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Recognizes agency fears that board will abuse power and result in too great a burden to search for potential records and information.

- review board should consider whether records are reasonably related to the history

surrounding the assassination and be guided by the need to protect sources, methods and confidential matters under section 6.

Need to be cautious about invoking this authority as is likely to be resisted by agencies