H. Conclusion

The Review Board's most basic task was to review postponements claimed by agencies in their assassination records, and vote to either sustain or release the information postponed. This task consumed the most Review Board staff hours, and was the primary focus of most of the Review Board's interactions with the agencies. The Review Board voted on approximately 25,000 documents in which the agencies had postponed information. Each of these documents required the attention of a Review Board analyst to shepherd the document through the process of: 1) evaluating the postponed information the Board's guidelines; 2) presenting the document to the Review Board for a vote; 3) recording the Review Board's vote on the postponed information; 4) notifying the agency of the Review Board's decision; 5) publishing the decision in the Federal Register; and 6) preparing the document for transfer to the JFK Collection. This basic task of the Review Board as described in the JFK Act and as applied by the Review Board provided that every bit of withheld information was scrutinized so that the American public can be assured that the JFK Collection is opened to the fullest extent possible, and that there is no sustained postponement that adds significantly to our understanding of the assassination of President Kennedy.