

Jeremy Gunn Meeting at CIA on January 20, 1995.

1. Short meeting with John Pereira, Gloria Boyd, and Barry Harrelson. The following points were discussed:
 - a. Pereira would like officers from Operations to make a presentation to the Board and Staff. We should get back to him on a date.
 - b. We discussed the issue of where the Analysts' review would take place. Although Pereira did not say so explicitly, it seems that he would like the review to take place at CIA. I said that we certainly would certainly be conducting the review at CIA at least until we are fully operational in D.C. I raised the question whether we would be able to bring laptop computers in for the review. Pereira said that this might create a very difficult problem. He said that he might be able to furnish computers for our use. He asked that I write "a paragraph" on what our computer needs will be. I agreed to do so. No decisions were made.
2. Discussion with Barry Harrelson.
 - a. The CIA files are organized along the following lines:
 1. "The Oswald Files." This is Oswald's 201 file and is approximately 17 boxes. DCI Gates released the first portion, the "pre-assassination file" (30-40 documents), in 1992.
 2. "The JFK Files." This is the segregated collection of 63 boxes (plus microfilm box 64 (see number 3 below)). It consists of two parts:
 - i. "CIA records." Files and records from CIA collection (portions of files segregated by HSCA staff).
 - ii. "HSCA records." Records, notes, etc. made by HSCA staff members based upon their review of CIA materials.

Although these two sets of documents were originally combined in the segregated collection, they were separated at the time of review. They are, however, identified by the boxes in which they were stored. Thus, there are parallel boxes of JFK files: Box 1-CIA connects to Box 1-HSCA.

The boxes and the files within are not in any clear order. My spot examination revealed that the files are not arranged logically. I was told that the boxes tended to be traceable to particular directorates, with boxes 1-32 having come from DDO.

3. "Microfilm." Box 64 from the segregated collection is actually larger than boxes 1-63 combined. Harrelson believes that it consists, *inter alia*, of microfilm copies of the original files from which the segregated collection (JFK File) was made. Harrelson believes that the microfilm was made in-house shortly before the originals were returned to the originating directorate (typically DDO). Thus, as a hypothetical example, the JFK Files may contain copies of some documents selected by the HSCA staff from Gerald Patrick Hemming's 201 file. The microfilm version would contain the entire Hemming 201 file. It is of course possible that the original files have been "routinely" destroyed.

N.B. We may wish to spot check the original files *or perhaps more likely* request that the original files be substituted.

4. Additional files identified through a new search in 1992 (conducted by Mary McAulliffe).
3. Harrelson and Boyd repeatedly emphasized that there are inconsistencies in the declassification. They emphasized that this is primarily due to: (a) standards changing over time (the Agency moved towards broader disclosure); (b) their education process and learning more about what they were doing; and (c) different people used different standards.
4. Harrelson has copies of the written materials that were used to train reviewers and offered to make them available. These materials are themselves classified. These materials identify many of the cryptonyms used.
5. I conducted a spot check of about seven boxes. On the whole I was very favorably impressed with the amount of material that the CIA is releasing. As a general rule they do not want to release names or cryptonyms, although they have progressively reached the conclusion that names will be disclosed of persons closely connected with the assassination and the investigation. Thus Oswald's cryptonym (GPFLOOR) was originally redacted (as is reflected in the early documents) but was subsequently disclosed (as was reflected in later documents). Win Scott's name is released. In an early document a reference to a document entitled "KGB Assassination Policy" was redacted. A later box had the report itself released *in toto*.
6. After hearing Harrelson's explanation of the files, I suggested that it might make sense for each of our Analysts to review a box from 1-63 in tandem with its parallel files from the microfilm. Harrelson said that that seemed like a good idea. In general, he said, the CIA's review of the microfilm was later in the project and was more consistent with their final decisions. This should expedite our review and should help identify the CIA's inconsistencies and minimize our own. Harrelson said he would give the idea some more thought.

7. Gloria Boyd seemed (modestly) embarrassed when I asked about the status of the disks. She said that disks from Oswald boxes 7-17 should be available in 2-3 days. (NARA is apparently responsible for boxes 1-6 which were released long ago.) The JFK boxes should be available in *unedited form* in 1 1/2 weeks.
8. Gloria Boyd asked if we would like hard copies of the CIA RIFs. I answered yes.

9. I was briefly introduced to the following persons: Frank Most (now an annuitant but formerly was responsible for JFK project); Chuck Briggs; Elie Newman; Gary Brennerman; Cathy _____; Tom Powell (who is working on the Bay of Pigs project); and Horace _____ (formerly in DDO).