

Assassination Records Review Board

Final Determination Notification

AGENCY : HSCA
RECORD NUMBER : 180-10060-10486
RECORD SERIES : STAFF PAYROLL RECORDS
AGENCY FILE NUMBER :

Released under the John F.
Kennedy Assassination
Records Collection Act of
1992 (44 USC 2107 Note).
Case#:NW 68261 Date:
09-01-2022

December 8, 1995

Status of Document: Postponed in Part

Number of releases of previously postponed information: 21

Reason for Board Action: The Review Board's decision was premised on several factors including: (a) the significant historical interest in the document in question; (b) the absence of evidence that the release of the information would cause harm to the United States or to any individual.

Number of Postponements: 6

Postponements: All the postponements in this document represent Social Security numbers.

Reason for Board Action: The text is redacted because the public disclosure of the redaction could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and that invasion of privacy would be so substantial that it outweighs the public interest.

Substitute Language: SSN

Date of Next Review: 2017

Board Review Completed: 10/24/95

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JFK ASSASSINATION SYSTEM

IDENTIFICATION FORM

AGENCY INFORMATION

AGENCY : HSCA
RECORD NUMBER : 180-10060-10486

RECORDS SERIES :
STAFF PAYROLL RECORDS

AGENCY FILE NUMBER :

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

ORIGINATOR : HSCA
FROM :
TO :

TITLE :

DATE : 11/23/76
PAGES : 23

SUBJECTS :
HSCA, ADMINISTRATION
MORDANA, SARI

DOCUMENT TYPE : PRINTED FORM
CLASSIFICATION : U
RESTRICTIONS : 3
CURRENT STATUS : P
DATE OF LAST REVIEW : 06/04/93

OPENING CRITERIA :

COMMENTS :

Box 2.

[R] - ITEM IS RESTRICTED

MORDANA, J.

Name of Employee

Address

Address

Phone Number

Position Title

Position Number

Level

51e

DATE OF APPOINTMENT

11-23-76

PRIOR FEDERAL SERVICE

Years Months

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
PERSONAL LEAVE RECORD

1977

YEAR

**ANNUAL LEAVE
CATEGORY**

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1.5 □

2.0 □

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| A or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | = 1.0 day administrative leave |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | = 1.0 day leave without pay |

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Employee's Signature **Date**
(If employee refuses to sign, state reason below.)

Chief's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Approved: _____ Date: _____

Clerk of the House Date

This record will be forwarded to the Clerk of the House at the end of each calendar year, or in case of termination, along with the request for termination. Upon approval, the record will be filed in the employee's official personnel folder.

EXHIBIT II

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Howarth, Budget Officer
FROM: G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director
DATE: August 25, 1977
RE: Resignations of Fallis, Brown and Mordana

(G.R.B.)
8-25-77

Steve Fallis has resigned effective Monday,
September 12, 1977. (*Last day of work Sept. 1 34 pay thru 9/12*)
Claire Brown has resigned effective Tuesday,
September 20, 1977 (*Last day of work pay thru 9/20*)
Sari Mordana has resigned effective Monday,
September 12, 1977 (*Last day of work ? pay thru - 9/15*)

The above dated are the last dates through which,
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PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FORM(Please Use Typewriter
or Ballpoint Pen)**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Washington, D.C. 20515

(Any erasures, corrections, or changes
on this form must be initiated by the
authorizing official.)**To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:**

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Sari Mordana	9/15/77
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
102-30 2631	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
ASSASSINATIONS	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
Law Assistant	\$19,500

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. Standing Committee: Staff - Clerical or Professional.
2. Special or Select Committee: Authority - H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
3. Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date

September 15, 1977

(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Louis Stokes

Chairman

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

(Title - If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:

Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code _____

Monthly Annuity \$ _____.00

Copy for Initiating Office or Committee

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I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Sari Mordana	8/1/77
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
102-30-2631	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment <input type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Assassinations	

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Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
Law Assistant	19,500

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. Standing Committee: Staff - Clerical or Professional.
2. Special or Select Committee: Authority - H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
3. Joint Committee.

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Date August 2 19 77

(Signature of Authorizing Official)

LOUIS STOKES

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

CHAIRMAN

(Title - If Member, District and State)

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APPROVED:

Chairman, Committee on House Administration.

Office of Finance use only:
Office Code _____
Monthly Annuity \$ _____ .00

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I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Sari Mordana	5/1/77
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
102 30 2001	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment <input type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	\$15,000

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. Standing Committee: Staff - Clerical or Professional.
2. Special or Select Committee: Authority - H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
3. Joint Committee.

(If Employee or an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date May 10, 1977

(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Louis Stokes

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman

(Title - If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:

Chairman, Committee on House Administration

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Office of Finance use only:

Office Code _____

Monthly Annuity \$ _____ .00

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Washington, D.C. 20515(Any erasures, corrections, or changes
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authorizing official.)**To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:**

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Sari Mordana	4/1/77
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
102-38-2631	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment
Employing Office or Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment
Assassinations	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	\$30,000

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. Standing Committee: Staff— Clerical or Professional.
2. Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
3. Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date April 29, 1977

(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Louis Stokes

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman

(Title—if Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:

Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code _____

Monthly Annuity \$ _____.00

Copy for Initiating Office or Committee

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Washington, D.C. 20515(Any erasures, corrections, or changes
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authorizing official.)**To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:**

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Sari Nordan	1/3/77
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
102 30 2631	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Select Committee on Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	\$10,000.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. Standing Committee: Staff— Clerical or Professional.
2. Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. **11** of **95** Congress.
3. Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date **19 77**

(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Henry B. Gonzalez

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman

(Title - If Member, District and State)

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APPROVED:

Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code _____

Monthly Annuity \$ _____ .00

ROLL AUTHORIZATION FORM

(Please Use Typewriter
or Ballpoint Pen)U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515(Any erasures, corrections, or changes
on this form must be initiated by the
authorizing official.)

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Sari Mordana	November 23, 1976
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
102 30 2631	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment
102 30 2631	<input type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment
Employing Office or Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Select Committee on Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
Law Assistant	\$15,000

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. Standing Committee: Staff - Clerical or Professional.
2. Special or Select Committee: Authority H. Res. 1540 of 89th Congress.
3. Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date November 22, 1976

(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Thomas J. Downing, Chairman

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Select Committee on Assassinations

(Title - If Member, District and State)

~~102 30 2631~~

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APPROVED:

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Office Code _____

Monthly Annuity \$ _____.00

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Staff Employees
FROM: Budget Officer
DATE: January 3, 1977
RE: Payroll Certification

Starting with the January, 1977 payroll, the certification to the House Finance Office requires, among other things, the relationship, if any, of each staff employee to any current Member of Congress (those taking office January 3, 1977).

The following are the relationships to be included in the certification:

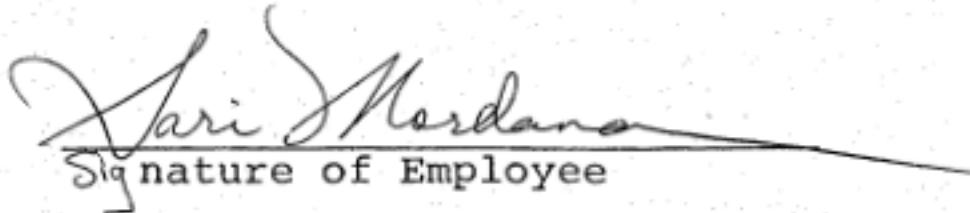
father	nephew	brother-in-law
mother	niece	sister-in-law
son	husband	stepfather
daughter	wife	stepmother
brother	father-in-law	stepbrother
sister	mother-in-law	stepsister
uncle	son-in-law	half-brother
aunt	daughter-in-law	half-sister
first cousin		

All staff employees are requested to complete this form and return it to the Budget officer.

Approved
Richard A. Sprague

I am not related

I am related by the following relationship _____


Signature of Employee

1/24/77
Date

Sari Mordana

303 East 71st Street
New York, N.Y. 10021
(212) 988-6032

Age: 25 years old
Status: Single

Education

Columbia School of Law

Degree received—May 1976
Stone Scholar, VG average; Research in Constitutional Litigation
Columbia Graduate School of Journalism (1974-1976)—
completed half the Master's Program in Print and
Broadcast Journalism
LSAT—751

Barnard College

Degree received—June 1972
Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, Honors in
English Literature
Research projects in the Origins of Urban Ghettos
and the Psycho-linguistics of Propaganda
Columbia Graduate School of the Arts (1971-1972)—
Documentary Filmmaking (Graduate Film Division)
Language—French

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June 1975 to the present

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monopolization of program production and film
distribution by CBS, Inc.
May 1974 to August 1974

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Editing and design of advertising copy and layouts for
Ladies' Home Journal and other accounts
January 1973 to August 1973

Recommendations upon request.

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October 26, 1976

Miss Sari Mordana
303 East 71st Street
New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Miss Mordana:

Thank you for your letter of October 19, 1976. Although my schedule is kind of filled at the moment, I would be able to see you on Monday, November 1, in my office in Philadelphia at 4:30 P.M. I am sorry to make it so late in the day, but I have to be in Washington, Pa. earlier that day; and I am in Washington, D.C. the rest of this week.

Would you be good enough to let my secretary know whether you will be able to come in for this appointment. Her name is Miss Shenk.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD A. SPRAGUE

RAS:fs

October 19, 1976

Richard A. Sprague, Esq.
1622 Locust Street
Phil., Pa. 19103

Dear Mr. Sprague:

I was so intrigued by your selection as Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the Select Committee on Assassinations that I had to write to you. I am an extremely bright and capable graduate of Columbia Law School (May 1976) who happens to be one of your cousin Ziporah Mordana's daughters, and one of Debora Horowitz's granddaughters.

I hope you will forgive me for thus invoking kinship, but I am so eager to work with you that I am tempted to use any and all reasonable means to help achieve that objective. "Uncle" Louis heartily agreed that I should acquaint you with my existence, and gave me your address.

My educational background includes being a Stone Scholar and "VG" student at Columbia Law School, and a Phi Beta Kappa at Barnard College (undergraduate division of Columbia University). While in law school, I persuaded the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism to admit me to some of its professional workshops (in reporting, writing, editing, etc.), and completed half the Master's Program in Journalism.

My professional legal experience has involved a great deal of litigation practice, from doing research and discovery, to writing complaints, interrogatories, pre-trial memoranda and appellate briefs, in areas ranging from anti-trust to customs seizures.

My most challenging employment has been with the American Civil Liberties Union, where I have been working since the Summer of 1975. In my capacity as law clerk to the Legal Director, I was given the responsibility for handling the pre-trial

litigation (with occasional assistance) of a bipartite class suit involving domestic intelligence activities—so far successfully—and was assigned to work on a case with Ramsey Clark (writing the successful brief in his challenge to a district court gag order).

Given my interests and abilities, it would be an incredible opportunity for me to assist in any way with your investigation. Should you have any use for a very sharp thinker and tenacious researcher, I hope you will consider me. And if there is any further information you would like to have, I would be happy to send it, and delighted to bring it to you.

Very truly yours,

Xari Mordana

P.S. In case you have no idea who your cousin Ziporah is, you might ask your mother if she remembers "Zipsy" Horowitz from Vienna.

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

22 East 40th Street New York, New York 10016 (212) 725-1222

October 29, 1976

Richard A. Sprague, Esq.
David Berger, P.A.
Attorneys at Law
1622 Locust Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

Dear Mr. Sprague:

Sari Mordana has told me of her interest in working on the legal staff you are assembling as Chief Counsel to the Select Committee on Assassinations. I am writing this letter to recommend Miss Mordana for such a position.

Miss Mordana has worked as my law clerk for over a year, and I am highly impressed with her ability. She is extremely bright and capable, and her superior work has made a significant contribution to the cases on which she has assisted. She has a great deal of initiative in taking on responsibility, and has handled the legal research and writing in several phases of complex litigation with a minimum of supervision, and a high degree of professionalism.

In addition to her practical legal ability, she is articulate in the law, and her writing is of an extremely high caliber. As to her personal qualities, she is an unusually alert and hard-working individual, who delights in tackling a difficult project, and pursuing it to a successful resolution.

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Vern Countryman
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Irving Dilliard
James P. Dixon
Melvyn Douglas
Robert F. Drinan
Ronnie Dugger
Mrs. Henry E. I. duPont
Thomas Emerson
Luther H. Evans
Alvin I. Fine
Walter T. Fischer
Jefferson Fordham
Erich Fromm
Ralph F. Fuchs
Lewis Galantiere
Harold Gibbons
Thomas P. Gill
Albert Gore
Fannie Lou Hamer
La Donna Harris
Philip Hart
Wilma Scott Heide
Aaron Henry
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Mordécai W. Johnson
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Norman Lear
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John Lofton
Carey McWilliams
Wesley H. Maurer
Benjamin E. Mays
Emil Mazey
Mrs. Alexander Meiklejohn
Ariel Melchior
Sylvan Meyer
Maya Miller
Patsy Mink
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Raymond S. Uno
Howard Whiteside
William Wirtz
Stephen J. Wright

Her acute and inquisitive mind has been an asset to my staff, and I believe she would be an asset to yours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melvin L. Wulf".

Melvin L. Wulf
Legal Director

MLW/alf

MARTIN LIPTON
HERBERT M. WACHTELL
LEONARD M. ROSEN
GEORGE A. KATZ
BERNARD MINDICH
THEODORE GEWERTZ
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ALAN D. HANDLER
PETER C. HEIN
HAROLD S. NOVIKOFF
MARC H. ROSENBAUM

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Dear Mr. Sprague:

I understand that Sari Mordana is applying for a position on the legal staff which you are gathering as Special Counsel to the select congressional committee which will be investigating the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and John F. Kennedy. This letter is being written to recommend Miss Mordana for such a position.

I am a member of the adjunct faculty at Columbia Law School. Each spring I teach a seminar on trial practice and, this year, Miss Mordana was one of the 18 students in my class. The seminar requires substantial participation by each student in simulated courtroom events and in the critiques which follow. As a result, I believe I am able to make an informed judgment respecting Miss Mordana's ability and personality. I found her extremely bright and hard-working. But just as important I found that she had an intangible quality which unfortunately few law students possess -- a spark which ignites when she is working on a project she enjoys. This facet of her personality made her a very effective advocate. She could marshal facts and present them in a manner which attracted attention and was convincing.

Having recently been part of a congressional inquiry myself, as an associate of John Doar, I recognize the difficulties involved in the task you are undertaking and the

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importance of obtaining top-flight help. I believe Miss Mordana would be an asset to your staff.

I wish you well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Weissman".

BWN:jr

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