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JFK ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING IN LOS ANGELES

The Assassination Records Review Board, an independent federal agency appointed by President Clinton to oversee the review and release of records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, is holding a public hearing today in Los Angeles.

“Our mandate under the law is to provide a complete record of the assassination of President Kennedy and make it available to the American public,” said Judge John R. Tunheim, Board Chair. “This public hearing allows us to hear from experts in the greater Los Angeles area and do business in an open forum.”

The Board will hear a wide range of expert testimony on the identification and location of assassination records and receive an update from a National Archives representative on the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection (JFK Collection).

The following witnesses are scheduled to testify at the Board's public hearing today:

David Belin, former Assistant Counsel to the Warren Commission and author of two books on the assassination, November 22, 1963: You Are The Jury and Final Disclosure: The Full Truth About The Assassination of President Kennedy. Belin also served as the Executive Director of the Rockefeller Commission in 1975, investigating CIA assassinations of foreign leaders.

James DiEugenio, author of Destiny Betrayed: JFK, Cuba and the Garrison

Case, an analysis of New Orleans's District Attorney Jim Garrison's inquiry and the assassination itself.

Eric Hamburg, co-producer of the Oliver Stone movie *Nixon* and a former Congressional staff assistant involved in the passage of the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992.

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Wesley Liebeler, former Assistant Counsel to the Warren Commission and currently a professor of law at UCLA.

David Lifton, author of *Best Evidence: Disguise and Deception In The Assassination of John F. Kennedy*, which focused on the medical evidence in the case. He is currently working on a book about Lee Harvey Oswald.

James Rankin, son of former General Counsel to the Warren Commission, the late J. Lee Rankin. He will testify about his father's personal papers related to his work for the Warren Commission.

Robert Tanenbaum, former Deputy Counsel for the House Select Committee on Assassinations in the late 1970's. He is the author of *Corruption of Blood*, a fictionalized account of his experience with the Committee investigating the Kennedy assassination.

Steven Tilley, of the National Archives, oversees the JFK Collection.

The Review Board was established by The President John F. Kennedy

Assassination Records Collection Act, which was signed into law by President George Bush. The members of the Board were appointed by President Clinton, confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and sworn in on April 11, 1994. The law gives the Board the mandate and the authority to identify, secure, and make available all records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. It is the responsibility of the Board to determine which records are to be made public immediately and which ones will have postponed release dates.

The Review Board consists of the following members:

Honorable John R. Tunheim, Chair; U.S. District Court Judge, District of Minnesota.

Dr. Henry F. Graff; Professor Emeritus of History at Columbia University.

Dr. Kermit L. Hall; Dean, College of Humanities, and Professor of History at The Ohio State University.

Dr. William L. Joyce; Associate University Librarian for Rare Books and Special Collections at Princeton University.

Dr. Anna K. Nelson; Adjunct Professor of History at American University.

The Review Board has until October 1, 1997 to fulfill its mandate.