ARRB Final Report Chapter 2 -- The Assassination Records Review Board and Staff

June 12, 1998 -- Outline

A. Board Members

1. Nominations and Bios

John R. Tunheim, Chair (nominated by the ABA in 9/93) Experience State of Minnesota, Chief Deputy Attorney General, 1986-Present State of Minnesota, Office of the Attorney General, Solicitor General, 1985-86 State of Minnesota, Office of the Attorney General, Manager, Public Affairs Litigation Division, 1984-85 Law Firm of Oppenheimer, Wolff, Foster, Shepard and Donnelly, Associate Attorney, 1981-84 Senior U.S. District Judge Earl Larson in Minneapolis, Law Clerk, 1980-81 United States Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Staff Assistant, 1975-77

<u>Education</u>

J.D., University of Minnesota Law School, 1980 B.A., Concordia College, 1975

Dr. Henry F. Graff (nominated by White House in 10/93)

<u>Experience</u>

Columbia University, Professor Emeritus of History, 1991– Present Freedom Forum Media Studies Center, Senior Fellow, 1991–92 Columbia University, Department of History, Instructor to Full Professor,

1946-91, Chairman, 1961-64

<u>Education</u> Ph.D., Columbia University, 1949 M.A., Columbia University, 1942 B.S., City College, 1941

Dr. Kermit L. Hall (nominated by the OAH in 9/93)

<u>Experience</u>

The Ohio State University, Dean, College of Humanities, and Professor of History and Law, 1994 - Present

The University of Tulsa, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of History and Law, 1992–94

University of Florida, Associate/Full Professor of History and Law, 1981–92

Wayne State University, Assistant/Associate Professor, Department of History,

1976-81

Vanderbilt University, Assistant Professor, Department of History, 1972–76

<u>Education</u>

Master of Study of Law, Yale University Law School, 1980 Ph.D., The University of Minnesota, 1972 M.A., Syracuse University, 1967 B.A., The University of Akron, 1966

Dr. William L. Joyce (nominated by the SAA in 10/93)

<u>Experience</u>

Princeton University, Associate University Librarian for Rare Books and Special Collections, 1986-Present

The New York Public Library, Assistant Director for Rare Books and Manuscripts, 1981–1985

American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, Curator of Manuscripts,

1972-81, Education Officer, 1988-81

William L. Clements Library, The University of Michigan, Manuscripts Librarian,

1968-72

<u>Education</u>

Ph.D., The University of Michigan, 1974 M.A., St John's University (N.Y.), 1966 B.A., Providence College, 1964

Dr. Anna K. Nelson (nominated by the AHA in 10/93)

<u>Experience</u>

The American University, Adjunct Professor of History, 1992–Present, 1986–88

Arizona State University, Distinguished Visiting Professor, 1992 The American University, Associate Professor in History, 1991

Tulane University, Adjunct Associate Professor in History, 1988–90 George Washington University, Instructor to Adjunct Associate Professor,

1972-85

George Washington University, Director, History and Public Policy

Program,

1980-82

<u>Education</u>

Ph.D., George Washington University, 1972 M.A., University of Oklahoma, 1956 B.A., University of Oklahoma, 1954

B. Review Board Staff

- Selection of Executive Director and Senior Staff

 Appointment of New Executive Director
- 2. Assembling additional staff (45 staff members total)
- 3. Team structure/preparations for Board meetings
- 4. Organizational chart???

C. Setup and Definition of Assassination Records

- 1. Establish definition of an "assassination record"
 - a. Genesis of definition
 - b. Final interpretive regulations

D. Summary of Meetings and Hearings

1. Meetings

- a. June 1995-September 1998 Board held XX closed meetings (Processed a total of XXXXX documents)
- b. Board held XX meetings that were open to the public (Topics included NBR, Zapruder film, final report)
- c. Experts Conferences (May 1995 and April 1998)

2. Hearings (held in order to hear testimony from public regarding the location of "assassination records")

Washington, D.C. Tuesday, October 11, 1994 Witnesses: Page Putnam Miller, James H. Lesar, Mark S. Zaid, Charles J. Sanders John Newman, Daniel Acorn, Peter Dale Scott, John Judge, William Kelly Harrison Livingstone, Max Holland, Martin Barkley, Daryll Weatherly

Dallas, Texas Friday, November 18, 1994 Witnesses:

Jim Marrs, David J. Murrah, Adele E.U. Edisen, Gary Mack, Robert Vernon, Thomas Wilson, Wallace Milam, Beverly Oliver Massegee,

Steve Osborn, Philip Tenbrink, John McLaughlin, Gary L. Aguilar, Hal Verb, Thomas Meros, Lawerence Sutherland, Joseph Backes, Martin Shackelford, Roy Schaeffer, Kenneth Smith

Boston, Massachusetts

Friday, March 24, 1995

Witnesses:

George Michael Evica, Philip H. Melanson, Edgar Tatro, Priscilla Johnson McMillan, Dick Russell, Richard Trask, Steven D. Tilley

New Orleans, Louisiana Wednesday, June 28, 1995 Witnesses: The Honorable Lindy Boggs, The Honorable Harry F. Connick, Sr., Wayne Everard, Michael L. Kurtz, Stephen Tyler, Cynthia Anne Wegmann, Steven D. Tilley

Washington, DC August 6, 1996 Witnesses: John Pereira, J. Barry Harrelson, T. Jeremy Gunn, Steven D. Tilley

Los Angeles, California Tuesday, September 17, 1996 Witnesses: Robert Tanenbaum, Eric Hamburg, Wesley Liebeler, James Rankin, David Belin, James DiEugenio, David Lifton, Steve Tilley

Washington DC
Wednesday, April 2, 1997
Witnesses:
T. Jeremy Gunn, Robert Brauneis, James Lesar, Josiah Thompson, Moses Weitzman, Richard Trask, Art Simon, Debra Conway

E. Summary of Board's Actions on Records [w/ Michelle and Pete]

- 1. total documents released (Board votes/consent)
- 2. additional statistics (breakdown by agency/open in full/ etc.)

F. Outreach

- 1. Mailings
- 2. Conference appearances
- 3. Journals and newsletters
- 4. Open houses
- 5. High school interns
- 6. Reports to Congress

G. Request to Congress for additional year

- 1. Unrealistic time limit
- 2. Delay in the appointment of the Board
- 3. Protracted start-up
- 4. Job remaining
- 5. Passage of H.R. 1553