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Copyright 1996 The Associated Press. All rights reserved. The information contained in this news report may not be published, broadcast or otherwise distributed without the prior written authority of the Associated Press. By MELISSA B. ROBINSON Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON (AP) -- The FBI has appealed to President Clinton for a second time to keep documents related to President Kennedy's assassination secret. This time, the focus is on 13 documents earmarked for full disclosure by the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent agency created by Congress to compile a complete public record on the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination. The board said the public interest in the information outweighs the FBI's arguments for postponing its release. Last year, the FBI tried to block the release of 15 documents, but that dispute was ultimately resolved without Clinton's intervention. The 13 documents now in dispute are available at the National Archives, but with sections blocked out. Those sections include information on intelligence sources and methods, the board said. The FBI had no comment on the matter, said spokeswoman Julie Weschler. The board voted in March to fully release the records, except for a few identifying numbers, immediately or on Aug. 1, 1996. To date, the FBI has placed more than 641,000 pages of records into the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection at the archives. Created by Congress, the board's job is to seek out assassination-related materials and decide if and when documents that have remained secret should be released. It can postpone release of records, but only until 2017, when by law all documents must be released.

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