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Subject: Rough overview of remaining HSCA records
THANKS TO CHET, I'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO SOME WORK ON THE HSCA CROSS-REFERENCE DATABASE HERE IN PHOENIX TODAY in an effort to get a better statistical handle on the remaining HSCA records. The numbers are worse than I thought they would be, but not as bad as they appear on first hearing/reading. First, by way of general introduction, the good news: approximately 1800 records which were not in the public HSCA Numbered Files boxes at NARA II when the high school students first surveyed them for us are now present in, or on their way to, the boxes. These represent, broadly, Board-processed (either through the Review Track or the Consent Agenda) records. (Conversely, the students appear to have missed some 50 records in their survey which have now been added to the universe of records still to be processed or resolved.) Simplifying a complicated picture for ease of understanding, there are approximately 460 records in the Numbered Files which are still not in the public boxes or on their way to them (ie, Board-processed but not yet forwarded to NARA II). It is likely that approximately 60 of this number are open records that are simply missing or misfiled in the public boxes (thus, replaceable or forwardable without Board action, once identified). This brings the number requiring more active processing down to 400. These remaining 400 are roughly broken down below (roughly, because the "data" below is based on the information contained on the withdrawal slips and does not yet reflect an actual perusal of the documents themselves). Some double counting takes place because of multiple equities: FBI 210 CIA 85 "HSCA" 25 WC 20 (in my experience, these usually turn out to be FBI equities) MLK 20 (we need to think about how these are/are not handled) DOD 12 USSS 10 IRS/Treas. 8 NSA 2 DEA 1 DOS 1 INS 1 DOI 1 USIA/FAA 1 I think a fair number of these 400 or so records will be "soft" and easily processable (sometimes without re-referral) once we actually get into it. Remember: these are just the Numbered Files, and don't reflect other HSCA record series. It would be helpful if the two main HSCA equity-holding agencies, FBI and CIA, could process whatever definable piles of HSCA referrals they still have outstanding ASAP (I know this is easier said than done, and there are other priorities....). This will prevent (additional) confusion and unnecessary re-referrals. (Bob, for a slight variation on this request, see my separate-cover e-mail to you). My game plan for the week I come back, such as it is, is to finish sorting the various piles of HSCA records I've accumulated in my working space with an eye toward putting together FDF-attached piles for the FRN records that have yet to reach NARA so we can get them out the door. With Bob's permission, I hope to avail myself of Ben and/or Peter's help on this project. Assuming this gets done before I have to depart again (a significant assumption), I would propose that I start a document-by-document examination of the 400 remaining and see what I find, organizing them for further processing as I go along. Any thoughts, feedback welcome. Thanks again, Chet.

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