

06 January 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

TO: Barry Harrelson
OIM/HRG

FROM: Jerry Owens (C)
OIG/IMO

SUBJECT: (AIUO) Inadvertent Destruction of Records

REF: (U) Telecon dated 06 January 1998

1. (U) Per your request, attached is a memorandum written to the Office of the Inspector Generals (OIG), Deputy and Associate Deputy IG for Investigations. The attached memorandum was also reviewed by OIG/Counsel. It explains in some detail the events we discussed in referenced telephone conversation.

2. (AIUO) It is understood by me, the undersigned, that no further action from the Inspector Generals office is required, and that this matter may be considered closed. The Office of Information Management/Historical Review Group (OIM/HRG) will notify the Assassination Review Board (ARB) and file a copy of this memorandum in HRG files to refer to when writing the compliance letter to the ARB.

3. (AIUO) It is also understood that original documents are not required when material is requested for or being added to the sequestered collection, and that copies of the material which were inadvertently destroyed were previously provided to the HSAC and ARB (or special task force) before their destruction in 1995.

4. (AIUO) With the assistance of HRG, the OIG/IMO has been able to reconstruct the file and will maintain it as a permanent record, also adding a copy of the attached to that file.

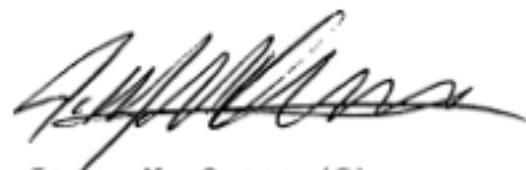
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5. (AIUO) Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please call me on secure X77081. Thank you.



Jerry N. Owens (C)

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(U) We continue to identify other collections of documents that properly belong within the JFK collection. These include: The Oswald Security File; Agency working files generated by JFK assassination investigations and requests; and CIA documents found by other agencies and Presidential Libraries and referred to CIA for review under the JFK Act.

II. The Time Frame of JFK Assassination Records.

(U) In general, the time frame of JFK records commences when Oswald arrived at the US air base (the U-2) at Atsugi, Japan, in December 1957 and continues through the end of the Garrison investigation in 1968. Note, however, for information which is clearly related to the story of the JFK assassination or its investigations, there is no time frame limitation. Any document or request that deals with the assassination, Lee Harvey Oswald, or the various conspiracy theories should be referred to the HRG/JFK review project.

III. Key Topics, Etc.

(U) Certain individuals, organizations, places, projects, and subjects are central to the Oswald/JFK story and the ensuing investigations, which causes a number of documents with no mention of Oswald or the assassination to fall within the purview of the JFK Act. Clearly, it is not possible to list every category of document which may have been reviewed and released under the JFK Assassination Records Act. The following categories contain examples of information that are considered to be within the JFK review.

(U) A. JFK Assassination Investigations:

- Warren Commission, 1963-64
 - James Garrison, New Orleans DA, 1966-68
 - Rockefeller Commission,* 1975;
 - Church Committee (Senate), * 1975-76
 - House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), 1976-79
- * JFK Assassination, anti-Castro plots and CIA anti-Cuban operations only.

B. Key subjects

- (S) -- Moscow Station, Mexico City Station, JMWAVE Station, and CIA stations in those cities through which Oswald passed on his way to and from the Soviet Union, as they related to Oswald's activities or to possible conspiracies.

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(AIUO) -- CIA anti-Cuban operations 1960-64 (Mongoose, etc.)
if they involve JFK figures (see comment on
Meagher's "index" below); most US anti-Castro
activities in 1963 are considered relevant.

- (U) -- Cuban exile anti-Castro activities, leaders and
organizations, 1960-64, if they involve JFK figures.
-- Castro assassination activities (plans and
attempts); no limit on time frame.
-- Mafia, if related to Castro, JFK, or New Orleans
during Oswald time frames (see attached chronology).

(AIUO) C. Key figures

(the following individuals are considered JFK
assassination-related, unless the context is clearly
unrelated or outside the appropriate time period)

- AMMUG, Cuban defector;
- Maurice Bishop, alleged to exist (any reference);
- Silvia Duran, employee in Cuban Embassy, Mexico
City;
- Richard Gibson and the Free Cuba Committee;
- Howard Hunt, CIA employee;
- Priscilla MacMillan Johnson, journalist;
- Valeriy Kostikov, KGB officer in Mexico city;
- Mr. & Mrs. George de Mohrenshildt (all documents)
- Yuri Nosenko and the dispute over his bona fides;
- Michael and Ruth Paine, Dallas friends of Oswalds;
- David Phillips, CIA employee;
- Richard Snyder, State Department Officer.
- Winston Scott, COS Mexico City

For a more comprehensive list of subjects and individuals
related to the JFK assassination, reviewers should consult
Sylvia Meagher's Master Index to the JFK Assassination
Investigations, The Scarecrow Press, 1980.

(U) Action Officer: Barry Harrelson (31825)

Attachment: Oswald Chronology

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(U) Attachment:

Oswald Chronology, 1956-1963

--Joins Marines	10/26/56
--Arrives Atsugi (U2 Base) Japan	09/12/57
--Returns to US	11/02/58
--Hardship discharge	09/11/59
--Departs New Orleans for Moscow via LeHavre, London, Helsinki	09/20/59
--Arrives Moscow	10/16/59
--Resides in Minsk	01/07/60 - 05/22/62
--Departs Moscow via train	06/02/62
--Departs Rotterdam via ship	06/04/62
--Arrives New York	06/13/62
--Fort Worth/Dallas, Texas	06/14/62 - 04/63
--New Orleans	04/63 - 09/63
--Mexico City	09/25/63 - 10/03/63
--Dallas	10/3/63 - 11/24/63

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23 September 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert M. McNamara@DCI
Robert D. Caudle@DCI
Stephen W. DeVine@DCI

FROM: Edmund Cohen

OFFICE: OIM

SUBJECT: Re: blurb from JFK Board

REFERENCE:

Original Text of Edmund Cohen
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TO: James R. Oliver@DA

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FROM: Edmund Cohen
OFFICE: OIM
DATE: 09/23/98 08:04:16 PM
SUBJECT: Re: blurb from JFK Board

After reading the note below, I spoke with the GC, who working with Bob Caudle, was seeking to have included in the Board statement the fact that the DCI had sent a letter endorsing my declaration. I suggested to the GC that even with this addition, the JFK Board comment would be most unfortunate. The whole six year effort was designed to put to rest all of the conspiracy theories and this comment would undercut the effort. In addition, it likely would result in significant additional questions, additional work for OIM, OCA, OGC and PAS, and put the Agency in a bad light. I suggested that I should ask the EXDIR to sign the declaration. The GC interposed no objection. I then spoke with the EXDIR who agreed to sign a declaration if this would satisfy the situation. I informed the GC that the EXDIR was willing to sign and the GC asked me to inform Bob Caudle, which I did. After you spoke with Judge Tunheim and got his agreement to: 1) return the Cohen declaration and the DCI letter and substitute the EXDIR declaration, and 2) eliminate the "blurb," I had the EXDIR sign the declaration.

I subsequently briefed the DDA, ADDA, and ADDAVIS. of the above.

Original Text of Robert D. Caudle
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This is what they are going to include in their report, according to fax I just received from Ron Haron:

"The Board has considered release of all CIA assassination records to be critical to successful implementation of the JFK Act. Accordingly, the Board requested each of CIA's directorates to certify,

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under penalty of perjury, that they had conducted thorough searches and identified all relevant records. The CIA refused. The Board then, as an alternative, asked the highest officials of the Agency -- the Executive Director and General Counsel -- to certify that CIA had met its obligations under the JFK Act and that no records on Oswald or assassination were withheld. The CIA refused. Instead, the CIA designated its Director of Information Management to sign CIA's Declaration of Compliance. In the Board's view, CIA's highest officials should have been willing to certify, under oath, that the Agency has complied with all the requirements of the JFK Act. The CIA's failure to do so raises serious concerns for the Board that the CIA has in fact fully complied with the JFK Act."

CC: Lanie P. D'Alessandro@DA, R. Bruce Burke@DCI, Lee S. Strickland@DA, Walter I. Hazlett@DA, J. Barry Harrelson@DCI
Sent on 23 September 1998 at 08:04:16 PM

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Sent on 23 September 1998 at 08:09:39 PM

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I, Barbara Bluford, declare and state based on my personal knowledge and the information made available to me in my official capacity that:

1. I am the Information Review Officer for (IRO) for the Directorate of Intelligence (DI) of the Central Intelligence Agency (Agency). I was appointed to this position on 6 October 1997 and have held various administrative and professional positions within the Agency since (1980). I am responsible for the review of records maintained by offices in the DI that may contain JFK Assassination records and may be responsive to Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) requests.

2. Since assuming my present position, I have had limited contact with the ARRB. With respect to matters prior to 6 October 1997, this statement has been prepared with inputs from my predecessor, Richard J. Flynn, who occupied my current position during the DI's principal contact with the Board.

3. Mr. Flynn has reported that, to ensure that the ARRB staff understood the DI records system and search capabilities, the DIVIRO and the DI Information Management Officer, Ms. Diana Hastings, briefed the staff on 13 May 1997. Other DI participants at the meeting were Joyce Lump, ~~Mario Menefee~~, and Lisa Hartman. These officers were at that time assigned to the DI Office of Information Resources. Ms. Hastings focused on the current DI records keeping system, and, as best we could, the system that existed in the 1980s. DI participants stressed that the DI records keeping system has evolved over time and that the DI is continuously striving to achieve greater consistency in our procedures. DI participants candidly informed the ARRB staff that none of them at the meeting had first hand knowledge of DI records keeping in the 1980s; and b) the system in place at that time was entirely paper-based and therefore could not be considered as accurate as the present system. Members of the ARRB said they understood this limitation.

4. Mr. Flynn further reported that based on his recollection, Mr. Flynn is aware of a limited number of records searches the DI conducted in direct response to ARRB requests. On 11 June 1997, DI personnel met with members of the ARRB. Mr. Flynn had arranged this meeting earlier to give ARRB staffers, Michelle Combs and Bob Skwiat, an even more detailed briefing of DI's document search capabilities. The topics they asked the DI to search are noted in an attached memorandum to Barry Harrelson dated 17 June 1997. The result of further searches (CIA-9) are summarized in a 19 June 1997 memorandum a member of the DIVIRO's staff prepared for Mr. Barry Harrelson, CIA's point of contact on the JFK assassination issue. This memorandum is also attached.

5. On 21 August, Mr. Harrelson contacted me for a further search of DI records, asking specifically that the DI follow up on a previously search by extending the timeframe covered in that original search. According to Mr. Harrelson, the ARRB requested a search for all documents concerning Mexico, Cuba, or the USSR for the period from 20 November 1963 to 6 December 1963. On the basis of this request, a search was conducted 32 documents not belonging to the DI were located. The materials were turned over to Mr. Harrelson.

6. All employees of the Directorate of Intelligence have been furnished with a copy of DCI Tenet's 22 July 1998 directive to all employees requiring them to search records in their possession for information related to the JFK assassination that might not have been found in the course of the searches conducted over the past 6 years.

7. I declare under penalty of perjury that foregoing is true and correct.

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CIA-IR-19 Computer Search on Specific Individuals and Organizations

The Offices of Security, Human Resource Management, Medical Services, Training & Education conducted searches on the following individuals with described results:

Cherne, OPF provided to HRP; OS file made available for staff review
Leake, OPF provided to HRP, OS and OMS files made available for staff review
Garbler, OPF provided to HRP, OS, OTE, OMS files made available for staff review
Verna Deane Brown, OPF provided to HRP
John A. McVickar, OPF provided to HRP
Byron Morton, No records
Marie Cheatham, No Records

The Offices of Security and Human Resource Management conducted searches on the following individuals with results noted:

Spas T. Raikin, OS File described in attachment, No HRM record
Marilyn Murret, Index card only, No HRM record
Andrew Anderson, OS File(may or may no be correct file) made available, No HRM Record
Howard Geubler, No OS or HRM records
Gordon Novel, OS found cross reference to GARRISON file, No HRM Record
Edward S. Butler, OS found cross reference to GARRISON file, NO HRM Record

The Office of Security found no records on INCA (Information Council of the Americas) or Permindex. Attachment 10

CIA-IR-21 DRE Monthly Operational Reports

HRP requested and was provided the Official Personnel File of George Joannides

CIA-24 Defector File

The Office of Security provided a description of "Defector Files" maintained by OS in a 17 February 1997 memo (See attachment 5)

CIA-IR-25 Zapruder File

The Offices of Security, Human Resource Management, Finance & Logistics searched for records on William Green of Kodak Labs. All reported negative results. HRM confirmed that Homer McMahon was an NPIC employee and provided bio information. Attachment 11

CIA-IR-26 Jordan James Pfuntner

The Office of Security conducted a search and reported that the OS file had been destroyed in 1980-81. Attachment 12

CIA-IR-27 Security Files on 5 Individuals

The Office of Security conducted a records search for files on the following individuals:

Richard C. Nagell
Gordon D. Novel
Jack L. Ruby
Walter J. Sheridan
Harold Weisberg

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The Nagell, Novel and Ruby files were designated assassination records and copies were provided to HRP. The Sheridan and Weisberg files were made available and were reviewed by the ARRB Staff. (Attachment 13)

CIA-IR-29 Oswald LeWinter

The Offices of Security, Human Resource Management, Facilities Security & Services conducted searches for information on Oswald Winter. HRM and OPSS reported negative results. OS found information in an impersonation/crank file. The DA/IRO coordinated with the DO on a statement that was provided to the ARRB staff. Attachment 14

CIA-IR-36 Handling of Cables in 1963

The DA/IRO provided coordination approval on a memorandum prepared by HRP describing cable handling procedures Attachment 15

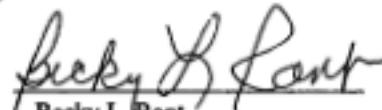
List of 38 Names of Interest to the ARRB-Provided by HRP 8/5/98

The Offices of Security and Human Resource Management searched records for information on 38 individuals listed in the attachment. The OS and HRM responses are attached. Attachment 16

4. As this declaration demonstrates, I and my predecessors to the best of our ability have caused thorough searches of all relevant DA records systems for records responsive to the JFK ARRB requests for information. In addition, the offices of the Directorate of Administration have certified to me that all employees have been furnished with a copy of DCI Tenet's 22 July 1998 directive to all employees requiring them to search records in their possession for information related to the JFK Assassination that might not have been found in the course of the searches conducted over the past 6 years.

5. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 21 day of August 1998.


Becky L. Rant
Information Review Officer
Directorate of Administration

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Directorate of Administration

Briefing for the JFK Assassination Records Review Board Staff on Records Management in the DA

17 March 1997

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DA Information Management Officer
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Becky Rant
DA Information Review Officer
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John:

Thank you for agreeing to participate in briefing the JFK Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) to be held on Monday, 17 March, at 2:00 p.m., in 2C06 IP Bldg. I regret the short notice. As we discussed, the ARRB has asked for information relating to the creation, transmission, and dissemination of cables and your name instantly came to mind. Their specific questions are:

1- Can you describe the cable process in place in the Agency during the
1960-1964 time period?

Prior to 1962 messages were delivered to the DPD (Development Products Division) at 1717 H Street or to the Communications Center at "L" Street. In addition there also was a Q building that received special traffic.

After 1962 messages came into the CIA Headquarters and were processed in different areas depending on the types of traffic.

Imagery traffic would be sent to a specific floor for the imagery personnel. Intercept and Special Programs would either be passed to a Special Sections Area of the Communications Center or to the Cable Secretariat.

2- How did cables come in?

Messages came in from the field via the Brandy Station State Channels or military channels.

3- How were they decrypted?

Messages were deciphered using a OTT (One Time Tape) or a OTP (One Time Pad) process.

4- What happened from the time a cable was sent from a field site until it arrived on a desk at Headquarters?

Messages sent from a field site would be passed to a

communicator, encrypted and transmitted via

High Frequency Radio. The message received from Brandy

and relayed to headquarters and then it was decrypted.

The analyst of the Cable Secretariat would then read the message and match what they read against customer requirements. They then would have a typist type the dissemination on the message. The message then would be picked up from the message center by the various staffs and or divisions.

5- How were cables disseminated?
See item four.

Please let me or Becky Rant, DA/IRO, know if you have any other questions or concerns prior to the briefing.

CC: Becky L. Rant
Andrea E. Boyce
Sent on 13 March 1997 at 03:17:34 PM

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27 February 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR: J. Barry Harrelson
Historical Review Group
Center for the Study of Intelligence

FROM: Janet A. Ecklund
Chief, Information Management Branch
Office of Personnel Security

SUBJECT: Request No. CIA-16 from JFK Board

REFERENCE: CSI 97-062 dated 31 January 1997

1. (U) The Office of Personnel Security has researched this request from the Assassination Records Review Board relating to the existence of pre-assassination files on Lee Harvey Oswald.

2. (U) In response to the specific questions listed in Mr. Marwell's letter to the Historical Review Group, the following responses are provided to those three questions pertaining to the Office of Personnel Security (OPS). These responses are the best reasonable answers based on available information. Please note OPS was known as the Office of Security prior to 1 October 1994.

Question 1: (U) Please identify, as specifically as possible, each file held by CIA on Oswald at the time of the assassination of President Kennedy.

Response: (U) At the time of the assassination, the Office of Security (OS) held two files which contained information on Lee Harvey Oswald. A file entitled Defectors File (#0341008) contained a reference to Lee Harvey Oswald.

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and the Office of Security also had a subject file on Lee Harvey Oswald (#0351164). This information was reflected in the automated security database known as the Management Data Program/Personnel Security (MDP/PS). These files were originally miscellaneous files which were converted to the above numbers circa 1964. A hand search was also conducted of microfiche records which were superseded by the automated system. This hand search produced the same results as the automated search of MDP/PS.

(U) In your request specific mention is made of an HTLINGUAL file. MDP/PS reflects OS maintained four official files under this project--#0077826 (an administrative file), #0090079, #0093466 (a general file), and #0119144. All of the HTLINGUAL files were destroyed on 8 April 1994 along with numerous soft files. Since this material has been destroyed, OPS cannot definitively state whether these files contained any information on Lee Harvey Oswald. A search of Oswald's name did not produce an index reference to any of these files.

(U) Attached is all of the available information regarding the destruction of the HTLINGUAL files. This information was retrieved from Lydia Hoffman of the Information Management Branch/Records Control Section and from a review of general office administrative files.

Question 2: (U) Other than for the 201-289246 file on Oswald, please explain when each Oswald file was opened, the purpose for the opening of the file, and the documents that were in the file at the time of the assassination.

Response: (U) As noted above, all HTLINGUAL files have been destroyed. Since OS files are usually set up in chronological sequence, a search of files with numbers in close proximity to those recorded for HTLINGUAL was undertaken. This search revealed the approximate opening dates for the four official HTLINGUAL files as:

#0077826	Opened approximately July 1952
#0090079	Opened approximately February 1953
#0093466	Opened approximately July 1953
#0119144	Opened approximately May 1955

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(U) HTLINGUAL was a Directorate of Operations project that involved opening incoming and outgoing mail destined to and from the Soviet Union, China, Pakistan, and South America. In OS this project was known as SRPOINTER with subprojects identified as WESTPOINTER, INDIAN, BANJO, and SETTER. OS conducted the actual opening and monitoring of mail with the acquired information referred to the Directorate of Operations.

(U) The Defectors File (#0341008) was established circa 1950 for the purpose of recording information on US citizens defecting to other countries and information regarding foreign nationals considering defection to the United States. This compilation of information was received from press clippings, Directorate of Operations reporting, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of State, and the various armed services. The pre-assassination documents located in this file relative to Lee Harvey Oswald are:

- a. Washington Star press clipping of 26 November 1959 entitled "U.S. Defector to Reds Turned to Marx at 15"
- b. Department of State memorandum dated 25 October 1960 with attached list of American "defectors" from May 1959 to October 1960
- c. Memorandum for Chief/Security Research Staff dated 31 October 1960 from M. D. Stevens, subject: American Defectors
- d. Memorandum for Deputy Director of Security dated 1 November 1960 from M. D. Stevens, subject: American Defectors
- e. Handwritten chart of defectors dated 26 August 1961
- f. Defector outline-prepared in October 1961 listing known defectors to the USSR, Red China, Cuba, and United Arab Republic.

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(U) The index reference to the Defectors File identifies a list dated 13 September 1966 which was known as the Defector Machine Listing. This listing was a computer printout of defectors which reflected limited biographic data on each name. This listing was maintained separately from the actual Defectors File; notations within the Defectors File show the Defector Machine Listing as permanently charged to the Security Analysis Group of OS. Efforts to locate this listing or determine the disposition have been unsuccessful.

(U) Information regarding the purpose of the Defectors File was gleaned from a quick review of selected holdings. Katie Nakai of this office at one time was assigned to the Security Analysis Group and recalls the Defector Machine Listing. From her recollection, this machine listing was approximately one and one-half inches thick and was in two parts. One part consisted of an alphabetical index of defector names with assigned numbers. The second part listed the assigned numbers in numerical order and contained limited information on each name.

(C) The Special Investigations Branch of Investigations Division is the current operating component encompassing most of the Security Analysis Group functions still conducted in OPS. Gail Jewell of this office was queried regarding office holdings relating to the Defector Machine Listing. Ms. Jewell had no knowledge of the listing and suggested William Gilbert as a resource. Mr. Gilbert, CIC Liaison Officer, could not recall the listing, opined it may have been destroyed, and suggested contacting Zachary Filis of the Counterintelligence Center (CIC).

(C) CIC assumed many of the functions previously conducted by the Security Analysis Group. Mr. Filis was queried regarding the possibility the Defector Machine Listing may have been transferred to CIC during the realignment of duties. Mr. Filis advised the Defector Machine Listing could not be located in CIC holdings; and he has made inquiries with Directorate of Operations counterparts regarding the listing.

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(U) The Security Research Staff (SRS) was the component responsible for collecting, developing, and evaluating information of a counterintelligence nature to

detect and/or prevent penetration of the Agency's organization, employees, and activities by foreign or domestic organizations or individuals. SRS conducted research in connection with employee loyalty cases and maintained records identifying personalities, environments, and personal traits of individuals who had been of counterintelligence interest over the years. SRS maintained liaison with various government agencies in connection with counterintelligence activities and coordinated the counterintelligence effort throughout OS. Using organizational charts of this time period, SRS reported directly to the office of the Director of Security.

(U) Don Station of the OPS/Management Staff was queried regarding the mission and functions of SRS during the pre-assassination time period. Mr. Station made inquiries relating to the above request, and the OPS/Information Management Officer Ronda Allen retrieved retired policy records for review. The information on the mission and function of SRS was retrieved from the archived Office of Security administrative and historical files as well as a review of the security file on Marguerite D. Stevens.

3. (U) For your information, a page-by-page review of the documents contained in the Defectors File (12 volumes) and Lee Harvey Oswald's file (7 volumes) has not been conducted for the purposes of this request. Our efforts were concentrated on the pre-assassination time frame.

4. (U) This review was conducted by Katie Nakai, OPS/CD/IMB, secure 40552.

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1 June 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR: Gloria Boyd, HRG/CSI

FROM: Marlene H. Rives
SSG CSC DA

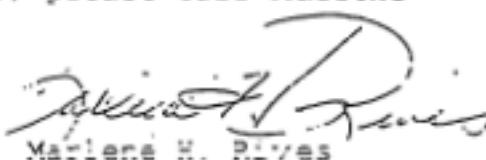
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Don Hatch, DDCI/CIO
Jack Wright DA Focal Point for CFI

SUBJECT: *R* AAFB Additional Information Request CIA-1

1. Attached per your request is a copy of Regulatory Service Group documents responsive to the subject request for items explaining the organizational structure and division of responsibilities within CIA for the years 1958-68 and 1978-79. Some of the documents are dated outside the time frame specified but were determined to be effective during the years 1968-69 and 1978-79.

2. The Directorate of Operations and the History Staff may have additional documents. See the attached notice dated 13 March 1994.

3. If you have any questions, please call Marlene Rives on 30493 'secure'.



Marlene H. Rives

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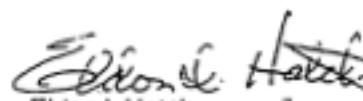
FROM: Eldon I. Hatch

Information Review Officer, ODDA

SUBJECT: Review of Organizational Structure for the year 1958-68 and 1975-79

REFERENCE: ARRB Additional Information Request CIA-1

1. The attached documents relating to subject have been reviewed for release to the Assassination Records Review Board and are to be handled in accordance with the level of classification security indicated on the documents. The documents have not been reviewed for release to other than properly cleared personnel.
2. If you have any questions, please call me on 30683.


Eldon I. Hatch

Attachments: a/s

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and the Office of Security also had a subject file on Lee Harvey Oswald (#0351164). This information was reflected in the automated security database known as the Management Data Program/Personnel Security (MDP/PS). These files were originally miscellaneous files which were converted to the above numbers circa 1964. A hand search was also conducted of microfiche records which were superseded by the automated system. This hand search produced the same results as the automated search of MDP/PS.

(U) In your request specific mention is made of an HTLINGUAL file. MDP/PS reflects OS maintained four official files under this project--#0077826 (an administrative file), #0090079, #0093466 (a general file), and #0119144. All of the HTLINGUAL files were destroyed on 8 April 1994 along with numerous soft files. Since this material has been destroyed, OPS cannot definitively state whether these files contained any information on Lee Harvey Oswald. A search of Oswald's name did not produce an index reference to any of these files.

(U) Attached is all of the available information regarding the destruction of the HTLINGUAL files. This information was retrieved from Lydia Hoffman of the Information Management Branch/Records Control Section and from a review of general office administrative files.

Question 2: (U) Other than for the 201-289248 file on Oswald, please explain when each Oswald file was opened, the purpose for the opening of the file, and the documents that were in the file at the time of the assassination.

Response: (U) As noted above, all HTLINGUAL files have been destroyed. Since OS files are usually set up in chronological sequence, a search of files with numbers in close proximity to those recorded for HTLINGUAL was undertaken. This search revealed the approximate opening dates for the four official HTLINGUAL files as:

#0077826	Opened approximately July 1952
#0090079	Opened approximately February 1953
#0093466	Opened approximately July 1953
#0119144	Opened approximately May 1955

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(U) HTLINGUAL was a Directorate of Operations project that involved opening incoming and outgoing mail destined to and from the Soviet Union, China, Pakistan, and South America. In OS this project was known as SRPOINTER with subprojects identified as WESTPOINTER, INDIAN, BANJO, and SETTER. OS conducted the actual opening and monitoring of mail with the acquired information referred to the Directorate of Operations.

(U) The Defectors File (#0341008) was established circa 1950 for the purpose of recording information on US citizens defecting to other countries and information regarding foreign nationals considering defection to the United States. This compilation of information was received from press clippings, Directorate of Operations reporting, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of State, and the various armed services. The pre-assassination documents located in this file relative to Lee Harvey Oswald are:

- a. Washington Star press clipping of 26 November 1959 entitled "U.S. Defector to Reds Turned to Marx at 15"
- b. Department of State memorandum dated 25 October 1960 with attached list of American "defectors" from May 1959 to October 1960
- c. Memorandum for Chief/Security Research Staff dated 31 October 1960 from M. D. Stevens, subject: American Defectors
- d. Memorandum for Deputy Director of Security dated 1 November 1960 from M. D. Stevens, subject: American Defectors
- e. Handwritten chart of defectors dated 26 August 1961
- f. Defector outline prepared in October 1961 listing known defectors to the USSR, Red China, Cuba, and United Arab Republic.

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(U) The index reference to the Defectors File identifies a list dated 13 September 1966 which was known as the Defector Machine Listing. This listing was a computer printout of defectors which reflected limited biographic data on each name. This listing was maintained separately from the actual Defectors File; notations within the Defectors File show the Defector Machine Listing as permanently charged to the Security Analysis Group of OS. Efforts to locate this listing or determine the disposition have been unsuccessful.

(U) Information regarding the purpose of the Defectors File was gleaned from a quick review of selected holdings. Katie Nakai of this office at one time was assigned to the Security Analysis Group and recalls the Defector Machine Listing. From her recollection, this machine listing was approximately one and one-half inches thick and was in two parts. One part consisted of an alphabetical index of defector names with assigned numbers. The second part listed the assigned numbers in numerical order and contained limited information on each name.

(C) The Special Investigations Branch of Investigations Division is the current operating component encompassing most of the Security Analysis Group functions still conducted in OPS. Gail Jewell of this office was queried regarding office holdings relating to the Defector Machine Listing. Ms. Jewell had no knowledge of the listing and suggested William Gilbert as a resource. Mr. Gilbert, CIC Liaison Officer, could not recall the listing, opined it may have been destroyed, and suggested contacting Zachary Filis of the Counterintelligence Center (CIC).

(C) CIC assumed many of the functions previously conducted by the Security Analysis Group. Mr. Filis was queried regarding the possibility the Defector Machine Listing may have been transferred to CIC during the realignment of duties. Mr. Filis advised the Defector Machine Listing could not be located in CIC holdings; and he has made inquiries with Directorate of Operations counterparts regarding the listing.

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(U) The Security Research Staff (SRS) was the component responsible for collecting, developing, and evaluating information of a counterintelligence nature to

detect and/or prevent penetration of the Agency's organization, employees, and activities by foreign or domestic organizations or individuals. SRS conducted research in connection with employee loyalty cases and maintained records identifying personalities, environments, and personal traits of individuals who had been of counterintelligence interest over the years. SRS maintained liaison with various government agencies in connection with counterintelligence activities and coordinated the counterintelligence effort throughout OS. Using organizational charts of this time period, SRS reported directly to the office of the Director of Security.

(U) Don Staton of the OPS/Management Staff was queried regarding the mission and functions of SRS during the pre-assassination time period. Mr. Staton made inquiries relating to the above request, and the OPS/Information Management Officer Ronda Allen retrieved related policy records for review. The information on the mission and function of SRS was retrieved from the archived Office of Security administrative and historical files as well as a review of the security file on Marguerite D. Stevens.

3. (U) For your information, a page-by-page review of the documents contained in the Defectors File (12 volumes) and Lee Harvey Oswald's file (7 volumes) has not been conducted for the purposes of this request. Our efforts were concentrated on the pre-assassination time frame.

4. (U) This review was conducted by Katie Nakai, OPS/CD/IMB, secure 40552.

Janet A. Ecklund
Janet A. Ecklund

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9 February 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: J. Barry Harrelson
CSI - JFK Project Officer
Frieda Omasta
FROM: Frieda Omasta
Associate Information Review Officer, DDA
SUBJECT: CIA-IR-09 - George Bush/ARRB Request

1. This is with reference to your 2 February 1998 memorandum (attached) and our telephone conversation on 6 February wherein you requested that the Directorate of Administration (DA) review "any and all personnel files of George Herbert Walker Bush to determine whether he had any affiliation with CIA during the 1963 period."

2. The Office of Personnel Security and the Office of Human Resource Management have reviewed its files and have been unable to find any documentation to show that George H.W. Bush had any affiliation with CIA during the 1963 period.

3. This concludes DA action on this request.

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11 February 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: J. Barry Harrelson
JFK Project Officer
J. Barry Harrelson
FROM: Frieda Chasta
Associate Information Review Officer, DDA
SUBJECT: CIA-IR-11 - ARRB Request for Search on
Warren Commission Critics (DA/IRO No. 21)

1. This is with reference to your 2 February 1998 memorandum (Tab A) and our subsequent telephone conversation on 6 February wherein you requested that the Directorate of Administration (DA) search for files or records on Warren Commission critics Edward J. Epstein, Josiah Thompson, Mark Lane, Harold Weisberg, or Sylvia Meagher.

2. Based upon the limited biographic information provided on Subjects, the Office of Personnel Security (OPS), the Office of Human Resource Management (HRM) and the office of the Publication Review Board conducted thorough searches. No records were located on Josiah Thompson or Mark Lane. As you know, OPS located a file on Harold Weisberg as a result of its search in response to CIA-IR-27 (DA/IRO No. 14). At your request, on 6 February 1998 (Tab B) we requested that OPS make arrangements to have this file reviewed by the ARRB to determine which documents are Assassination Records. Accordingly, CPS did not address the Weisberg file in this CIA-IR-11 response.

3. As a result of DA's searches (Tab C) we located the following files and/or information:

Edward J. Epstein - AIN 0 488 768 (found in CPS,
file found in PRB)

Harold Weisberg - computer printout (attached,
found in HRM)

Sylvia Meagher - CPS advised that there was an impersonal folder regarding Subject and a 1968 Ramparts Magazine article which were destroyed in accordance with the Records Control Schedule on 1 January 1994.

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Please let me know when you want me to request the
action on Edward Epstein from CPS and PRB. Meanwhile, this
concludes DA action on CIA-IR-11. If you have any
questions, please feel free to call me on 31201.

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NOTE FOR: Becky L. Rant
 Frieda P. Omasta
 Janet A. Ecklund
FROM: W. Curtis Chaloner
OFFICE: OPS/CD/IMB
DATE: 06/09/97 04:22:02 PM
SUBJECT: RECORD SEARCH, CHARLES O. FORD, AIN 0038497

DEAR BECKY, I CONDUCTED A REVIEW OF SUBJECT'S SECURITY FILE TO INCLUDE MICROFICHE & HARDCOPY. BELOW ARE MR. FORD'S ACTIVITIES FROM 1959 THROUGH 1964, PER YOUR REQUEST.

MICROFICHE-CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

16 JAN 59-CRYPTOGRAPHIC CLEARANCE

AUGUST 1959-VACATION IN CANADA FOR 2 DAYS

15 MAR 61-ESTABLISHMENT OF PO BOX LETTER ADDRESS FOR SUBJECT

30 MAR 62-MFR, SUBJECT WAS PROVIDED AN ALIAS (FISCALINI) FOR TASK FORCE "W" TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK ON 31 MAR 62 TO CONTACT AN ATTORNEY IN THAT CITY. ATTORNEY GENERAL, ROBERT KENNEDY OFFERED HIS SERVICES TO HELP SOME OF THE CUBAN PRISONERS SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL IN CUBA. SUBJECT RECEIVED VERBAL APPROVAL FOR HIS ALIAS.

05 JUN 62-SUBJECT WAS UNAWARE OF REINVESTIGATION & WAS NOTIFIED BY SECURITY.

28 JUN 62-ANOTHER NAME WAS ADDED TO SUBJECT'S LETTER ADDRESS

03 DEC 62-SUBJECT WAS BRIEFED TO A SENSITIVE OPERATION CONDUCTED JOINTLY BY THE CI STAFF & DOSIOS

20 FEB 63-REQUEST FOR CIA IDENTIFICATION CARD IN ALIAS

06 MAR 63-MFR REGARDING AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

10 MAY 63-REVOCATION OF CRYPTOGRAPHIC CLEARANCE

02 JUL 63-REASSIGNMENT PROCESSING FORM, APPROVED FOR DOMESTIC ASSIGNMENT

08 JUN 63-SUBJECT GRANTED A "Q" CLEARANCE

31 JUL 63-MFR REGARDING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BROKE INTO SUBJECT'S HOUSE & ATTEMPTED TO ASSAULT HIS 14 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER. THE ASSAILANT WAS ARRESTED. NO HARM TO DAUGHTER

HARDCOPY-CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

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02 & 10 MAY 62-MEMOS REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION FROM U.S. ARMY

27 JUN 62-CIA BRING-UP- TO-DATE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION TWX, FAVORABLE

22 MAY 63-"Q" CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT INFORMATION & 1962 FAVORABLE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

26 FEB 64 & 25 MAR 63-POLYGRAPH SCHEDULING MEMOS

BECKY, IF WE CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE LET US KNOW. THANKS, CURT.

CC:

Sent on 9 June 1997 at 04:22:02 PM

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CL BY: 0863879
CL CLASSIC: Section 1.5 C
DECLINE: X1
SER NAME: cov 1-82

[Handwritten signatures and initials follow]

TO: Becky L. Rant
FROM: Jeanne Kardaras
OFFICE: HRM/MS/INFO COORDINATOR
DATE: 03/26/97 03:14:55 PM
SUBJECT: Re: CSI access to OPFs in Helms Research

Becky - thanks for your note. I'll be sure you and Frieda are kept advised of all file requests that come to me.

I have received the file on Charles D. Ford from Record Center that Barry H. (JFK) requested and I am forwarding the file thru you for your info - I would appreciate it if Pat could handcarry the file to John Pereira as Barry instructed since he (Barry) is off all week.

Have a wonderful Easter - I will be off on Thurs and Fri (my flex). Take care.

Jeanne

CC: Frieda P. Omasta

Sent on 26 March 1997 at 03:14:55 PM

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6 August 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Historical Review Program
ATTN: JFK Project Officer
Frieda Omasta
FROM: Frieda Omasta
Associate Information Review Officer, DDA
SUBJECT: CIA IR-19 (DA/IRO No. 32)

1. This is in response to your 5 August 1998 memorandum (attached) wherein you requested that the Directorate of Administration (DA) conduct searches on the following names identified in CIA-IR-19 of the 27 July 1998 ARRB memorandum (attached). Specifically, upon the DA's review of the 27 July memorandum, we advised your office that we had no record of ever having been tasked to conduct searches on these names.

Andrew "Andy" Anderson
Howard Guebler
Gordon Duane Novel
Edward Scannel Butler III, Director, Information Council of the Americas (INCA)

2. The Center for CIA Security (CCS) conducted a search (memorandum attached) in the Personnel Security Management Data Program/Personnel Security (MDP/PS) database and, based upon the information provided, was able to identify that the names of Gordon Duane NOVEL and Edward Scannel BUTLER are cross-referenced in Volume II of the following security file:

"GARRISON CASE" AIN 0 601 153, Vols I-III

No records were located in CCS on Howard Guebler or Andrew (Andy) Anderson.

3. Please let us know if you need the volume referred to above. Meanwhile, unless you advise us to the contrary, this concludes DA action on CIA IR-19
4. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me on 31201.

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28 July 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR: J. Barry Harrelson
DCI/CSI/HRG
Frieda Omasta
FROM: Frieda Omasta
Associate Information Review Officer, DDA
SUBJECT: Priority Request from JFK Board

1. This is in response to your 3 February 1997 memorandum (copy attached) wherein you requested, on behalf of the ARRB Staff, a comprehensive file search on the individuals listed below. Specifically, the request is for access to records of possible pertinence to the JFK assassination.

- A. Leo Cherne
- B. Hunter Leake
- C. Paul Garbler
- D. Byron B. Morton, Jr.
- E. Marie Cheatham
- F. Verna Deane Brown
- G. John A. McVickar

2. In response to your 3 February memorandum, the Office of Human Resource Management (HRM), the Office of Medical Services (OMS), the Office of Personnel Security (OPS), and the Office of Training (OTE) conducted thorough searches and attached are copies of their response memoranda.

3. In discussions with Jeanne of HRM, it is my understanding that you still have the files that HRM located on Cherne, Leake, Garbler, Brown and McVickar. HRM was unable to locate records on Morton and Cheatham.

4. As noted in OMS' 10 February memorandum, OMS located medical charts on Leake, Garbler and George Brown which you can review if you make arrangements with OMS as noted in OMS' memorandum. Also note that if a file exists on Verna Brown, it will be included with her husband's chart. OMS was unable to locate records on Cherne, Morton, Cheatham or McVickar.

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5. As noted in OPS' memorandum, OPS was only able to locate files on Cherne, Leake and Garbler. However, after a careful review, they determined that there is no information contained in the files that links the individuals to or pertains to JFK or to the JFK assassination. They also found reference in Verna Dean Brown husband's file that she was employed by the Department of State.

6. OTE was only able to locate a record on Paul Garbler. However, the record does not pertain to the JFK assassination.

7. This concludes DA action on this request. If you have questions, please feel free to call me on 31201.

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From the Desk of Jeanne Kardaras
Human Resource Management/Information Coordinator

NOTE FOR: J. Barry Harrelson @ DCI.
FROM: Jeanne Kardaras
DATE: 12/23/96 12:25:48 PM
SUBJECT: Priority Requests from JFK Board dated 17 December 1996

I have completed my search of all Human Resource Management records and have not found any information on the following two individuals listed in your request:

- a. Spas T. Raikin - SSN: 085-30-7690, DOB: Oct 26, 1922
- b. Marilyn Dorothy Murret - DOB: July 14, 1928

The searches undertaken were reasonably calculated to retrieve all responsive records.
Please advise if I can be of further assistance.

Jeanne

cl by: 0663879, cl reason: 1.5(c), decl on: X1, driv from: cov 1-82.

CC: Gary L. Moore
Frieda P. Omasta
Lee S. Strickland
Mary V. Amoia-Y. @ DCI

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20 December 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR: J. Barry Harrelson
CSI/HRG, JFK Project Officer

FROM: Janet A. Ecklund
Chief, Information Management Branch
Office of Personnel Security

SUBJECT: Priority Requests from JFK Board

REFERENCE: Request dated 17 December 1996

1. (C) In response to referenced request for "additional files" searches on Spas T. Raikin and Marilyn Dorothy Murret, the Office of Personnel Security conducted appropriate searches of the Management Data Program/Personnel Security (MDP/PS). MDP/PS is the automated database of security records used by the Office of Personnel Security. The searches undertaken were reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records.

2. (C) The Office of Personnel Security has a file on Spas T. Raikin (#0134669). This file reflects that in August 1957 Foreign Documents Division/DO requested a clearance on Spas T. Raikin for unclassified contract employment with Project U.S. Joint Publications Research Service in New York City on an unwitting basis. The Office of Security responded there was no information which would preclude use of Mr. Raikin. On 31 January 1967 the Office of Security again granted approval for Mr. Raikin to be used as an unwitting independent contractor with the U.S. Joint Publications Research Service.

3. (C) The Office of Personnel Security does not maintain a security file on Marilyn Dorothy Murret, but there is an index record to an media article dated 1971 from Computers and Automation. This article contains the statement that Marylyn Murrett is Lee Harvey Oswald's cousin and that evidence indicates she was involved in espionage activities in Russia and Asia.

4. (U) This review was prepared by Katie Nakai,
OPS/CD/IMB, secure 40552.

CL BY: 0605636
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6 May 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR: J. Barry Harrelson @ DCI
FROM: Becky L. Rant
OFFICE: DAIRO
SUBJECT: ARRB Special Request - Zapruder Film
REFERENCE:

Barry: HRM's response follows to your request for the address of "Holmer McMann". This sounds like the individual you described-spelling different. As stated, McMahon resigned in 1970 and the Agency has no current address or record of whether or not he is still alive. If you want us to pull the file to determine his address while he was an employee, let me know. That info, of course, is 28 years old. Becky

TO: Becky L. Rant
FROM: Jeanne Kardaras
OFFICE: HRM/MS/INFO COORDINATOR
DATE: 05/05/97 04:41:06 PM
SUBJECT: Re: ARRB Request

Becky,

I have located information on a former employee named Homer Albert McMahon, DOB: 6 Jan 1928, who (first) EOD'd 22 Sept 1952 and resigned on 20 March 1953 (GS-03) - his title was photographer. He reEOD'd on 30 Oct 1960 and resigned on 11 Sept 1970 - (GS-11) - his title was photographer and he was assigned to NPIC. HRM would have no address listing for this individual. Mr. McMahon's retired official personnel file is at Record Center.

Please advise if I may be of further assistance.

Jeanne

CC: Frieda P. Omasta
Sent on 5 May 1997 at 04:41:06 PM

CC: Frieda P. Omasta
Teresa Wilcox @ DST

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TO: Frieda P. Omasta
FROM: Jeanne Kardaras
OFFICE: HRM/MS/INFO COORDINATOR
DATE: 07/23/97 12:55:29 PM
SUBJECT: Re: ARRB Request - Green & Capehart

Frieda -

Based on information provided, I have found no information on the following individual:

Bill (William) Green at the Eastman Kodak lab

The search undertaken was reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records. Please advise if I may be of further assistance.

Jeanne

CC: Becky L. Rant, J. Barry Harrelson @ DCI, Thomas C. Benza, W. Curtis Chaloner
Sent on 23 July 1997 at 12:55:29 PM

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24 July 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR: J.. Barry Harrelson
DCI/CSI/HRG

VIA: Becky Rant
DDA/IRO

FROM: Janet A. Ecklund
Chief, Information Management Branch
Office of Personnel Security

SUBJECT: Assassination Records Review Board Name
Trace Request-on William Green

REFERENCE: Lotus Note dated 23 July 1967

1. In response to the referenced request, the Office of Personnel Security's Management Data Program/Personnel Security (MDP/PS) database was searched as requested.
2. The searches undertaken were reasonably calculated to retrieve all responsive documents. Based upon the information provided, no security records were located.
3. This memorandum is provided for your information and appropriate disposition. Please direct any further inquiries regarding this matter to W. Curtis Chaloner at 40552 (secure).

W. Curtis Chaloner
for
Janet A. Ecklund

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TO: J. Barry Harrelson@DCI
FROM: W. Curtis Chaloner
OFFICE: CCS/PS/CD/IMB
DATE: 08/13/98 12:54:16 PM
SUBJECT: Re: JFK/ARRB Request (PRIORITY) CIA-IR-26 (DAIRO 34)

Barry, the Center for CIA Security had a file for a PFUNTER, Jordan J., DPOB (?) 07 May 1902, Akron, Ohio. This file was destroyed circa 1980-1981 following the Records Control Schedule. Thanks, Curt.

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Curt,

On behalf of ARRB, please conduct a search for records on Jordan James Pfunter. Please respond directly to J. Barry Harrelson with a copy to Becky and me. Thank you. Frieda

CC: John K. Reilly@DA, Becky L. Rant@ DA, Frieda P. Omasta@DA, Gary M. Breneman-Y-@DCI

Sent on 13 August 1998 at 12:54:16 PM

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NOTE FOR: W. Curtis Chaloner @ DA
FROM: Frieda P. Omasta
OFFICE: ADA/IRO
DATE: 02/06/98 05:26:24 AM
SUBJECT: PRIORITY - CIA-IR-27 - ARRB Request for Security Files on 5 Individuals (DAIRO No. 14)

Curt:

In response to CIA-IR-27, on 26 September 1997 OPS advised Barry Harrelson (JFK Project Officer) that security records are available for review by his office on the following individuals:

NAGELL, Richard C.
NOVEL, Gordon D.
RUBY, Jack L.
SHERIDAN, Walter J.
WEISBERG, Harold

Barry has just advised that the files on Nagell, Novel and Ruby have been identified as Assassination Records. Accordingly, they have requested that OPS transfer these files to DCI/CSI/HRG (J. Barry Harrelson) for inclusion in these records. Barry has further advised that a copy of the documents from each file would be acceptable if OPS prefers.

This is with respect to the files on Walter J. SHERIDAN and Harold WEISBERG. Barry has asked that arrangements be made for these files to be reviewed by the ARRB to determine which documents in each of these files are Assassination Records. In light of a short deadline, it is requested that the arrangements be made early in February. Once documents have been selected, Barry will need copies of those documents as well.

Please keep Becky and me posted with respect to these requests. Thanks in advance for your assistance. Frieda

CC: Becky L. Rant @ DA
J. Barry Harrelson @ DCI
Katie Nakai

Sent on 6 February 1998 at 05:26:24 AM

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26 September 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR: J. Barry Harrelson
DCI/CSI/HRG

VIA: Becky Rant
DDA/IRO

FROM: Janet A. Ecklund
Chief, Information Management Branch
Office of Personnel Security

SUBJECT: Records Search Request for the
Assassination Records Review Board

REFERENCE: Lotus Note dated 26 September 1997

1. In response to the referenced request, the Office of Personnel Security's Management Data Program/Personnel Security (MDP/PS) database was searched.

2. The searches undertaken were reasonably calculated to retrieve all responsive documents. Based upon the information provided, the following security records were located. These security records are available for review by your office after prior written notification.

NAGELL, Richard C. AIN 0 264 170

NOVEL, Gordon D. AIN 0 526 113

RUBY, Jack L. AIN 0 261 219

SHERIDAN, Walter J. AIN 0 101 572

WEISBERG, Harold AIN 0 018 281

3. This memorandum is provided for your information and appropriate disposition. Please direct any further inquiries regarding this matter to W. Curtis Chaloner at 40552 (secure).

W. Curtis Chaloner
for
Janet A. Ecklund

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26 November 1997

Memorandum For The Record

Subject: LeWinter, Oswald

Oswald LeWinter came to the attention of the Office of Security in December 1991. CIA/Public Affairs advised LeWinter apparently approached the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) claiming to be a former CIA officer. LeWinter volunteered to provide information about Agency operations overseas. His offer was in conjunction with a six part television series being produced by the BBC based upon the book "The Agency" by John Ranelagh.

LeWinter is a known fabricator and has used the following aliases; Oscar LeWinter, Ibrahim Razin, Razin LeWinter. LeWinter is indexed to the OS crank file.

LeWinter is also known as a fabricator to the DDC.

M. Curtis Shaloner
DDA/OPR/CI DME
Information Review

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NOTE TO: ARRS Staff
SUBJECT: Further Clarification
REFERENCE: ARRS Request Regarding Oswald LeWinter

Clarification:

Oswald LeWinter is a naturalized US citizen and a man of at least four other names -- George Mearah, Oscar LeWinter, Razin LeWinter, and Ibrahimin Razin. Although he appeared in the East German Who's Who in CIA, the CIA has never had any official affiliation with LeWinter. LeWinter was the subject of an Agency "burn notice" in 1990; a burn notice alerts the intelligence community. In this case, the alert advised that LeWinter was an intelligence swindler, peddler, and fabricator.

CIA has a report of an episode involving an intelligence fabricator and convicted drug dealer Oswald LeWinter, AKA George Mearah, born 2 April 1931, in Vienna, Austria. In July 1991, a CIA representative overseas reported that LeWinter, using the name of George Mearah, contacted him and offered to put high-level GDR officials wishing to defect in touch with our representative and in turn the CIA. This contact would be in exchange for help and a presidential pardon that would wipe the slate clean and leave LeWinter (Mearah) without a record as a convicted felon. LeWinter (Mearah) claimed this was important he was married (for the third time) and starting a new life; he was reportedly considering quietly acquiring Israeli citizenship. This contact was not followed up because of the "burn notice."

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TO: Frieda P. Omasta@DA
FROM: W. Curtis Chaloner
OFFICE: CCS/PS/CD/IMB
DATE: 08/14/98 09:07:44 AM
SUBJECT: Re: ARRB - 38 names DA/IRO 33

Frieda, thank you for the kind words, however, I do not deserve them as I was not completely thorough. The oversight was not intentional. Please see attached. Thanks, Curt.



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Curt,

Thanks so very much for your most thorough and prompt response this request. However, would you please let us know what, if any, records you may have found on four other names that are identified on the original list? Thanks Frieda

Elena Garro de Paz
Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo
Jack Ruby
Clay Shaw

CC: John K. Reilly@DA, Becky L. Rant@DA, J. Barry Harrelson@DCI, Gary M. Breneman-Y@DCI
Sent on 14 August 1998 at 09:07:44 AM

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14 August 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: J. Barry Harrelson
JFK Project Officer

FROM: John K. Reilly
Chief, Information Management Branch
Center for CIA Security

SUBJECT: Records Search Request
HSCA Names from ARRB

REFERENCE: ADA/IRO MFR dated 13 August 1998

1. In response to the referenced request, Personnel Security's Management Data Program/Personnel Security (MDP/PS) database and the predecessor to MDP, the Security Automated Name Check Activity (SANCA) were searched.
2. The searches undertaken were reasonably calculated to retrieve all responsive documents. Based upon the information provided, the Center for CIA Security has located Security Records which may or may not be identifiable, specific to and/or referenced to, with your request. These records are available for review by your office after prior written notification.
3. RUBY, Jack and SHAW, Clay are cross-referenced to AIN 7 191 689, the Garrison File. CMS has possession of the Garrison File.
4. The Center for CIA Security has no record of a GARRO DE PAZ, Elena or GUTIERREZ MENOYO, Eloy.
5. This memorandum is provided for your information and appropriate disposition. Please direct any further inquiries regarding this matter to W. Curtis Chaloner at 40552 (secure).

W. Curtis Chaloner
for
John K. Reilly

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MEMORANDUM FOR: J. Barry Harrelson
JFK Project Officer

FROM: John K. Reilly
Chief, Information Management Branch
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3. Attachment B reflects Security Records which may or may not be identifiable, specific, and/or referenced to your request which were destroyed under the Records Control Schedule.

4. Attachment C reflects those individuals whom the Center for CIA Security has no record.

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ATTACHMENT A

The following Security Records are in the possession of Information Management Branch or enroute and are available for your office's review here at CCS/IMB. The Center for CIA Security defers to the Assassinations Records Review

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Board regarding documents which could be considered relevant.

		<u>Post 1978 Memoranda</u>
CHERNE, Leo	AIN 0 053 082	UNKNOWN
CONEIN, Lucien E.	AIN 0 005 025	YES
DEMOHRENSCHILD, George	AIN 0 000 775	NO
DIOSDADO, Cesar	AIN 0 432 469	NO

DURAN, Silvia Tirado de AIN 0 351 164 = Oswald File
 CCS record reflects listing as Duran, Silvia.

FERRIE, David W. AIN 7 191 869 = Garrison File
 Ferrie is also cross-referenced to AIN 0 546 933 (Whelan, John Edward) which was destroyed, according to the Records Control Schedule, on 30 April 1997.

FIORINI, Frank AIN 0 353 459 = Sturgis File

HALL, Loren Eugene AIN 0 348 627 YES
 AIN 7 191 869 = Garrison File
 CCS record reflects listing and Security File (hardcopy) as Loran not Loren.

JOHNSON, Priscilla Mary Post YES
 AIN 0 071 589

CCS record reflects listing under McMillan, Priscilla J..

KANTOR, Marvin AIN 0 539 326 YES
 CCS record reflects listing also as Kantor, Melvin.

KOSTIKOV, Valeriy V. AIN 0 261 091 NO

MCMILLAN, Priscilla Johnson YES
 AIN 0 071 589

CCS record reflects McMillan also cross-referenced to Alliluyeva, Svetlana. The Security File (hardcopy) reflects ATTACHMENT A CONTINUED
 Stalina, Svetlana I.. The McMillan Security File (hardcopy) reflects Macmillan not McMillan.

MARTIN, Jack. CCS records reflect the three following individuals who may or may not be identifiable with your request.

MARTIN, Jack M. AIN 1 254 357 YES

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MARTIN, Jack S.	AIN 0 651 268	YES
MARTIN, Lawrence J.	AIN 0 634 475	YES
MASFERRER Y ROJAS, Rolando	AIN 0 036 859	NO
CCS record reflects listing as Masferrer, Rolando Rojas. Masferrer is also cross-referenced to AIN 0 780 397 (Montreuil, Raymond A.).		NO
MCVICKAR, John Anthony	AIN 0 269 351	YES
CCS record reflects listing as McVickar, John A.		
NAGELL, Richard Case	AIN 0 264 170	YES
ODIO, Sylvia	AIN 0 351 164 = Oswald File AIN 0 351 164-6 =-Oswald File	
PANLEY, William D.	AIN 0 078 435	NO
RAIKIN, Spas	AIN 0 134 669	YES
SNYDER, Richard E.	AIN 0 038 984	YES
STURGIS, Frank Anthony	AIN 0 353 459	YES
WEBSTER, Robert Edward	AIN 1 258 236	YES
CCS record reflects listing as Webster, Robert. Webster is also cross-referenced to AIN 0 387 123 (Whittaker, Frederick).		YES
WERBELL, Mitchell Livingston III	AIN 0 027 686	YES
CCS record reflects listing as Werbell, Mitchell L.		

ATTACHMENT B

The following Security Records were destroyed in accordance with the Records Control Schedule.

		<u>DESTRUCTION DATE</u>
ARCACHA-SMITH, Sergio	AIN 0 523 948	1994
AZCUE LOPEZ, Esuebio	AIN 0 352 838	25 October 1994
CABELL, Earle	AIN 0 033 554	circa 1980-1981
COBB, June	AIN 0 216 264	1994

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I, Fredrick C. Wickham, Jr. declare and say as follows:

1. (U) I am the JFK Focal point Officer ("FPO") for the Directorate of Operations ("DO") of the United States Central Intelligence Agency ("CIA"). I have held technical positions associated with the design and implementation of computer systems, information management positions including the DO IMO, and currently manage the DO information review and release programs. I have been with the CIA since 1967 and have been associated with the JFK records review activity since 1992 and the JFK FPO since 1995.

2. (U) I have obtained the information contained in this declaration based upon my personal knowledge and experience, as well as conversations with the DO Information Review Officer, the DO Information Management Officer and individuals taking action on the specific requests.

3. (U) DO records were predominately paper with a hard copy card index in the 1960's and an electronic index in the 1970's. The indices were based upon names that meet specific collection requirements or projects that were undertaken in the performance of our mission. Searches that exceeded the capability of the indices required manual paper file searches. I am aware that the DO searched the central record system, which includes retired records, and hand searched the convenience files and specialized files located within various offices. Specialized collections are often extremely sensitive and therefore only reside within the components. During our newer searches we have not found any significant documents in the DO files dated 1978 or prior that appear to have been missed by the searches through 1978. We did locate one set of tapes which we know was made available to the Warren Commission but was not included in the HSCA sequestered collection. We also found one file that was only partially included in the HSCA sequestered collection.

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4. (S) Many of the searches performed today are not significantly different than the ones done during the period of the various commissions and committees. The searches performed since 1995 still use the index to the central record system the same as in 1978 but we have a couple of new databases that were not available in 1978. We now capture all cable traffic electronically and are able to perform text searches of that repository. That repository post-dates the HSCA so it is not useful in locating older records. Additionally, we have converted a small amount of very sensitive paper files into computer searchable form. While these specific collections are part of the DO's record system, they were not electronically searchable nor were they included within the indices to the DO's central records system. We have searched all of these records systems for information responsive to requests the DO has received. Some of the specific requests could not be satisfied by the electronic searches and we resorted to manual paper searches in an effort to locate the information.

5. (U) The DO provided several briefings to the Assassination Records Review Board and their staff, starting in 1995, to describe the records created by the DO and the record system that manages that information. We also described what is meant by the need to continue protection of sources and methods, and the impacts the revelation of information would have on the lives of individuals and current operations. The presenters included the Agency's General Counsel, Deputy Director for Operations, Chief of the Information Management Staff, and several other DO managers associated with the conduct of operations and protection of sources and methods. We also provided detailed descriptions of current operations. We provided information about specific individuals whose lives or livelihood would be threatened as examples of harm that would occur if certain information was released. Additionally, we presented a description of the operational environment that existed and the intensity under which searches were performed in the wake of the assassination.

6. (U) The CIA issued an Agency-wide employee bulletin for a new search for JFK Assassination records (OIM 98-0081, dated 30 July 1998). As requested by the ARRB, the DO distributed the employee bulletin via Lotus Notes on 17

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August and placed it on the morning message that people receive when they first log onto the system.

7. (U) We have received numerous specific requests for additional information. Based on personal knowledge and on information reflected in our records, I am aware of the following efforts that were conducted in responding to specific ARRB requests for DO records. I have abbreviated the questions to save space:

CIA-1 - Information on the organization of CIA

(U) The March 1995 ARRB request called for the availability of "comprehensive organizational charts (or the best available substitutes)." The request contained about three pages of various requirements, including:

- A. organizational charts of the Directorate of Plans (DDP); "CIA Stations . . . in Mexico City (1960-68 only), Miami, other stations that we will discuss orally;" any other offices . . . any pro-Castro groups, . . . or anti-Castro groups;
- B. names and affiliations of all CIA personnel responsible for liaison with the Warren Commission, the House Select Committee on Assassinations, . . .;
- C. all manuals, handbooks, . . . guides explaining: . . . organizational structure, . . . filing systems, . . . for drafting memoranda;
- D. copies of the instructions, guidelines, and other materials used by your reviewers;

(U) Over a thousand pages of material were provided in responding to this request.

(U) In May 1997 the ARRB further requested that 35 pages from CSN 5-50, 2 pages of the JMWAVE chart, and

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13 pages from Regulation No. 1-130 and HR #1 be reviewed for release.

(U) Although the AARB staff had access to all of the requested material, in January 1998 the Agency answered that the various CSN 5-50 pages contained basic information regarding the mission and functions of the Office of Operations (now the Directorate of Operations (DO)) and could not be released. However, in April 1998, we agreed to provide structure charts for the DDP in 1961 and 1963, with Division and Staff titles and a JMWAVE Chart.

CIA-2 - Confirmation of/Queries About Some Information

(U) The ARRB request was dated May 1995 and was six pages of file code numbers, crypts, names, dispatch designators, and cable location designators and requested identification thereof. A variety of methods of responses was utilized, (some dated June and July 1995 and some undated) to answer, including a paired listing (returned to CIA) microfilm file summary sheets, and descriptive sheets.

CIA-3 - Confirmation of/Queries About Some Information

(U) This ARRB request was dated June 1995 and was three more pages of queries similar to CIA-2. A variety of methods of responses was utilized, (some dated June 1995 and some undated) to answer, including a paired listing marked (returned to CIA), microfilm file summary sheets, and handwritten notes.

CIA-4 -- Confirmation of/Queries About Some Information

(U) This four-page ARRB request dated June 1995 was for "descriptions of each crypt, a brief identification of each individual . . . , and indications of whether these crypts, operations, and

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individuals are presently active or inactive." This request was answered orally and by informal notes.

CIA-5 -- Queries About Some Information

(U) This ARRB request was dated July 1995 and was for identification of some twelve crypts, names, file codes, or acronyms. This was answered by a paired listing dated July 1995 (Returned to CIA).

CIA-6 -- Request for Systematic Review of Traffic

(U) This request was dated September 1995 and was for "the CIA to assemble all of the cable traffic and dispatches for . . . September 26, 1963 through October 20, 1963 and November 22, 1963 through December 30, 1963 between" : . . Mexico City and Headquarters and Mexico City and JMWAVE.

(C) The DO provided a classified response in January 1998. All cable traffic and dispatches for the period September 26, 1963 through October 20, 1963 and November 22, 1963 through December 30, 1963 between: (a) the Mexico city Station and Headquarters, and (B) the Mexico City Station and JMWAVE are not available as a chronological collection. The Office of Communications (OC) only held cables long enough to ensure that they were successfully transmitted to the recipient. Because processes and resources to perform cleanup activity varies, cables were sometimes held for longer periods but not with the intention of becoming a long-term reference collection. The offices of record for the origination of cable traffic and dispatches did not create files in this manner. The desks maintained a temporary paper cable chrono. These were not usually retained for more than 90 days. There is no electronic repository for cables and dispatches from the stations. Cables were printed out and went into specific files dealing with subjects or operations. Accordingly, it is not possible to recreate as a collection all of the requested cables and dispatches.

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CIA - 7 - Review of CIA Histories

(S) ARRB staffers Jeremy Gunn and Michelle Combs have reviewed all of the requested histories except one still under pre-review by the component because of sensitive information -- we expect this to be resolved in the near future. They were granted access to identify any relevance to the assassination of President Kennedy. They selected a number of pages to be included within the materials to be declassified and released to the National Archives. The histories reviewed were as follows:

- *Record of Paramilitary Action Against the Castro Government of Cuba*, written by Colonel J. Hawkins, USMC, on 5 May 1961, and controlled by WH division.
- *Domestic Operations Base*, written by Perry E. Crookham, in May 1967, and controlled by SO Division. We are also aware that relevant parts of pp. 29-31 have been released in the Bay of Pigs declassification project.
- The TS history entitled *Foreign Intelligence Staff/Division D 1948-1965*, written by Fred Griffin, Frank B. Rowlett, and Vyrl E. Leichliter, in April 1974, and controlled by CIA History Staff.
- *The Stockholm Station, Volume I, II, and III*, 1942-1967, written by William D. O'Ryan, in November 1967, and controlled by EUR Division.
- ***The Oslo Station, 1943-January 1968. This history*** was written by William D. O'Ryan and Elizabeth Hart, in 1967-1968, and controlled by EUR Division.
- *Covert Action Project Funds, FY 1964 and FY 1965 (With Historical Perspective December 1947 - January 1964)*, written by CA Staff, in January 1964, and controlled by CA/PEG.

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- *The Helsinki Station, February 1951-February 1964, Volumes I, II, and III, written by Melvin W. Jokinen and Hank Jarvinen in 1967, and controlled by EUR.*
- *Domestic and Areawide Operations (WH/6) August 1963 - 30 June 1967, written by Maurice Currie, in June 1968, and controlled by WH Division.*
- *Soviet Russia Division -- Reports and Requirements 1945 - 1966, Volumes I, II, and III, written by Mrs. Elizabeth Sanford Peyton and Anthony Arnold, in June 1973, and controlled by SB.*
- *Madrid Station -- Spain, Volume I and II, 1942-1966, written by David Wright and Gardner MacPherson, in April 1967, and controlled by EUR Division.*
- *The Ottawa Station, 1953- 1968, written by William D. O'Ryan, in April 1968, and controlled by EUR Division.*
- *CIA Participation in Police Assistance Programs for Developing Countries, 1955 - October 1965, written by Robert Bowling, Geraldine L. Jelsch, and Lyle T. Shannon, in October 1965, and controlled by CI Staff.*
- *History of Lisbon Station, April 1942 - October 1965, written by Robert Ruth and John C. Bishop, in October 1965, and controlled by EUR Division.*
- *The Maritime Branch (MB) at Headquarters, April 1951 - 1966, written by **S. H. Chapman**, in June 1968, and controlled by SO Division.*
- *History of The Hague Station 1942 - 1966, written by Marion Linde and William D. O'Ryan in 1967, and controlled by EUR Division.*
- ***The Alaska Station (Plans for Operations Aimed at Soviet Siberia From Alaska) 1949 - 1964,*** written by

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George N. Belic and John Bogart in January 1971, and controlled by SB.

- *Western Europe Operations Directed at Cuba 1962 - 1964*, written by WE Division Officers in July 1967, and controlled by EUR Division.
- *Major Policy Authorizations for the Conduct of covert Paramilitary Activities by CIA, 1948 - 1966*, written by Alfred T. Cox in August 1968, and controlled by SO Division.
- **Iceland - The History of the Reykjavik Station, 1950 - 1966**, written by Rolfe A. Haatvedt in February 1967 and published in February 1968, and controlled by EUR Division.
- *History of Station Port of Spain, August 1949 - November 1967*, written by Stannard K. Short in March 1969 and published in May 1969, and controlled by WH Division.
- *Monrovia Station -- Liberia, December 1958 - August 1969*, written by C. Frank Stone II, Lester C. Houck, and Louis B. Spaeth in October 1969 and published in January 1970, and controlled by AF Division.
- *The Algiers Station, 1947 - 1965*, written by M. S Caver in December 1972, and controlled by AF.
- **History of the Copenhagen Station, 1943 - 1968**, written by William D. O'Ryan in early 1969 and published in October 1969, and controlled by EUR Division.
- **The History of Tunis Station, March 1956 - October 1968**, written by Louis B. Spaeth in October 1968 and published in December 1969, and controlled by AF Division.

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- *History of the Cyprus Station, 1950 - 1968*, written by Dean L. Dodge in June 1968 and published in July 1969, and controlled by NE Division.
- *History of the Brussels Station, 1942 - 1968, Volumes I and II*, written by William D. O'Ryan in Autumn 1968 and published in May 1969, and controlled by EUR Division.
- *History of the Rangoon Station, 1947 - July 1968, Volume II*, written by Carleson C. Ames in September 1968 and published in January 1969, and controlled by FE Division.
- *The Africa Division, 1959 - 1967*, written by ~~W. H. Dunbar~~ in December 1971 and published in June 1972, and controlled by AF.
- *Operations in Angola, 1942 - 1967*, written by Lester C. Houck in May 1970, and controlled by AF.
- *The Conakry Station, February 1959 - June 1968*, written by M. S. Caver in September 1971, and controlled by AF.
- *Operations in Mozambique, 1942 - 1969*, written by Lester C. Houck in September 1971, and controlled by AF.
- *The Bangkok Station, 1945 - 1965, Volume III*, written by Gerard Campagna in May 1971, and controlled by FE.
- *The Phnom Penh Station, 1953 - 1965, Volume II*, written by Allen W. Ginder. in February 1974, and controlled by CIA History Staff and DDO.
- *History of the Bukavu Base, September 1963 - June 1967*, written by Lester C. Houck and ~~Roscoe N. Sandlin, Jr.~~ in August 1969, and controlled by Africa Division.

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- *Lagos Station, 1950 - 1967, written by William H. Dunbar* in March 1971, and controlled by DDP.
- *The Khartoum Station, November 1955 - July 1969,* written by Lawrence R. Devlin in November 1972, and controlled by DDP.
- *The Melbourne Station and Canberra Base, 1954 - 1966,* written by Ruth Hyde in June 1970, and controlled by DDP.
- *Covert Action Operations Soviet Russia Division, 1950-1968,* written by Donald M. Jameson in December 1972, and controlled by CE.
- *History of Guatemala Station, December 1960-March 1965,* written in March 1965 by Paul L. Loeb and controlled by WH.
- *History, Japan - FI/D Operations, 1950-1955,* written in June 1970 by Vyrl E. Leichliter and controlled by the successor component to FI/D.
- *The Illegal Border-Crossing Program, 1946-1959,* written by Anthony Arnold, George N. Belic, Boris Ilyin and John Basarab in July 1971 and controlled by CE.
- *Air Support of Cuban Operations 1960-1962,* written by Andrew Russo in January 1973, and controlled by History Staff.
- *Counterintelligence Operations Soviet Russia Division, 1946 - 1965, Volumes I and II,* written by Frederick Walters in August 1972, and controlled by SB.
- Memorandum for the Record on HS-Misc 13 (file of CA material) dated 11 April 1978, written by Eulalie Hammond.

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- *The Cuban Invasion -- Maritime Aspects, 1961*, written by **Savilion H. Chapman** in November 1966, and controlled by Special Operations Division.
- *The Covert Actions Project Funds FY 1964 and FY 1965 (With Historical Perspective)*, December 1947 - January 1964. This TOP SECRET history was written by CA Staff in January 1964, and controlled by CA/PEG.
- *Funding Covert Operations, 1960 - 1964*. This TOP SECRET history was written by CA and Cover Staff Officers in September 1964, and is controlled by CA/PEG.
- *Foreign Intelligence Staff/Division D, 1948-1965* This TOP SECRET history was written by Fred Griffin, Frank B. Rowlett, and Vyrl E. Leichliter in April 1974, and is controlled by CIA History Staff.
- *History of the Vietnamese Generals' Coup of 1-2 November 1963, Saigon Station Log and Analysis*. This history's access is controlled by FE/VNC or its successor.

The following were very sensitive and we discussed the collections with ARRB staffers. An agreement was reached to provide access to specific sections that may contain relevant information:

- *Covert Action Project Funds*: pages preceding Tab 1, and pages 1 through 6 under Tab 1.
- *Foreign Intelligence Staff/Division D*: Sections III (1952-1965) (pages 39 through 50) and IV (Division D Contributions to US National Policy) (pages 51 through 57).

CIA-10 -- Interagency Source Register

(U) This request was dated June 1996. The DO provided a classified response to the ARRB together

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with a copy of DOI 50-46, "The Interagency Source Register," and advised that an unclassified response was not possible.

CIA-11 -- Sylvia Duran Materials

(U) This request was dated May 1996 and was "in particular . . . [for] a 'ten-page statement' she may have given to the Mexican police." IMS/ESG "searched its main index system, its 'names' data base, and hard copy files." The Agency response, dated October 1997, indicated to the ARRB that "no such 'statement' has ever been found and we cannot confirm that it ever existed."

CIA-12 -- Files on five persons allegedly connected with JMWAVE

(U) This ARRB request was dated May 1996 for "all 201 files, personnel files, Office of Security files, P-files, or any other files related to ... David Sanchez Morales ... Ted Shackley ... Ron Cross ... Bart Henry and Doug Gupton.

(U) The DO maintains no files on former employees, such as Morales, Shackley, or Gupton (P).

(U) In a response dated August 1998, the DO responded to DA/OIM/HRP/JFK that we were unable to identify Ron Cross and Bart Henry as true names, registered aliases, or pseudonyms and, therefore, could not provide any files.

CIA - 13 - Mexico City Back-channel Communications

(U) The DO provided a classified response explaining that these types of communications are usually administrative matters, e.g., they contain sensitive personnel information and they are not placed in operational files or saved, collectively, in other

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databases. Unfortunately, there is no way of retrieving these cables through a reasonable search using any generic or specific term, since cables were not captured by any organized filing process.

CIA - 14 - Mexico City Station Annual Reports

(U) The DO was asked for specific annual reports from Mexico City.

(S) We informed the ARRB that we were successful in locating an official DO file which contained station "annual reports" for the years 1957 through 1973. The file included two dispatches which forwarded the RMDs from Mexico Station for the years 1960 and 1961. However, the RMDs, which were sent as separate attachments (sent in a different pouch from the covering dispatch memorandum) were not present in the file. (NOTE: Attachments which contained true names of CIA officers or assets or information that would identify operational sources with CIA were customarily sent in separate transmissions as a security measure if a pouch(es) were compromised). We also note that in a speed letter, dated 1978, written by DDO/LA/STB to OLC, that the RMDs for Mexico City Station, for the years, 1962, 1963, or 1964 could not be located.

(S) Based upon further review, we are providing an updated response to the ARRB as follow: The only report that was annually required of a station was that relating to its ability to meet its mission directives, now called "operational directives". These annual reports called the Station's "Relative Mission Directives" (RMD) were used to compose an overall annual division or staff submission to the Deputy Director for Operations, as an evaluative tool. The RMDs, themselves are a summary of station activities reported to Headquarters in other correspondence during the course of the year, were used to compile a division level evaluation--in a sense, an annual report card--on how it was doing against operational requirements. The station reporting was extracted into the larger

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division summary, much as it is today. The RMDs from year-to-year could and often did change with the operational requirements the Agency was expected to fulfill. As such, the RMDs for each station had value only as data to the larger examination of how the Agency performed its intelligence mission in a given year and what trends or changes this review would suggest for the ensuing year.

(U) Station reporting of the type described above would be treated as transitory information and as such meet the definition of a temporary record. It is entirely possible and quite probable that these facilitative reports were systematically destroyed. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) authorized the Agency to destroy facilitative reports in 1954 (NARA Reference: II-NNA-1057); the destruction of intelligence collection requirement files in 1962 (NARA Reference: NN-163-1), and operational management objective files at the subcomponent level (which would include reports from Stations and base) in 1977 (NARA Reference: NC1-263-77-10). The 1977 authorization remains in force today.

CIA - 15 - Win Scott files from Russ Holmes files

(U) The Retired Record Table RRT shows Mr. Scott's Mexico City files were retired as Job 78-00594R on 11 August 1972. These records were retired to the Agency's Archives and Records Center under Item Number 40-76 in the Records Control Schedule in effect at the time. Files under Item Number 40-76 were described as:

"Temporary. Destroy on completion of specific job or as they serve their purpose. Return folders and documents on loan and destroy remaining papers."

The RRT shows Job 78-00594R was destroyed on 12 January 1987.

The RRT page showing the disposition of Mr. Scott's files and the page of the Records Control Schedule which describes Item Number 40-76 have been

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incorporated in the Agency's JFK collection and will be processed for release to NARA.

CIA - 16 - Oswald Pre-Assassination Files

(S) The Directorate of Operations reviewed the DO records to determine if there were any additional files containing pre-assassination records relating to Oswald. Research identified a document in the Oswald 201 which appeared to be a file inventory. The document identified CI Staff as the file custodian. CIC has confirmed that all CI Staff holdings were incorporated into the 201.

(S) Prior to establishing a 201, any documents received would have been placed in an operational interest file. We found no reference to the existence of an operational interest file. If such a file had existed, however, it might not have been registered in the central index. It was standard procedure that upon opening a 201, the documents from an operational interest file would be transferred to the 201.

(S) Given that Oswald was a subject of the HTLINGUAL operation, it is reasonable to believe that there was a file on him. We destroyed all of the HTLINGUAL files under court order, and no record was made of what files existed. We did not review all of the DO record system to destroy all copies of material which may have been derived from HTLINGUAL material. We know, for instance, that there are HTLINGUAL items related to Oswald in the HSCA sequestered collection.

(S) In sum, the 201 on Oswald contains all the information we are aware of that we had prior to the assassination.

CIA-IR-01 - Personnel Assigned to Post from 1959-1964

(S) The request for a listing of personnel assigned to Moscow 1959-1964 was discussed with Board

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Staff. Instead of a listing, the files on individuals who were assigned to Moscow and a history of the Moscow Station were made available. In addition, the staff interviewed a former COS Moscow. The Board staff is satisfied with the response and will prepare its own documentation.

CIA-IR-03 - Full Computer Search for List of HTLINGUAL Files

(C) First, as an outcome of the Pike and Church Committees investigations, all HTLINGUAL files which were identifiable, as such, were destroyed under court order. Copies of materials from these files that may have been made prior to the destruction order and put into other files have, however, surfaced as files are reviewed. This includes material in the HSCA sequestered collection.

(C) The DO ran a search on the term "HTLINGUAL." Some records were identified as destroyed. Some were not so marked but are not locatable under the job number identified; however, given that there is no requirement to record destroyed records under the Federal statutes for disposition programs and given limited resources for noting files destroyed, this is not uncommon. The HTLINGUAL search further identified files because they had been the subject of Freedom of Information Act queries; however, these were not HTLINGUAL files per se, but files which contained the FOIA requester queries for HTLINGUAL information.

(U) ARRB staff member Michelle Combs has reviewed the HTLINGUAL file run and has selected some folders for review. OIM has identified that they have only redacted records for the large FOIA case that is listed. IMS/ESG/HCS is retrieving its records for unredacted copies of the records and will make them available.

CIA-IR-04 - Disposition of Angleton Files

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(U) The DO provided the following unclassified response about the Angleton Files: The files that Kalaris mentioned in Mangold's book were incorporated with the files of the CI staff. Per memorandum dated 1976-1979, the CI files were reviewed and incorporated into the DO record system. Items that were duplicates or not worthy of retention were destroyed. The memos describe the file collection and the process that was followed. Because the files that were once known as Angleton's have been dispersed within the DO records, they are no longer identifiable as a collection.

CIA-IR-06 -- QKENCHANT

(U) IMS/ESG/HCS initially provided a classified response to DA/OIM/JFK for this request in February 1998. In a follow-up response for declassification of the response, IMS/ESG/HCS worked with the providing office and then approved DA/OIM/JFK's unclassified response.

CIA-IR-07 - Claude Barnes Capehart

(U) The DO provided a classified response, which stated that we found no record when conducting a name trace for records on Capehart. Subsequently, we were advised by the CIA's Project Manager, Mr. J. Barry Harrelson, that this request was primarily being researched by the Directorate for Science & Technology.

CIA-IR-09 -- George Bush

(S) The ARRB requested information about George Bush because of a reference to "George Bush of the Central Intelligence Agency" in a certain FBI document dated November 1963.

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(S) IMS/FAB provided a main index search response to IMS/ESG/HCS. A 201 [that dated back only to 1977] and a DCD file were located.

(U) DA/OIM/JFK responded to the ARRB in February 1998 that the "search determined the Agency has no record of any association with George Herbert Walker Bush during the 1963 time period."

CIA-IR-11 - Warren Commission critics (Does CIA maintain files or records on specified critics - other than press clippings?)

(U) The DO provided an unclassified response for "any files or records on Warren Commission critics Edward J. Epstein, Josiah Thompson, Mark Lane, Harold Weisberg, or Sylvia Meagher below. In addition to these records, our research did surface a reference to a file titled "Garrison Investigation of Kennedy Assassination" which was opened in 1969 and closed in 1996. At the direction of the ARRB staff, no material in response to FOIA requests or news clippings in Public Affairs was included.

A. Edward J. EPSTEIN - The DO has no identifiable information on subject. Our search did surface the name Edward Epstein; however, by using additional biographic data known about subject, we were able to dismiss this name as a false "hit."

B. Josiah THOMPSON - Subject was of operational interest to the DO circa 1962; therefore, a 201 file does exist on this individual. ARRB staff member Combs reviewed this file in August 1998.

C. Mark LANE - Our search produced references to two documents: (1) An Agency dispatch from Germany dated 23 January 1970, and (2) An OGC letter dated 29 March 1977. Both of these documents are available for review. The OGC letter concerns a 1976 FOIA request -- Mark Lane was one of the individuals requesting the FOIA action -- which involves two dispatches dated 1967

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and 1968. Because these two documents are the subject of a FOIA request, they are not included in this response.

D. Harold Weisberg - There is a 201 file on subject which contains very limited information. This file can be made available for review by an ARRB staff member. The DO retired records system, CARD, has a reference to an Agency dispatch (EGBA-87605, 1969) which indicates subject was in correspondence with Julius Mader. This document was in the files when it was reviewed by staff member Combs in August 1998.

E. Sylvia Meagher - We found no DO information.

CIA - IR-12 - Contacts with journalists or publishing houses

(U) The DO provided both an unclassified and classified response about contacts with journalists or publishing houses, regarding whether CIA might have attempted to influence any journalists or publishers regarding public discussion of the assassination. Searches with generic terms such as "journalists," "publishers," "publishing houses," and "media" would not produce meaningful responses. This question required the research of crypts mentioned in various documents in the JFK "assassination records." These crypts referred to projects managed under the overall guidance of a staff in the DO and in all instances were projects concerning press and propaganda programs designed to promote anti-communism and to counter Soviet press and propaganda initiatives worldwide. Specifically, the various projects were developed for the following reasons (Corresponding cryptonyms to these projects were provided in a classified document, and are not included below):

A. to counter Soviet activities in international intellectual organizations, in order to unite and promote anti-Communist intellectuals.

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- B. to be involved in book publishing matters and the international distribution of anti-Communist books.
- C. to purchase and distribute books.
- D. to cover the international mailing of American books translated into Spanish and French languages.
- E. to purchase and mail books to selected addressees in Latin America and Africa.
- F. to cover a worldwide news and feature story service.
- G. as a Press and Propaganda Developmental and Target of Opportunity project involving Latin America.

CIA-IR-13 -- Organized Crime

(S) As part of DA/OIM/JFK's research, IMS/ESG/HCS was requested to do a trace on "Charles Ford." The trace resulted in no hits.

(S) Later, to answer CIA-IR-03 on HTLINGUAL material, a computer run was made. The list contained a citation to testimony to Congress by Charles Ford in September of 1975. A copy of Ford's testimony to a Senate Committee regarding a Mafia connection to assassination plots against Castro was provided to DA/OIM/JFK in February 1998.

(U) At the request of HRP JFK, several project Crypts were searched and results provided in connection with this request.

CIA - IR-15 - Mexico City Station electronic surveillance and surveillance tapes

(S) The Directorate of Operations has checked Headquarters records for files referenced in HMMW 12454

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and for files on the crypts cited in this document and searched for HMMA 20307 and other cables or dispatches cited in this document. As previously explained, the crypts in HMMW 12454 have been researched. The dispatch was apparently written in haste and in truncated language without correct knowledge of the operational crypts for the specific operations in Mexico City. The crypts in the dispatch are the more generic crypts for teltap operations, not for the then-current operations in Mexico City, which are in question.

(U) There has been considerable interest over the years in locating any electronic surveillance tapes that would have been made during the period that Oswald visited Mexico (26 September - 2 October 1963). A thorough search has been conducted of the DO's record system as well as the index to retired records in an attempt to locate any tapes and/or find documentation to resolve their disposition. We have discussed this issue with operational experts and their professional opinion is that most likely tapes such as these were never returned to Headquarters for retention. It was normal practice to recycle audio tapes after they had been listened to by transcribers and their transcripts made.

(U) Messages between field stations and headquarters used operational jargon and shortened sentence structures that can sometimes allow for misinterpretations. Thus, possible confusion was created when references to what was being sent to headquarters referred to "tapes" but really intend "information" from tapes.

(U) In our search efforts we did locate approximately 185 audio surveillance tapes of the Cuban and Soviet embassies in Mexico City that were recorded during the immediate time following the assassination (22 November 1963 to January 1964). The fact that these tapes were retained and returned to Headquarters could account for the fact that some people recall that some tapes existed which were sent to Headquarters.

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(U) Based upon the search efforts that were undertaken and the opinions of operational experts consulted, CIA has concluded that the tapes in question do not exist and were almost certainly recycled in the normal course of business before their potential value was identified.

CIA-IR-18 - Information on one DO Office

(S) The DO provided an unclassified response on the "Defector Staff" listed in CSN 5-50 revised in October 1959 and the "CIA Defector Coordinator, DDP/CDC," revised in October 1963. The "Defector and Contract Personnel Branch" had the symbol SR/OS/D. Only Soviet Bloc (formerly Warsaw Pact countries) defector cases were handled by this branch. Staffs and branches identified, among other duties, were responsible for identifying, debriefing, and resettling foreign defectors of intelligence interest.

CIA - IR-19 - Computer search on specific individuals and organizations

(U) The DO provided an unclassified response to the ARRB Staffs' request to review Agency files on some 38 names who were the subjects of the HSCA. All files and traces were reviewed by the ARRB staffers on 19 and 20 August.

A. Leo Cherne, (Leopold Chernetsky), a US citizen, was born in 1912, has Office of Security file #53082, has 201 file #07662 (two volumes), has an A-file #048058, and subject does have a pseudo.

B. Hunter Leake has an A-file (#105075) DCD file number, pseudo not found.

C. John McVickar. Trace results only.

D. Andy Anderson. No identifiable traces running variations of "Andy."

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E. Byron B. Morton Jr. -- Trace resulted one document.

F. Marie Cheatham. -- Trace resulted in one document.

G. Paul A. Garbler. Our records reveal that Garbler had three pseudos assigned to him. Also, Garbler had four aliases on record.

H. Verna Deane Brown. The trace resulted in one document.

I. George Stanley Brown. Results of trace search was an A-File.

J. Howard Guebler. There was one trace result, who may or may not be iden to Subject which is an index card.

K. Gordon Duane Novel. Trace resulted in three index cards. He is the subject of 201-0834822 and has an A file (#A185210); however, the A file has been incorporated into his 201 file. No record of a pseudo on this name.

L. Ed Butler -- Trace resulted in an A file (#121440) on Edward Scannell Butler, III, the Director of INCA.

M. INCA (Information Council of the Americas). AllStar trace search on "INCA" provided the following index card(s) information that may or may not be iden to the "Information Council of the Americas, Inc."

N. Permindex. One trace result was found.

CIA-IR-20 -- Monster Plot NBR

(U) This is a large number of files from the microfilm part of the collection that Michelle Combs reviewed and then crafted a "SECRET" classified memo identifying the reels and folders of the files that were then declared "Not Believed Relevant."

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CIA-IR-21 -- DRE Monthly operational reports

(U) This request involved "Howard" and some extensive research for the name as a true name, pseudo, or alias for anyone out of JMwave and/or connected to the DRE operation.

(U) We also did extensive research for DRE monthly reports. In the JFK collection, there was a gap in the reporting between December 1962 and April 1964.

(U) This also covered the question of George Joannides' Performance Appraisal Reports and their inclusion in the collection with some redactions.

CIA-IR-22 - "A" file on Clay Shaw and Jim Garrison

(U) The DO provided this unclassified response:

"It was the DO's understanding that there were illegible markings on pages of the copy of the "A" file on Clay Shaw. Legible copies were promised and have recently been delivered.

The DO has recently provided a copy of the "A" file on Jim Garrison."

CIA-IR-26 -- Jordan James Pfunter

(U) IMS/ESG/HCS did a records search on subject name. The information is contained in a 201 file and an A file. This information was provided to the ARRB by DA/OIM/JFK in February 1998, and they were advised that other information was available from a Third Agency.

CIA-IR-29 -- Oswald LeWinter

(U) The ARRB provided the name to be traced. Apparently he is/was claiming to be an Agency employee and the Acting Assistant Director of Counter Espionage.

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(S) A name trace was run. The resultant information was included in an IMS/ESG/HCS "clarification memo" for the ARRB. The text, which was classified "Secret," reads as follows:

"Oswald LeWinter is a naturalized US citizen and a man of at least four other names -- George Mearah, Oscar LeWinter, Razin LeWinter, and Ibrahimin Razin. Although he appeared in the East German Who's Who in CIA, the CIA has never had any official affiliation with LeWinter. LeWinter was the subject of an Agency "burn notice" in 1990; a burn notice alerts the intelligence community. In this case, the alert advised that LeWinter was an intelligence swindler, peddler, and fabricator. (C)

CIA has a report of an episode involving an intelligence fabricator and convicted drug dealer Oswald LeWinter, AKA George Mearah, born 2 April 1931, in Vienna, Austria. In July 1990, a CIA representative overseas reported that LeWinter, using the name of George Mearah, contacted him and offered to put high-level GDR officials wishing to defect in touch with our representative and in turn the CIA. This contact would be in exchange for help and a presidential pardon that would wipe the slate clean and leave LeWinter (Mearah) without a record as a convicted felon. LeWinter (Mearah) claimed this was important [because] he was married (for the third time) and starting a new life; he was reportedly considering quietly acquiring Israeli citizenship. This contact was not followed up because of the "burn notice."

CIA-IR-30 -- Cherepanov Papers

(U) This undated and undocumented request from the ARRB was derived from a passage in the book Molehunter (pp. 121-123) regarding the Cherepanov papers.

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IMS/ESG/HCS located a workbook copy in English and provided access to ARRB staffer Michelle Combs. She was further offered access to the original Russian copies. Combs then wrote a memorandum dated April 1997 that identified the collection as papers that "primarily examine the habits, potential vulnerabilities, and KGB approaches made to various members of the American Embassy staff." Combs went on to say that "no information of believed relevance to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was found in these papers. No pages were designated as assassination records."

CIA-IR-32 -- AMWORLD

(C) The confidential draft of the IMS/ESG/HCS response was shown to ARRB staffer Combs in February 1998. That text follows:

"(C) **CIA-IR-32 AMWORLD. The Review Board seeks information regarding the purpose of AMWORLD and its connection with the Cuban exile groups. After a thorough search of the DO records system, to include telephonic communications with various DO Latin American Division officers, we formulated the following as a definition of the purpose of the AMWORLD operation. The AMWORLD operation was a covert Agency effort to provide support to several Cuban exile groups. This was an "autonomous" operation designed to bring the exile groups under the direct control of Manuel Artine Buesa. AMWORLD's mission was to cause a popular uprising in Cuba through the use of propaganda and paramilitary forces to ultimately overthrow Fidel Castro.

(C) The Agency provided direct and indirect financial aid and technical advisory support to these groups but did not participate directly in the day-to-day operations. ARTIME was responsible for recruitment of AMWORLD

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personnel; he obtained sites for training and deployment, and he had primary responsible for day-to-day operations. AMWORLD was based in three locations. The AMWORLD propaganda efforts were based in Costa Rica. The paramilitary efforts were run out of the Nicaragua base. The third base was located in Miami to service AMWORLD requirements including the collection of operational leads, servicing of dead drops and assisting in the vetting of AMWORLD personnel."

(C) Combs asked two follow up questions: Was part of the program to put in place a government in exile? Was there ever a government in exile? IMS/ESG/HCS put these questions to LA and DO/IRO. The DO/IRO has provided the following additional write up, classified confidential:

"(C) Based on file reviews and recollections from officers involved in the Cuban program, there was never a Cuban Government in Exile. During the planning for the Bay of Pigs operation it was envisioned that after the invasion site had been secured, Miro Cardona and the Cuban Revolutionary Council would be flown to the area to establish a new Cuban Government. The invasion site was never secured.

(C) The AMWORLD Project, begun well after the failure of the Bay of Pigs invasion and after the release of Manuel Artime Buesa and other Bay of Pigs veterans from Cuban prisons, was designed to support and unite several Cuban exile groups under the control of Artime in an effort to enhance the cohesion of the exiles and augment Artime's capability to launch propaganda and paramilitary attacks against the Cuban mainland. The overall mission of AMWORLD was to foment a popular uprising in Cuba which could lead to the ultimate overthrow of Fidel Castro. There is no evidence that AMWORLD's mission even remotely came close to fruition and no evidence that a projected government in exile was ever considered as a viable option."

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CIA-IR-34 -- Files of CIA officials/offices

(U) IMS/ESG/HCS ran a computer search for "OPI 40" files. This computer run was then made available to ARRB staff member Michelle Combs for review. Her review encompasses some 42 boxes from a variety of retired DDP files. The identified folders were gathered in an aggregate of seven boxes (including one that is exclusively microfilm and microfiche of so-called Registry logs).

(U) The ARRB staff member's review is about half completed. She has so far selected some 44 records totaling 123 pages to be included in the JFK collection. When the ARRB staff member's review is completed, the selected records will be copied and subjected first to a duplicate check by DA/OIM/JFK reviewers, then reviewed by those reviewers, then reviewed by HCS reviewers.

(U) We have been unable to locate any "operational diaries" by William Harvey.

CIA-IR-35 - Oswald related Information

(S) The surfacing of a report in the continuing Oswald 201 file attributed to IJDECANTER prompted the ARRB to request a review of that defector's 201 file. Certain such reporting records will be included in the JFK collection as records in Oswald's 201. A Board request for an updated search of records for Oswald related material generated some 128 hits, which were reviewed by Ms. Michelle Combs of the ARRB staff. Three records, selected by Ms. Combs and sanitized with her concurrence, were selected for inclusion in the JFK assassination records collection.

CIR-IR-36 - Handling of Cables in 1963

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(U) The DO provided an unclassified response to the ARRB staff's request for a brief explanation of how the Directorate of Operations processed cables in the 1963/1964 timeframe. We are unable to locate any Agency-wide definitive records on the subject for this time frame, and the information provided below is based solely on the memory of DO officers familiar with procedures in place at the time and in the specific offices in which they served.

(U) Each area division in the DO maintained and staffed its own registry. Although each registry was configured to meet each division's unique requirements, there were common functions performed by all the registries to include: collecting, sorting, and delivering of incoming cables; maintenance of incoming and outgoing cable "chronos;" collecting and delivering of incoming and outgoing pouch material; and the issuance and maintenance of "pseudo and alias" card files.

(U) On a daily basis, usually six days per week, each registry collected its incoming cable traffic from a central processing point, then called the Cable Secretariat, within the Office of Communications. The incoming cables were then sorted by registry personnel according to predefined guidelines. These guidelines were unique to each division and were frequently altered to meet changing operational requirements. Sorted cables were then delivered to specific operational/area desks. A "chrono" copy of each incoming cable was maintained, on a temporary basis, usually for 90 days, and the receiving office placed a copy into an operational file based upon subject or activity.

(U) Outgoing cables were created and coordinated by appropriate operational/area desks and usually released by the chief of the division or a designated releasing officer. "Released" cables were then hand delivered or sent by pneumatic tube system (a system long ago dismantled from the original Headquarters building) to Cable Secretariat for processing into the Agency's communication network. "Chrono" copies of

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outgoing cables were forwarded to the registry for a 90 day hold and the sending office placed a copy in the appropriate operational file.

(U) There was a centralized processing section for the directorate that received copies of the cables to review them and update the central index cards.

CIA-IR-37 - William Pawley

(U) The DO provided an unclassified response to the ARRB's request to review all files on William Pawley and any files on his possible connection with Cuban exile groups in the 1962-1963 time frame. The Agency's 201 file on Pawley consists of three volumes, the same as in the JFK sequestered collection, and November 1962 is the date of the last record indexed to his 201. However, the Agency holds operational files for the period 1963 to 1965 which related to Pawley. Those files were made available for review by the ARRB staff and they selected a number of documents for inclusion in the materials being processed for release to NARA.

Unnumbered Request -- Worldwide Query

(U) In March 1998 the ARRB asked "whether a worldwide query was sent out the day after the assassination for all case officers to query their sources for any information on the assassination and Oswald. Are or would all the answers be in the collection?"

(S) The following information has been identified:

A. A "book message," that is a message to all stations and bases, DIR 84608, dated 22 November 1963 (date/time group 222054Z) was sent. This message advised all stations and bases about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The message advised all to be "on alert." This cable is found in Oswald's 201 file, Box 1, Volume 3.

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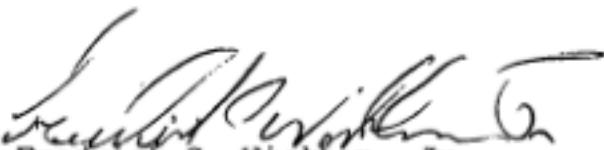
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B. A "book cable," DIR 85133, dated 26 Nov. 1963 (date/time group 262319Z) was sent. This message was sent "routine" but with ten addressees on a "priority basis." The ten "priority" addressees were: Paris, Rome, Madrid, Copenhagen, Oslo, Helsinki, Brussels, The Hague, London, and Ottawa. This cable advised all stations and bases of the identity of the alleged assassin by name of Lee Harvey Oswald. This cable can be found in Oswald's 201 file, Box 1, Volume 4.

C. Neither of these two cables indicates that a "routing" coding was to be used to ensure that all responses, if any, would be classified to Oswald's 201 file.

8. (U) I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Executed in Langley, Virginia on this 2nd day of September 1998.


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