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Fifty Years of Secrecy Surrounding the JFK Assassination is Enough

The Assassination Archives and Research Center (AARC), a Washington D.C. based non-profit group, in a letter to the Archivist of the United States has requested that the National Archives and the CIA release some 50,000 pages relating to President John F. Kennedy's assassination that remain withheld in full from the public, as well as an undisclosed number of partially deleted records.

The letter maintains that release of such records well before the 50th anniversary of the assassination on November 22, 2013 is essential to having a full and informed national discussion of this event and its significance. The working group that produced the AARC's letter consisted of three AARC Board Members and two leading attorneys who have a strong interest in the subject.

The letter was also signed by Professor G. Robert Blakey, the former Chief Counsel of the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations that investigated the JFK assassination in the late 1970's.

In short, the AARC has advised the Archivist and the CIA that fifty years of secrecy is enough.

The working group is currently discussing a plan of action to get the National Archives and CIA to expedite disclosure of the withheld records. Stay tuned.

The AARC Letter to the Archivist may be read here: [http://www.aarclibrary.org/notices/
AARC_Letter_to_National_Archives_12-01-20.pdf](http://www.aarclibrary.org/notices/AARC_Letter_to_National_Archives_12-01-20.pdf)

The Assassination Archives and Research Center is a private non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C. founded in 1984 to serve as a document repository and research center on political assassinations, including the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The AARC holds the largest private collection of such records. AARC President Jim Lesar is recognized as a leading Freedom of Information Act attorney in the United States.