

MEMORANDUM

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To: Tim Wray, Jeremy Gunn
cc - Doug Horne

From: Joe Freeman

Subject: Referred/Postponed DOD documents in the HSCA collection

The following figures are subject to future amendment but provide as accurate an estimate as I am able to make at the present time.

- 1. Security Classified Files.** There are thirteen DOD documents in the Security Classified Files Record Series. (Of these, four have already been referred to Stewart Aly by the ARRB's letter of 12/1/95).
- 2. NARA-referred.** From NARA's (Matt and Kris's) document referral notebook, it appears that 36 DOD documents have been previously and formally referred to DOD by NARA. Of these, Matt and Kris's records indicate that 14 have been processed by DOD. This would leave a total of 22 documents outstanding in this category. (A copy of these referral sheets will be given to Doug).
- 3. DOD documents whose referral to DOD cannot be verified (that is, their referral is not reflected in the notebook cited in item 2), but whose RIFs reflect either a "Referred" or "Postponed" entry in the "CURRENT STATUS" field.** There are approximately 30 documents in this category. (Copies of the RIFs for these documents will be given to Doug).

Summary:	13	Sec. Classified Files
	22	Officially referred to DOD (and as of yet unreturned)
	30	Not officially referred, but currently NARA-withheld,
	—	in whole or in part
	65	Total

This number is subject to change: we (Doug and I) may well find documents in category 3 physically present (and thus open) at NARA II. We may be making a trip out to NARA II for this purpose later this week.

In addition, there is the issue of DOD files which HSCA staffers examined at DOD offices but which

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were never physically made part of the HSCA collection. For instance, see the attached cover sheet (stamped unclassified upon removal of attached documents) from Security Classified Files folder JFK-163 in which Judith Miller references to Jackie Hess of the HSCA that an Air Force file on Jean Souetre, a DIS file on Miriam Seborer and a DIA file on Osvaldo Aurelio Pino Pino are available for review in Judith Miller's office. These were clearly proffered by Miller in response to a previous HSCA request. I did a quick computer search for documents fitting this description and they appear not to be in the HSCA collection -- but perhaps they should be.

Lastly, there remains the issue of MDW records. As you'll recall, the reinterment-related documents I came across are in the JFK collection courtesy of the Ford Library. The question that naturally arises is whether there are other relevant records that MDW failed to cough up in its initial response to the JFK Act.

Good luck. If you need anything more in advance of Thursday, let me know.

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