

Whelan Issues

Under the JFK Act, an “assassination record” is a record “related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, that was created or made available for use by, obtained by, or otherwise came into the possession of [, *inter alia*,] the National Archives and Records Administration [or] any Presidential library” Sec. 3(2), 3(2)(G-H).

Whelan: Not listed in JFKL assassination i.d. aids.

“deeds governing access to or transfer or release of gifts and donations of records to the United States Government. Sec. 11(a). See also Senate Report 21-22.]

The Statute instructs Presidential libraries to give priority to processing assassination records. Sec. 5(c)(3). According to the Senate Report, the JFK Act “specifically requires the directors of presidential libraries to expedite the review of all assassination records and make them available to the Review Board as required by this Act. It is incumbent on the presidential libraries to determine which of its records may qualify as ‘assassination records’, regardless of whether the records were conveyed to the government by a deed or gift or donation”¹

- (4) “obtain access to assassination records that have been identified and organized by a Government office” Sec. 7(j)(1)(C)(i).
- (5) “direct a Government office to . . . make available additional information, records, or testimony from individuals” and, “if necessary[,] investigate the facts surrounding additional information, records, or testimony from individuals” provided that the “Review Board has reason to believe” that obtaining such additional information “is required to fulfill its functions and responsibilities under this Act.” Sec. 7(j)(1)(C)(ii).

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¹Senate Report 26.