

New Group of JFK Assassination Documents Available to the Public

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In accordance with President Trump's direction on October 26, 2017, the National Archives today posted 19,045 documents subject to the [President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992](#) (JFK Act). Released documents are available for [download](#). The versions released today were processed by agencies in accordance with the President's direction that agency heads be extremely circumspect in recommending any further postponement.

The John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection, established by the National Archives in November 1992, consists of approximately five million pages. The vast majority of the collection has been publicly available without any restrictions since the late 1990s. As permitted by the JFK Act, agencies appealed to the President to continue postponement of certain information beyond October 26, 2017. The President provided agencies with a temporary certification until April 26, 2018 to allow for a re-review of all documents withheld in full or in part under section 5 of the JFK Act and directed agencies to "identify as much as possible that may be publicly disclosed" and to be "extremely circumspect in recommending any further postponement."

Based on reviews conducted by agencies in accordance with the President's direction, the National Archives released 3,539 documents on [Dec. 15](#), 10,744 documents on [Nov. 17](#), 13,213 documents on [Nov. 9](#), and 676 documents on [Nov. 3](#) of last year. The 19,045 documents released today represent the final release of documents in accordance with the President's direction on October 26, 2017.

All documents subject to section 5 of the JFK Act have been released in full or in part. No documents subject to section 5 of the JFK Act remain withheld in full. The President has determined that all information that remains withheld under section 5 must be reviewed again before October 26, 2021 to determine whether continued withholding from disclosure is necessary.

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