

Quotes for the Final Report:

Experts' Conference, April 14, 1998

Aftergood: "Every success of the Review Board demonstrates the failure of the system as a whole."

Halpern: "A structure like the Board may be useful for records less than 25 years old."

Garrow: "The real question about the impact of the Board: How much impact has the Board had on the way the agencies behave?"

Leary: "It is exceedingly optimistic to presume that the agencies will apply actions of this Board. It is not likely to have modified behavior."

Roan: "No crossover between JFK Act review and FOIA."

Martain: "The (JFK) Act has some answers to the question what is a secret."

Garfinkle: "Need to separate sources from methods. Could be the most lasting effect of this Board."

Martain: "Write specifically about the objections made by national security agencies and the problem of having an independent Board with the authority to declassify. Some here consider this a constitutional problem. Separation of powers is not effected. In fact it advanced the balance of power."

Board meeting quote:

Henry Graff, reacting to one of the many protracted debates on records: "This is not Magna Charta."