

MEMORANDUM

June 4, 1996

To: The File
 cc - Jeremy Gunn
 Tim Wray

From: Joe Freeman

Subject: HSCA Record 180-10110-10091

This multi-document record from the HSCA Security Classified Files record series was forwarded to Stewart Aly of DOD on 12/1/95. In our cover letter of that date, we indicated that the Board hoped to review the document at its 1/4/96 meeting, and evidence on behalf of postponements was requested by 12/22/95.

We didn't hear back from DOD on this document until 1/30/96, over a month past the date by which we had requested evidence and over three weeks after the meeting date at which we had indicated we hoped to process the record. In their communication of 1/30, DOD requested privacy postponements in some of the documents in this record (addresses, home phone numbers, or serial numbers of DOD personnel, circa 1978), but also indicated that they had not finished reviewing the entire record, requesting that Board consideration be delayed. Moreover, while they requested some postponements in this letter, they offered no specific evidence on behalf of any of them.

On 3/6/96 we again heard from DOD concerning this record. On this date they indicated they had completed their review and reiterated their requests for privacy postponements, but again offered no specific evidence on behalf of their requests.

On 5/3/96 -- over a month ago -- we sent a letter to DOD stating that the Board would require specific evidence on behalf of DOD's requested postponements, and that this record would be taken up at the 6/4-5/96 meeting. In the meantime, ARRB staff had, with its own time and resources, determined that several of the individuals whose addresses and phone numbers DOD wants to protect were in fact deceased, suggesting to us that the DOD has not even conducted this most basic verification on their requested postponements.

As of the end of last week, we had not heard from DOD, re: evidence, despite a follow-up phone call on our letter of 5/3 by Military Team Leader Tim Wray. Staff therefore recommends release.

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