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24 HSCA/WC Privacy-Related Documents for 1/31/96 (Staff recommends they all be opened in full except for Social Security Numbers.)

Category 1 - YELLOW - Staff Recommendation: Open in Full

1-4. **RFK-related documents in the JFK Collection** - The HSCA collection contains four records related to the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy: 1) 26 pages of Grand Jury testimony, 2) the 69-page autopsy report, 3) 66 pages of excerpts from the LAPD's summary volumes of its investigation and, 4) a poster/diagram depicting various aspects of the crime scene. Items 1-3 are open to the public at the California State Archives (where the LAPD's RFK files were transferred and subsequently opened in the late 1980's) and item four, which appears to be the work of an independent researcher, was compiled from now-public sources.

Records 180-10089-10019 (1)
180-10089-10024 (2)
180-10110-10082 (3)
180-10076-10011 (4)

5. **Return of Photo to Bill Alexander from HSCA staffer Albert Maxwell (180-10110-10106)** - Bill Alexander, chief prosecutor of Jack Ruby, was interviewed and his files borrowed by HSCA staffers. Among the material contained in the files was a compromising photo of a prominent assassination researcher which the HSCA duly returned as irrelevant to its investigation. This document is a HSCA memo to the file documenting the return; the memo is obscure and does not reference the nature of the photo or its subject, but we know of it from open FBI files on the same subject.

6. **HSCA/FAA file, re: David Ferrie (180-10117-10177)** - In addition to Ferrie-related documents the Board has already processed, HSCA records also contain an 87-page Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) file which includes: 1) an FAA-generated document, 2) a two-page Bureau of Narcotics memorandum and, 3) an already-open October 1961 FBI memorandum. Since the Board's

last meeting, both the FAA and DEA have informed us they have no objection to the full release of their equities in these documents, and the FBI team has confirmed the open status of the 10/61 FBI memo. The FAA file also contains NOPD documents the Board has already opened. In total, there are 167 redactions in this file relating to juvenile names, addresses and family members.

7-10. VA/VA-related Medical Records in HSCA Collection - HSCA files contain two separately numbered sets of VA medical records for Ivo Tucci (allegedly linked to right-wing oil figure Clint Murchison). The VA has been contacted but declined to offer any evidence in support of postponing these records (180-10089-10215 and 180-10089-10227). In addition, there is an HSCA deposition (180-10077-10208) and deposition summary (180-10077-10207) with Dr. Charles Laborda -- a VA clinical psychologist in Texas who cared for Seymour Weitzman (Dallas Deputy Sheriff, involved in the investigation of the assassination). In subsequent years, Weitzman's mental state became an issue and the HSCA deposed Laborda in an effort to help determine Weitzman's credibility. Though these latter two records were HSCA-generated, we also afforded the VA an opportunity to offer evidence in support of their postponement. The VA declined to do so.

Category 2 - YELLOW - Staff Recommendation: Open in Full Except for SSN Redaction

11. HSCA Ferrie file, 434 pages (File Number 012523, Record Number 180-10111-10065) - This is a 3-folder, 434-page HSCA file on David Ferrie which contains 615 redactions of juvenile names, addresses or family member names. Almost all of the documents contained in this record have already been released by the Board as part of other HSCA records. Where the documents have not been previously considered by the Board, the redacted names themselves have been, and released. With the exception of a SSN for a third party, staff recommends opening this record in full.

Category 3 - GREEN - Staff Recommendation: Open in Full

12-15. Warren Commission reiterations of testimony of Charles Steele - Staff has identified four additional Warren Commission records in which the testimony of Charles Steele, regarding the childhood behavior of his son, Charles Jr., was redacted by NARA. Two of these reiterations are separately numbered versions of the Pollack to Rankin memo about possible deletions in published testimony which the Board opened in full at its last meeting; we have also found two separately numbered copies of the original testimony itself where the same language is redacted.

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Records NARA-WC 179-40001-10233 (continued on next page)

NARA-WC 179-40001-10431
NARA-WC 179-40001-10430
NARA-FORD 178-10004-10022

Category 4 - GREEN - Staff Recommendations: Postpone in Part (upholding existing NARA redactions of SSNs)

16-24. HSCA records contain existing SSN redactions made by NARA - Staff recommends the Board uphold NARA's redactions by postponing them until 2017, *unless NARA is made aware of evidence indicating that the individual whose SSN is redacted is deceased, in which case NARA, at its discretion, may open the SSN redaction in advance of 2017.*

Records 180-10101-10053

180-10107-10194
180-10112-10049
180-10086-10235
180-10084-10094
180-10102-10278
180-10106-10011
180-10115-10028
180-10120-10343