

## MEMORANDUM

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To: File  
cc: T. Jeremy Gunn  
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Kevin Tiernan

From: Brian E. Rosen

Subject: Kefauver Committee

Brian Rosen and Kevin Tiernan recently visited the National Archives and reviewed the indices to the collection of records generated from the work of the Kefauver Committee from 1949 through 1951 and currently stored at the Archives. After thoroughly reviewing the subjects and topics listed in the indices, we determined that the likelihood that assassination records exist in the collection is extremely remote. The records appear to contain largely information regarding Mafia-related figures from the period prior to and throughout the committee's lifespan. Even information located in the few records related to figures sometimes linked to the Kennedy assassination by various assassination researchers and scholars is too remote in time to the assassination or the historical period surrounding the assassination to qualify as an assassination record under the JFK Act. Regardless of the Review Board's action on these documents, the National Archives is authorized by Congress to open these records in full in 2001.