

# MEMORANDUM

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To: Phil Golrick, Kevin Tiernan  
cc Jeremy Gunn

From: Joe Freeman

Subject: HSCA items requiring FBI action

The below items can be grouped in one of two categories: I) records of agencies other than the FBI which the originating agency has cleared for release but which contain FBI equities of one degree or another, and II) HSCA documents already in the FBI-referred universe (and thus presently at the FBI for eventual processing), the processing of which higher authorities (Jeremy or Tom) have asked us to expedite.

## Category I

1. **180-10077-10307**: a 19-page U.S. Marshal's Service file on John Andrew Dane which has been cleared by the Service for release, but which contains FBI equities -- FBI identification cards, a FBI file number and a two-page letter from the FBI's Phoenix office to the the Deputy U.S. Marshal of the same city.
2. **180-10112-10422**: one-page excerpt from an FBI report, re: Ernesto Rodriguez and Spanish conversations by Oswald. The HSCA RIF has DOJ in the originator field, and NARA referred it to DOJ. Recently, DOJ -- predictably enough -- told us we need to talk to the FBI about it. I'd be shocked if it wasn't already open -- I've attached a RIF for a possible duplicate, and I'll try to confirm its duplicate status at NARA II.
3. **180-10080-10216**: three-page letter of 2/13/78 from Robert Keuch, Criminal Division-DOJ, to Bob Blakey of the HSCA, re: FBI files. This document is already open at NARA II in the correspondence files of the HSCA. This record is therefore a duplicate of an open document. We asked DOJ to clear the duplicate; Frank Newett wrote back that DOJ had no objection to clearing it, but that we should consult the FBI.
4. **180-10078-10411**: this nine-page document appears to be notes taken from an INS file on Sergio Archacha Smith. INS has signed off on its release, but there are FBI equities.
5. **180-10110-10068**: one page of a 23-page DOS file is reproduced here. There is a one-page summary of an FBI memo in this file on Antuilo Ramirez Ortiz (attached). This constitutes the only

FBI equity in this otherwise-cleared-for-release DOS record.

6. **180-10110-10056**: three-page DOS cable, the substance of which is taken from an FBI interview of Richard Prewitt on 2/20/73. This document is from the HSCA Security Classified Files and is classified CONFIDENTIAL. We referred it to DOS and DOS has independently forwarded it to the FBI on a third-agency referral. DOS has not indicated any objection to its release, and I thought you might be in a position to get an answer from the FBI sooner than DOS will.

7. **180-10110-10129**: a 37-page DOD military intelligence file with FBI equities. This record is from the HSCA Security Classified Files and is classified SECRET. Be aware that the DOD wishes to redact the names of its military intelligence agents. Apparently (see attached DOD RIFs) DOD has independently referred these pages to the FBI.

## Category II

1. **180-10091-10171**: two-page Sibert and O'Neill report, re: autopsy. It was referred to the FBI by NARA. Jeremy has asked that we try and open all HSCA documents relative to medical issues. I believe I've found a duplicate of this document in the FBI files (RIF attached) and I will run this down at NARA II.

2. **180-10107-10225**: two-page reply to HSCA from the FBI, re: skull fragment/autopsy. NARA referred this to the FBI but I am hoping that you can expedite it in light of Jeremy's request that all HSCA records related to medical issues be cleared.

3. **180-10076-10353**: a Garrison-era memo which has been referred (dubiously) to the FBI by NARA. This is part of a batch of documents that Jim DiEugenio has asked the Board to clear; Tom has asked me to try and facilitate the request.

4. **179-20001-10172**: not an HSCA record, per se, but also part of DiEugenio's Garrison-era document request. It's a copy of a famous seven-page memo from Sciambra to Garrison, re: Perry Russo interview. It is already open in full in the HSCA collection: the memo was read into the Shaw trial transcript, which is open (I can give you the citation if you need it). Although DOJ is on the originator line in the RIF, Steve Tilley tells me that the memorandum came to DOJ with a cover memo from the FBI -- Hoover forwarding scoop from the Garrison trial (this FBI cover memo, however, is separately RIFed in the NARA collection). Thus the actual originating agency -- in terms of the federal government's chain of possession of the memo -- is the FBI.