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SUBJECT: DDO Response to HSCA Letter dated 15 August 1978
(Questions 1 & 2)

1. In June 1960 a new form 831 (for opening 201's) came into effect which made the old (Oct. 57) type form used in the Oswald 201 obsolete. Since 201's are opened by the individual offices and not a central point, the Records Integration Division allowed for an overlap period before not accepting the October 57 form 831's. The June 1960 form was obviously geared for machine input and specifically has spaces for the machine codes. The analyst (initials N.S.) who reviewed the 831 form on Oswald and assigned the 201 number added the machine codes to the old type opening sheet.

a. The OI Code (Other Identification) "AG" means "actual or potential defectors to the East or the SINO/SOVIET Bloc including Cuba". The analyst added this OI Code because CI/SIG (Egerter) had stated that Oswald had defected to the USSR in October 1959. Any person who could be described as the above could have an OI Code "AG".

b. CI/SIG has been crossed out because the space now required a machine code (as explained in Paragraph 1 above). The number "731" is called a "non-country code" which means in machine input language CI/SI (the office which had opened the 201 file).

c. The number "074" is under Category #10 * "Country of Residence", not "047" under Category #12 "Second Country Interest", as stated in HSCA letter of 15 August 1978. The number "074" is a "country code" and means the USSR.

(NOTE: The machine codes in Paragraph 1a, b, & c were obtained from a Machine Listing produced by IMS/Procedures Branch/EDIS (Electronic Data Input Section). It is a computer listing to identify computer fields. The IMS Analysts also have handbooks entitled "Handbook for Analysis" which specifies this same information).

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2. The three index cards were in the DDO records system at the time of President Kennedy's assassination. One was a master 201 index card, one was an FBI report classified (filed) into 100-300-011 and one was an FBI report classified into 74-500. Both of these files are "Subject" files.

a. The file 100-300-011 is entitled "Fair Play for Cuba Committee". It consists of 987 documents dated from 1958 through 1973. All but approximately 20 are third agency (FBI, State, etc.) documents.

b. The file 74-500 is entitled "USSR Miscellaneous". The file consists of 427 documents, 90% of which are third agency documents. The documents cover the period 1948 through 1977.

(NOTE: A machine listing for the 100-300-011 file was reviewed by HSCA Staff Member Betsy Wolf in May 1978).

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