

Requests

Section 3(2) of the JFK Act defined the term “assassination record” to include all records that were “created or made available for use by, obtained by, or otherwise came into the possession of” any official entity that investigated the assassination. This chapter does *not* discuss those records that the JFK Act *required* federal agencies to include in the JFK Collection.

Section 7(j)(1)(C)(ii) of the JFK Act empowered the Board to direct government offices to make available “additional information and records” that the Review Board believed it need to fulfill its responsibilities under the Act. This chapter covers *only* those records that the Review Board sought pursuant to its authority to request additional information and records.

For example, because the Warren Commission and the HSCA both conducted extensive investigations of Jack Ruby, government offices processed voluminous Ruby records. The Review Board did not, however, make any additional requests for information and records concerning Ruby. Similarly, the JFK Collection contains a considerable number of records concerning Lee Harvey Oswald’s activities in New Orleans, but the Review Board made only a few requests for additional information and records regarding Oswald in New Orleans.