

MEMORANDUM

September 13, 1996

To: Jeremy Gunn

cc - Matt Fulgham (NARA) (w/attachments)
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(w/o attachments)

From: Joe Freeman

Subject: Potential Assassination Records in the Files of the Senate Internal Security
Subcommittee (SISS, aka "Eastland Committee") of the Senate Judiciary
Committee

Introduction

Researcher Max Holland first alerted NARA and the Review Board to possible assassination records among SISS files. NARA has some 720 cubic feet of such files, retired to NARA by the Subcommittee at different times. There are no minutes or transcripts of executive session "business" meetings (ie, where no testimony was taken); nor does NARA believe that the executive session hearing list is necessarily comprehensive. In addition to the closed records, the Subcommittee at one point or another published some 400 volumes of hearings. It appears that the published hearings include transcripts of testimony originally taken in executive session. NARA's Matt Fulgham and Kris Wilhelm made a preliminary survey of the large finding aid for the collection and subsequently examined a number of the Subcommittee's files. The results of their efforts are recorded in an August 26, 1996 Memo for the Record (attached) which they forwarded to the Review Board. Briefly summarized, they found several Executive Session testimony transcripts (most notably: the 11/24/63 testimony of Ed Butler and the 12/5/63 testimony of Ruth Paine) which are clearly assassination-related records, three (3) boxes of Oswald-related clippings and a box and a half of records related to the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (pre-assassination). Like the vast majority of the Subcommittee's records, these investigative files are closed under existing Congressional guidelines for fifty years from their date of creation. Thus, they are presently unavailable to researchers. The Senate Judiciary Committee has taken no steps to date to process these records under the JFK Act. On September 12, 1996, Joe Freeman and Brian Rosen of the Review Board visited Archives I for the purpose of reviewing the finding aid for the SISS collection. No actual records were examined. The Senate Judiciary Committee would need to be contacted to secure permission for Review Board staff to access the records, though NARA personnel anticipate that such permission would be ungrudgingly granted. NARA personnel envision a scenario whereby the expertise of Review Board staff would be utilized to identify additional assassination records beyond

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those listed in the NARA memo of 8/16/96. Once that is done, NARA and the Review Board would present a list of the records so identified to the Judiciary Committee. NARA is willing to process these records (ie, photocopy them, create Record Identification Forms, etc.) on the Committee's behalf for inclusion in the JFK Collection.

SSIS Files Containing Potential Assassination Records

There are three basic categories of records within the SSIS collection which could contain assassination records: executive session hearings, name files and subject files. As referenced above, some of the relevant executive session hearings appear to have been published subsequently and should therefore be available to researchers (once they're made aware of them) through the Library of Congress. The rest of the records are presently closed.

It should be stressed that Review Board staff do not know if the files listed below in fact contain assassination-related records; they are being listed only as possible repositories of such records. Moreover, for the purpose of this memo, "assassination-related" is construed in the widest possible sense (e.g. pre-assassination hearings on the general topic of Cuba). (Note: records are bolded if previously identified in the NARA memo of 8/26/96, and executive session testimony which appears to have been subsequently published is asterisked; lastly, copies of relevant pages from the finding aid are attached.)

Executive Session

Hearing Date	Subject	Witnesses
7/10/59	Cuba	Pedro Luiz Diaz y Lanz
12/3/59	Cuba	Carlos Parets, Francisco Cruzet, Jose Garcia, Hector Panheco
12/4/59	Cuba	Raul Tamayo, Fernando Vidal
12/5/59	Cuba	"Mr. A", "Mr. B"
12/7/59	Cuba	"Witnesses C, D, E, F"

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Executive Session

Hearing Date	Subject	Witnesses
1/13/60	Cuba	Dr. Arsenio Gonzalez, Fr. Juan O'Farril, Fr. Eduardo Aguirre, Fr. Rosario Perez
1/14/60	Cuba	Dr. Arturo Illias y Cuza, Mrs. Mario Gomez y Cabbonell, Dr. Hilberto Campa y Pellis, Mr. Alberto Verona y Valdez, Dr. Jose Gonzalez y Puente, Dr. Angel Pardo y Jiminez
1/15/60	Cuba	Manuel Ugalde Carrillo, Dr. Rivero Aguero
1/18/60	Cuba/Caribbean	Gen. Francisco Tabernilla
1/22/60	Cuba/Caribbean	Aleksandr Kaznacheyev Alfonso Manuel Roche (aka Manuel Rojo del Rio)
1/23/60	Cuba/Caribbean	Alfonso Manuel Roche
4/29/60*	Cuba	Carleton Beals
5/5/60*	Cuba	Robert Taber, Kenneth Tynan
5/13/60*	Cuba	Edward Whitehouse
8/27/60*	Cuba	Arthur Gardner
8/30/60*	Cuba	Earl E.T. Smith
9/2/60	Cuba	William Pawley

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1/9/61	FPCC	Charles Santos-Buch
Executive Session Hearing Date	Subject	Witnesses
1/11/61	Alleged Cuban Spy	Angel Saavedra
	Ring in U.S.	
1/12/61	Alleged Cuban Spy Ring in U.S.	Angel Saavedra
2/15/61*	Cuba	Samuel Shaffer
2/17/61	Cuba	Miguel Diaz-Alvarez, Ernesto Luis Martin y Moran, Dr. Juan Pujol, Rafael Gayten
3/10/61	Cuba	Amb. Robert C. Hill
3/15/61*	Cuba	Col. Benoid E. Glawe
3/17/61	FPCC	Robert Colodny
3/21/61	Cuba	Edmund Chester, Francisco Cajigas
3/29/61*	Cuba	Andres Perez-Chaumont
4/25/61	FPCC	Herbert Romerstein, Richard Gibson, Marvin Markman
8/15/61 and 8/28/61	Threat to the U.S thru Caribbean	Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker
3/30/62	Webster Visit to Moscow	Robert E. Webster
7/19/62*	Attempts of Pro-Castro	Carlos Todd

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Orlando Bosch

Ed Butler

Mario Kohly

Mark Lane

John J. McCloy

Rolando Masferrer

Willem Leonard Oltmans

Gary Francis Powers

Dr. Charles Santos-Buch

Name Files, cont.

Sirhan Sirhan

Robert E. Webster

Yuri Nosenko

Viola June Cobb

Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker

Subject Files

Cuban Witnesses, 1959-1962

Fair Play for Cuba

International Brotherhood of Teamsters

Louisiana, New Orleans 1956-1967

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Files 4.21.9 Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (SISS)