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CALL REPORTDocument's Author: Ron Haron/ARRB Date Created: 10/02/97 The Players Who initiated the call? Review Board's representative in the call: Ron HaronNational Archives and Records Administration's representative in the call: Kris WilhelmDescription of the Call Date: 10/02/97Subject: Congressional RecordsSummary of the Call:I called Ms. Wilhelm to find out the status of an Oswald file that was in the records of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Ms. Wilhelm was very cooperative and provided the following background information regarding the records of some of the Congressional Committees that we are interested in:1. HUAC-- The Dies Committee became HUAC in 1944. Pre-1944 records of the Dies Committee are open at NARA, while post-1944 HUAC records are still closed. Therefore, the Oswald file has not previously been available to the public. According to Ms. Wilhelm, it consists only of some press clippings. She was not certain whether the file was created before or after the assassination. To inspect it, we have to get clearance from the Committee. We have to get this file into the JFK Collection (among possibly other HUAC records).2. Pike Committee--There are some records of the Pike Committee in the JFK Collection, according to Ms. Wilhelm. The original records of this Committee are on the Hill and are not located at NARA downtown.3. Eastland Committee--The original records of this Committee are located at NARA downtown. Many of the records are open, including post-assassination materials on Oswald and materials on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. There is executive session testimony that is still closed, and Ms. Wilhelm identified testimony of Pedro Lanz (1959), General Edwin Walker (1961), and Abba Schwartz of the State Department.4. Abzug Committee-- Ms. Wilhelm indicated that these records (several folders) are currently open at NARA downtown. They have no closed records for this Committee, and Ms. Wilhelm did not think there were any other closed records.5. Long Subcommittee (Administrative Practices) (1968)-- Ms. Wilhelm was going to check to see if NARA has the original records for this Subcommittee, although she thought that these records should be open by now under the Senate access rules.6. Edwards Committee-- This is the Committee that investigated the FBI's destruction of the Oswald note. Ms. Wilhelm is going to check whether NARA has the original records for this committee.Don't forget to compose individual Action Item documents for any action items that resulted from the call!

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