

# MEMORANDUM

August 21, 1995

To: Jeremy Gunn  
From: Joe Freeman  
Subject: Update: Warren Commission documents

Per your request, I had a follow-up conversation with Steve Tilley concerning Warren Commission documents. Insofar as Steve was able to answer our questions, here are capsulized versions of his replies:

1- Aside from five documents the WC generated itself (non-agency documents) that are presently being withheld on privacy grounds, the 50 boxes of referred material represent the entire universe of non-open documents. Put another way, all WC documents that are *not* in those boxes are open in full (except for the five).

2- Agency breakdowns. Of the 50 or so boxes of referred material, Steve *estimated* the breakdown as follows:

FBI	15
DOJ	6 (very approximate)
CIA	4
Secret Service	3
IRS	3
Bureau of Budget	2
State Dept.	1

This is way under 50, obviously. Steve says the remainder (30%+) of the boxes are "mixed" and were generated in large part by NARA itself as part of its mandated decennial reviews of WC material (1975 and 1985). Steve says these boxes will contain a lot of duplicate copies of materials in the above-listed boxes. **I told Steve that I was certain you would want me to physically look at all 50 boxes at some point, to nail down the above breakdown a little more precisely. He was not surprised.**

3- Recalcitrant agencies. As discussed, the FBI and CIA have been working with Steve on their portions of the hoard of referred documents: both agencies have had teams of individuals out at

NARA reviewing them, etc. Steve isn't sure exactly where the CIA and FBI are at in terms of their review; as we discussed earlier, relevant ARRB folks should probably contact Debbie Beatty and Frank Most directly on this.

In what was news to me, Steve told me that NARA has not officially/physically even referred any documents to either the Dept. of State or the Secret Service as of yet. Thus, it will be difficult to characterize these agencies as recalcitrant.

Relative to other agencies, the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury (as opposed to the USSS) has yet to reply. Nor has Customs replied. Justice has been working on theirs; the ATF was sent 3 documents and has agreed to release them; the NLRB was sent one document and has agreed to release it.

Steve was talking from memory as he gave me this information, referring briefly to a folder he has on the subject. It might be a good idea to get something in writing from him, re: responses to referrals, just so we could get it straight once and for all.

4- Database transfers to ARRB. The hard-copy version of Steve's referred data base is available as of today -- I'll pick it up next time I'm out there. I told him we definitely wanted to take him up on his offer of a disk version. He said he thought he could get it for us, and he'd work on it.

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