

MEMORANDUM

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Executive Director

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Subject: References to CIA Covert Action as Not Believed Relevant (NBR)

In our review of non-core collection records, such as those from the Church Committee and Ford Library, the Review Board staff has encountered references to CIA covert action that do not appear to be relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy. For example, a record of a Church Committee conversation concerning plans to publish an assassinations report refers to the committee's intent to examine issues other than assassinations and lists a number of covert operations that do not appear to be linked to the JFK assassination nor to any other assassination plot. (See record 178-10004-10302.)

We recommend that references to covert action that have no discernible link to the assassination of President Kennedy be postponed by the Review Board as NBR issues with the understanding that when these issues are reviewed and released in other contexts the CIA will release them in records that are part of the JFK Collection. For substitute language we recommend, "CIA Covert Operation not believed relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy." An exception would be in documents where information already released in the document would make this language a revelation of the activity we have agreed to protect. In such cases we recommend that "Operational Details not believed relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy" be substituted.

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