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ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD VOTES TO RELEASE CIA, FBI, AND HSCA RECORDS

September 27, 1996 Board Meeting Totals

The Assassination Records Review Board voted on September 27, 1996 to release 1404 CIA, FBI, House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), and Secret Service documents, including duplicates, related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

CIA Records

The Review Board voted to release 223 CIA records, 2 in full and 221 in part. These documents include communications between the Mexico City station and CIA headquarters during the months immediately before and after the assassination, Mexico City surveillance reports, correspondence between the CIA and HSCA regarding access to information, and documents related to assassination attempts on Fidel Castro, including portions of the 1967 Inspector General's report.

FBI Records

The Board also voted to release 203 FBI records, 115 in full and 88 in part. These FBI assassination investigation documents consist, in part, of records related to Clay Shaw, Michael and Ruth Paine, and Orest Peña. Other documents relate to the Communist Party reaction to the assassination. An additional 177 FBI documents will be available by consent release.

HSCA and NARA Documents

The Board voted to release 47 HSCA documents, 13 in full and 34 in part. Included in this group of documents are such previously withheld records as a Congressional Research Service memo to the HSCA summarizing the Clark Commission re: autopsy, and HSCA records concerning Dealey Plaza/TSBD witness James Jarman. Also included in this group of documents are handwriting analyses of Marina Oswald and George DeMohrenschildt. An additional 747 HSCA documents will be available by consent release.

Notification to the President and the Agencies

Notification of the Review Board's action on the above documents was sent to the President of the United States and the agencies on October 11, 1996. The President has 30 days to agree or disagree with the Review Board's decisions.

Secret Service Records

The Board voted to release one document in part. An additional 5 Secret Service documents will be available by consent release.