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JFK ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD RELEASES NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY DOCUMENTS

The Assassination Records Review Board, an independent federal agency overseeing the identification, review, and release of records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, announced today that it is releasing documents from the National Security Agency (NSA).

The Board reviewed 84 NSA documents and is releasing 75 that are postponed in part, 6 that are opened in full, and is postponing 3 documents in full.

The original records have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in the JFK Collection, which is housed at the National Archives facility in College Park, Maryland.

The Assassination Records Review Board was established by the JFK Act, which was signed into law by President George Bush. The five members of the Board were appointed by President Clinton, confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and sworn in on April 11, 1994. The law gives the Review Board the mandate and the authority to identify, secure, and make available all records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. It is the responsibility of the Board to determine which records are to be made public immediately and which ones will have postponed release dates.