

**Organizational Explanation:
CIA Source Documents**

The documents in this box reflect the Review Board's December 17, 1996 decision to protect names and identifying information of CIA sources in cases where the identity of the source is of low public interest or is peripheral to the JFK assassination.

The Board's stated rationale, with which the staff is in full agreement, was that CIA sources, unlike FBI sources, live outside the United States and thus are placed in potentially grave risk if their identities become known. Secondly, many of the sources mentioned in cable traffic or reporting appear infrequently and are of low public interest. The Board's instructions to the staff were to protect sources for ten years except where the source is committing treason. In cases where the source is committing treason, the source's name and identifying information are to be protected until 2017.

In cases where the identity of the source is of possible public interest or is important to understanding information related to the assassination, the Review Board staff has asked the CIA to provide additional evidence to support protecting the source's identity. These cases have been deferred until May 1997 at which time the CIA has been asked to provide the additional information requested.

With the exception of the source issues, the Board has already acted on the documents contained in this folder.

All of the documents in this box are listed on the attached sheet. Please indicate those documents you wish to be discussed at the meeting or initial to indicate your acceptance of the staff recommendations.

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommends that the source issues in the documents in this folder be postponed until 2017.

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommends that the liason source issues in the documents in this folder be postponed until 2017.

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommends that the source issues in the documents in this folder be released.

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommends that the source issues in the documents in this folder be returned to CIA for additional information.

