

MEMORANDUM

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To: File 4.23.5
cc Jeremy Gunn

From: Joe Freeman

Subject: Security Classified Files record series

Earlier this year it was determined that NARA had never referred documents contained in the Security Classified Files record series of the HSCA collection to agencies having equities in the documents. This is in contrast to the Numbered Files of the HSCA collection, which had been so referred.

I spoke today with Kris Wilhelm, Matt Fulgham and Steve Tilley of NARA concerning NARA's current intentions regarding the Security Classified Files record series in light of the ARRB staff's desire to begin bringing documents from this record series to the Board for its review. I informed the NARA staff of our intention -- in lieu of a NARA referral and agency response to same -- to regard these documents as effectively "postponed in full" for purposes of our staff review.

Kris, Matt and Steve all expressed support for the ARRB's proposed mode of handling these documents. Each expressed the view that it would be duplicative and unhelpful for NARA to now undertake a formal referral process for this series of records, given that the task had not been completed earlier. Given the tight time-line for the ARRB's work, each understood the necessity for the ARRB staff to begin processing these records for the Board's review. Steve Tilley, in particular, indicated that he does not intend to ask Matt and Kris to refer these documents at this late date and that he has no problem with our proceeding as outlined.

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