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BUSH SIGNS BILL RELEASING DATA ON KENNEDY:S DEATH

PADUCAH, KENTUCKY, OCT 27, REUTER - PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH ON TUESDAY SIGNED A BILL THAT RELEASES MOST OF THE RECORDS COMPLIED BY FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS WHO PROBED THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY.

IN THE MINDS OF MANY AMERICANS, QUESTIONS ABOUT PRESIDENT KENNEDY:S ASSASSINATION REMAIN UNRESOLVED,:: BUSH SAID IN A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

NOTING THAT THOUSANDS OF DOCUMENTS HAD ALREADY BEEN RELEASED, BUSH SAID, THE EXISTENCE OF ADDITIONAL, UNDISCLOSED DOCUMENTS HAS LED TO SPECULATION THAT THESE MATERIALS MIGHT SHED IMPORTANT NEW LIGHT ON THE ASSASSINATION.::

HE ADDED:

BECAUSE OF LEGITIMATE HISTORICAL INTEREST IN THIS TRAGIC EVENT, ALL DOCUMENTS ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION SHOULD NOW BE DISCLOSED EXCEPT WHERE THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE REASONS COUNSEL OTHERWISE.::

THE SLAYING OF KENNEDY ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963, HAS PRODUCED COUNTLESS CONSPIRACY THEORIES ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS THE LONE ASSASSIN.

THE LEGISLATION, SIGNED IN KENTUCKY WHERE BUSH WAS CAMPAIGNING FOR RE-ELECTION, WAS PROMPTED IN PART BY THE MOVIE JFK:: IN WHICH DIRECTOR OLIVER STONE SUGGESTED THAT THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES MIGHT HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED.

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