

The incumbent Secretary of State has the authority to limit the "old boy rule" when it might endanger the national interest. The department, moreover, can require official review of notes before publication of a manuscript based on classified information. Nevertheless, citations from still-classified records continue to appear in memoirs. As a rule, the department does not declassify records that appear in published memoirs, but the non-official scholar may be able to acquire copies of records used in this way. For example, Dr. William Franklin cited the case of the scholar who complained bitterly about Robert F. Kennedy's use in his book *Thirteen Days* of the "first" Khrushchev message of October 26, 1962, to President Kennedy during the Cuban missile crisis; because Kennedy had quoted from the letter and summarized its contents, the department could declassify it for the interested scholar when he requested it through proper channels.¹⁷

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