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Question: Should the John F. Kennedy assassination records be opened?

Oliver Stone's movie *JFK*, which concludes that federal agencies conspired to kill President Kennedy, has refocused public attention on various theories about the death of Kennedy in 1963. Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman David Boren is the latest to call for opening the files to clear the air. USA TODAY asked readers their opinions.



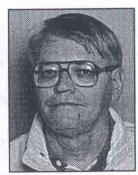
Agnes Chiu, 27 Law school graduate Rosemead, Calif.

I believe there was a conspiracy. The government should certainly release all the documents. It is essential for the American people to know the whole story. John F. Kennedy was one of the greatest presidents we ever had, and it's only fair to find out the truth about his death.



Marilyn Marzolf, 41 Travel Agent Battle Creek, Mich.

Perhaps the assassination investigation papers should be re-examined but not necessarily made public. I do believe that a congressional committee should look at the papers to see if any further action should be taken. It all depends on what they find in the papers.



Leonard Rudy, 57 Principal San Antonio, Texas

It's been long enough. I think it's time they should be made public to inform people what went on and what has not been revealed to the public. I have my doubts about the commission report, and that's why I would find it interesting to have the information put out, so that the public can decide.



David Prince, 34 Landscaper Cocoa, Fla.

Personally, I think they should be opened unless the family has some objection to it. Other than that, they should be made public because the Constitution gives us the right to know. Basically, it's a constitutional right.



Joan Render, 49 Teacher Syracuse, N.Y.

If there's nothing to hide, why shouldn't they be exposed to everybody? If the facts are there, you can judge for yourself and make an informed decision. Why not tell us what really happened? Why are all these people who had information dead?

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