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JFK ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD RELEASES FBI AND CIA DOCUMENTS FROM POST-ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATIONS

The Assassination Records Review Board announced today that it is releasing additional FBI and CIA records that chronicle the agencies' investigations into the assassination of President Kennedy.

"These records provide more historical insight into the actions of the FBI and CIA following the assassination," said the Honorable John R. Tunheim, Chair of the Review Board. "The American public deserves to have as complete a picture as possible of this tragic event. The release of previously classified information adds clarity to the picture."

The Board is releasing 141 FBI documents and 33 CIA documents, in full or in part, that cover a range of topics relating to the agencies' responses to the assassination. Included in this release of records are FBI documents from 1964 regarding the public appearances of a well-known Warren Commission critic. The CIA documents are from Oswald's "201" file that became a catchall for everything the agency collected or created that related to Oswald and the assassination. The documents were voted on by the Board

at its April 16-17, 1996 meeting and have been previously available with redactions.

The FBI appealed to the President the decisions of the Board to release information contained in eight other documents (including duplicates) from the April meeting. That appeal is currently pending before the President, along with another FBI appeal involving records the Board voted to release at its March meeting.

The original documents being released today have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for inclusion in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection, which is housed at the National Archives facility in College Park, Maryland.

Copies of selected documents are available from the Assassination Records Review Board, 600 E Street, NW, Second Floor, Washington, DC.

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The Assassination Records Review Board was established by The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, which was signed into law by President George Bush. The five 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 Review 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.