

Working with CIA

The Review Board's work with the CIA has been through the auspices of the Agency's Historical Review Program (previously the Historical Review Group) under JFK Program Chief J. Barry Harrelson. HRP reviewed documents, referred documents within CIA, answered questions, negotiated issues with the Review Board staff, and, after the Board's vote, processed the documents for release to the National Archives. The HRG reviewers were all CIA annuitants with twenty years or more experience working as independent contractors. Beginning with a staff of 14 in 1992, by the summer of 1998, the staff had grown steadily to encompass most of HRP's resources with 29 reviewers and 9 administrative and support personnel. HRP also drew on CIA-Wide resources for searches, reviews answers to questions, and additional materials. From 1993 until December 1997, HRG functioned as part of the Center for Studies in Intelligence and, its chief, John F. Pereira, was the Director of Central Intelligence's personal representative to the Review Board. In January 1998, an internal CIA re-organization renamed HRG the Historical Review Program and moved it to join other Agency declassification, release, and publication efforts in the Office of Information Management under its director Edmund Cohen.

