

Agenda
Discussion on the Opening of Federal Government Records

Convened by the Assassination Records Review Board

National Archives Building
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20408

April 14, 1998

9:30

Coffee

National Archives Room 105

10:00

Opening

National Archives Room 105

Welcome

Hon. John R. Tunheim, Chairman, Assassination Records Review Board

The Work of the Assassination Records Review Board

Dr. William L. Joyce, Member, Assassination Records Review Board

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Access to Government Information and Records: What are the Institutional Impediments?

- Agency resources
- Records management
- Institutional commitment to the process
- "Sources and methods" catchall
- Independent oversight of the process
- Third Agency Rule and the referral process
- Criteria for release of "exempt" information
 - balancing tests
 - burden of proof
 - informed decision makers

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Access to Government Records: How Well Have the "Solutions" Worked and What Lessons Have Been Learned?

- FOIA
- Mandatory review
- Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO)
- Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP)
- E.O. 12958
- Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS)
- Judicial review
- Advisory committees
- Assassination Records Review Board

- 12:15** **Lunch for Experts and Review Board Members**
National Archives Room 410
- 1:15** **Access to Government Records: How Well Have the “Solutions”
Worked and What Lessons Have Been Learned?** (continued)
National Archives Room 105
- 2:15** **Break**
- 2:30** **Improving Access to Government Records: What Should the
Assassination Records Review Board Recommend?**
- Legislation?
 - Better guidelines for initial classification?
 - New guidelines for “exempt” information?
 - Stronger independent oversight of declassification?
 - Nothing?
- 4:00** **Conclusion**
Hon. John R. Tunheim