

JFK Assassination Records - 2017 Additional Documents Release

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The National Archives is releasing documents previously withheld in accordance with the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act.

The vast majority of the Collection (88%) has been open in full and released to the public since the late 1990s. The records at issue are documents previously identified as assassination records, but withheld in full or withheld in part.

These releases include FBI, CIA, and other agency documents (both formerly withheld in part and formerly withheld in full) identified by the Assassination Records Review Board as assassination records. The releases to date are as follows:

- July 24, 2017: 3,810 documents (read press release)
- October 26, 2017: 2,891 documents (read press release)
- November 3, 2017: 676 documents (read press release)

November 9, 2017: 13,213 documents (read press release),

Latest Group of JFK Assassination Records Available to the Public

Press Release · Thursday, November 9, 2017

Washington, DC

In the fourth public release this year, the National Archives today posted 13,213 records subject to the <u>President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act</u> of 1992 (JFK Act).

The majority of the documents released today were released previously in redacted form. The versions released today were prepared by agencies prior to October 26, 2017, and were posted to make the latest versions of the documents available as expeditiously as possible. Released records are available for <u>download</u>.

On October 26, 2017, President Donald J. Trump directed agencies to re-review each and every one of their redactions over the next 180 days. As part of that review process, agency heads were directed to be extremely circumspect in recommending any further postponement of information in the records. Agency heads must report to the Archivist of the United States by March 12, 2018, any specific information within particular records that meets the standard for continued postponement under section 5(g)(2)(D) of the JFK Act. The Archivist must then recommend to the President by March 26, 2018, whether this

information warrants continued withholding after April 26, 2018. The records included in this public release have not yet been re-reviewed by the agencies as part of that process and have not been reviewed by the National Archives.

The National Archives released 676 documents on <u>Nov. 3</u>, 2,891 documents on <u>Oct. 26</u>, and 3,810 records on <u>July 24</u>.

The National Archives established the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection in November 1992, and it consists of approximately five million pages of records. The vast majority of the collection has been publicly available without any restrictions since the late 1990s.

Online Resources: <u>The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection</u> <u>Documenting the Death of a President</u> <u>JFK Assassination Records Review Board</u> The work of the <u>Kennedy Assassination Records Collection</u> <u>JFK Assassination Records FAQs</u> <u>Warren Commission Report</u>

Accessing the Release Files

You can download the full spreadsheet with metadata about all the documents. The files are sorted by NARA Release Date, with the most recent files appearing first. The previous withholding status (i.e., formerly withheld in part or formerly withheld in full) is identified in the "Formerly Withheld Status" column.

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