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The Lyndon Baines Johnson Library. In the Spring of 1997, The Review Board staff conducted a comprehensive review of LBJ Library National Security Files (NSF), closed oral histories thought to be of possible interest to the assassination, and various manuscripts, archives and office files of key officials. The staff identified more than 300 additional assassination records in the following NSF categories: Head of State Correspondence File; Vice Presidential Security File; President's Speech File; Country Files on Vietnam and Southeast Asia; Vietnam Meeting Notes File; Latin America Country Files on Cuba and Mexico; Country Files on Europe and USSR; Intelligence File; National Intelligence Estimates; National Security Action Memoranda; NSC Notes; Agency File - State; FBI Current Intelligence Analysis, McCone Memoranda and Meetings with the President; National Intelligence Estimates on Cuba; Intelligence Briefings on Vietnam and Cuba; White House President's Appointment Files; White House Famous Names; and Cabinet Papers. The staff identified additional assassination records in the Library's closed collection of office files and/or papers of McGeorge Bundy, Gordan Chase, C.V. Clifton, James Cross Alain Enthoven, Roger Hilsman, Pierre Salinger, Bromley Smith, and William C. Westmoreland. [Need to check on Salinger].

The Review Board handled all referrals required to declassify these records. As they were reviewed under the standards of the JFK Act, nearly all of these records were opened in full. In addition, the Review Board staff reviewed the FBI names index, referred to as the Mildred Stegall collection, for possible assassination records. These represent the files which FBI Director Hoover made available to President Johnson. Mildred Stegall kept a card catalogue of the names index to which the Review Board had access to conduct its search. The release of these files is being coordinated with the FBI.