by Inspector Arvid J. Dahlquist" [on Abraham Bolden], as well as computer printouts on Perry Russo, George DeMohrenschildt, Michael and Ruth Paine, Jack Ruby, Marguerite Oswald, and Marina Oswald Porter. In addition, the Board designated internal memorandums from Chief James Rowley dated November 1963 through December 1964 as assassination records.

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