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Since most of State Department's records dealing with the JFK assassination, such as its Warren Commission-related records, were retired to NARA before the JFK Act, this left relatively few records--approximately 5000--to be reviewed under the Act's terms. Of these, almost 95% have been opened in full. Approximately 2% are still on referral with other agencies, while only a little over 3% contain postponed material to be reviewed by ARRB. DOS is keeping current on those documents still on referral and has recently released in full a small collection of records which ARRB staff located in DOS files. Following discussions with ARRB staff, DOS is also re-reviewing a small collection of records from the Passport Office. The Department's recent initiation of contact with the governments of Russia and Belarus in the attempt to locate additional documents related to the JFK assassination is an especially important forward step in helping ARRB attain its statutorily-mandated mission. ARRB appreciates all these evidences of DOS's cooperation in the ongoing process of collection and review.