

MEMORANDUM

October 5, 1995

To: Jeremy Gunn

From: Joe Freeman

Subject: Missing and Not-So-Missing HSCA Documents

Pursuant to your E-Mail request, here is my understanding of the origins of the two lists in my possession relating to "missing" HSCA documents.

The first and older list was developed prior to the passage of the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act by Diane Dimkoff and Lisa Miller of NARA. Though NARA had housed HSCA records for some time, NARA staff had not enjoyed free access to HSCA files prior to Ms. Dimkoff's and Ms. Miller's archival efforts. Access had theretofore been restricted to Members and staff of the Committee on House Administration of the U.S. House of Representatives. As Dimkoff and Miller worked through the HSCA's numbered files, they noted those that contained no documents, as well as numbered files which appeared to be missing altogether. As part of their efforts, they generated a four page list of "Missing Documents".

Dimkoff and Miller compiled their list from those HSCA documents housed by NARA. In addition to these, however, there was an additional universe of HSCA documents which were in the physical possession of the CIA. These documents had been left in CIA custody as a result of negotiations between the HSCA and the Agency conducted before the former's expiration. The CIA had been reviewing these documents for some time and, last December, delivered the results of their review to NARA. Some documents were opened in full, some opened with redactions and others completely withheld. As NARA staff (Kris Wilhelm and Matt Fulgher) processed this CIA-delivered hoard, they realized that some of the documents they came across were on the "missing" list compiled previously by Dimkoff and Miller. Thereupon they compiled a second list: documents previously listed as missing which could, in fact, be found among the CIA Segregated Collection. This is the list I gave you earlier this week. This second list was compiled sometime last month, and constitutes a subset of the original list compiled by Dimkoff and Miller. The documents on this second list have not been interfiled with the boxes of the HSCA numbered files -- physically, they remain in the CIA Segregated Collection.

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