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N E W S K E A S E F O R I M M E D I A T E R E L E A S E S E P T E M B E R 18, 1997 C O N T A C T : E I L E E N S U L L I V A N (2 0 2) / 2 4 - 0 0 8 8 , E X T . 2 5 3 A S S A S S I N A T I O N R E C O R D S R E V I E W B O A R D R E L E A S E S C L A Y S H A W P A P E R S ; A C Q U I T T E D I N 6 9 F O R A L L E G E D J F K M U R D E R P L O T T h e A s s a s s i n a t i o n R e c o r d s R e v i e w B o a r d , t h e i n d e p e n d e n t f e d e r a l a g e n c y o v e r s e e i n g t h e i d e n t i f i c a t i o n a n d r e l e a s e o f r e c o r d s r e l a t e d t o t h e a s s a s s i n a t i o n o f P r e s i d e n t J o h n F . K e n n e d y , a n n o u n c e d t o d a y t h a t i t h a s r e l e a s e d t h e o r i g i n a l p e r s o n a l p a p e r s o f t h e l a t e C l a y S h a w , t h e N e w O r l e a n s b u s i n e s s m a n c h a r g e d w i t h c o n s p i r a c y t o m u r d e r P r e s i d e n t K e n n e d y . S h a w w a s a c q u i t t e d a f t e r a j u r y t r i a l i n 1 9 6 9 . S h a w , w h o d i e d i n 1 9 7 4 , w a s c h a r g e d a s p a r t o f t h e K e n n e d y a s s a s s i n a t i o n i n v e s t i g a t i o n c o n d u c t e d b y t h e l a t e N e w O r l e a n s D i s t r i c t A t t o r n e y J i m G a r r i s o n . T h e p a p e r s w e r e k e p t b y o n e o f S h a w s f r i e n d s u n t i l e a r l i e r t h i s y e a r w h e n h e d o n a t e d t h e m a t e r i a l s t o t h e R e v i e w B o a r d . T h e c o l l e c t i o n i n c l u d e s S h a w s d i a r y t h a t c h o n i c l e d h i s l i f e a f t e r b e i n g a r r e s t e d f o r c o n s p i r i n g t o k i l l t h e P r e s i d e n t , r e c o r d s f r o m h i s c r i m i n a l c a s e , c o r r e s p o n d e n c e , b u s i n e s s r e c o r d s , h i s p a s s p o r t s , p e r s o n a l r e c o r d s a n d p h o t o g r a p h s . T h e N e w O r l e a n s c h a p t e r o f t h e K e n n e d y a s s a s s i n a t i o n s t o r y a n d t h e w h o l e G a r r i s o n i n v e s t i g a t i o n i s s t i l l d e b a t e d a n d s u r r o u n d e d b y c o n t r o v e r s y , s a i d D r . K e r m i t H a l l , a m e m b e r o f t h e R e v i e w B o a r d . T h e a c q u i s i t i o n o f t h e C l a y S h a w p a p e r s m e a n s t h a t h i s t o r i a n s a n d t h e p u b l i c w i l l n o w h a v e t h e b e n e f i t o f t h e p e r s o n a l p e r s p e c t i v e o f t h e o n l y m a n e v e r t r i e d i n c o n n e c t i o n w i t h t h e a s s a s s i n a t i o n o f P r e s i d e n t K e n n e d y . T h e S h a w p a p e r s h a v e b e e n t r a n s f e r r e d t o t h e N a t i o n a l A r c h i v e s a n d R e c o r d s A d m i n i s t r a t i o n f o r i n c l u s i o n i n t h e J F K C o l l e c t i o n , w h i c h i s h o u s e d a t t h e N a t i o n a l A r c h i v e s f a c i l i t y i n C o l l e g e P a r k , M a r y l a n d . C o p i e s o f e x c e r p t s f r o m S h a w s d i a r y a r e a v a i l a b l e f r o m t h e A s s a s s i n a t i o n R e c o r d s R e v i e w B o a r d , 6 0 0 E S t r e e t , N W , S e c o n d F l o o r , W a s h i n g t o n , D C 2 0 5 3 0 ; t e l e p h o n e n u m b e r : (2 0 2) 7 2 4 - 0 0 8 8 . T h e A s s a s s i n a t i o n R e c o r d s R e v i e w B o a r d w a s e s t a b l i s h e d b y t h e J F K A c t , w h i c h w a s s i g n e d i n t o l a w b y P r e s i d e n t G e o r g e B u s h . T h e f i v e m e m b e r s o f t h e B o a r d w e r e a p p o i n t e d b y P r e s i d e n t C l i n t o n , c o n f i r m e d b y t h e U . S . S e n a t e , a n d s w o r n i n o n A p r i l 1 1 , 1 9 9 4 . T h e l a w g i v e s t h e R e v i e w B o a r d t h e m a n d a t e a n d t h e a u t h o r i t y t o i d e n t i f y , s e c u r e , a n d m a k e a v a i l a b l e a l l r e c o r d s r e l a t e d t o t h e a s s a s s i n a t i o n o f P r e s i d e n t K e n n e d y . I t i s t h e r e s p o n s i b i l i t y o f t h e B o a r d t o d e t e r m i n e w h i c h r e c o r d s a r e t o b e m a d e p u b l i c i m m e d i a t e l y a n d w h i c h o n e s w i l l h a v e p o s t p o n e d r e l e a s e d a t e s . T h e R e v i e w B o a r d c o n s i s t s o f t h e f o l l o w i n g m e m b e r s : H o n o r a b l e J o h n R . T u n h e i m , C h a i r ; U . S . D i s t r i c t C o u r t J u d g e , D i s t r i c t o f M i n n e s o t a . D r . H e n r y F . G r a f f ; P r o f e s s o r E m e r i t u s o f H i s t o r y a t C o l u m b i a U n i v e r s i t y . D r . K e r m i t L . H a l l ; D e a n , C o l l e g e o f H u m a n i t i e s , a n d P r o f e s s o r o f H i s t o r y a t T h e O h i o S t a t e U n i v e r s i t y . D r . W i l l i a m L . J o y c e ; A s s o c i a t e U n i v e r s i t y L i b r a r i a n f o r R a r e B o o k s a n d S p e c i a l C o l l e c t i o n s a t P r i n c e t o n U n i v e r s i t y . D r . A n n a K . N e l s o n ; D i s t i n g u i s h e d A d j u n c t H i s t o r i a n i n R e s i d e n c e a t T h e A m e r i c a n U n i v e r s i t y . - 3 0 -

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