

ARRB/IRS Chronology
December 3, 1997

- Mar. 20, 1995 Donald Squires (IRS) visits ARRB offices to review IRS equities in HSCA records. Squires meets with ARRB staff to discuss Oswald records and the possibility of obtaining release of Oswald tax return records.
- Dec. 13, 1996 ARRB letter to Squires requesting a compliance meeting to discuss whether IRS had taken any steps to review records and comply with the JFK Act. In a telephone conversation, Squires schedules a meeting for January 24, 1997.
- Dec. 16, 1996 ARRB letter to Squires requesting that IRS provide specific documents and groups of documents, including Oswald records. (No response received.)
- Jan. 16, 1997 ARRB letter to Squires outlining our position on § 6103. (No response received.)
- Jan. 23, 1997 Compliance meeting with Don Squires, Ron, and Laura at IRS.
- § 6103: Discussed ARRB's 1/16/97 letter. Squires did not think that IRS would agree with ARRB interpretation of § 6103, but that an IRS regulation (§ 301.6103(a)-1) might provide grounds for release of Warren Commission records. Squires requested additional information from ARRB on our interpretation of § 6103 and promised us a prompt determination of the legal issues involved. (No response received.)
- Compliance: Squires told us that, upon receiving our Dec. 16, 1996, letter, he realized that IRS had a lot of work to do to comply with the Act. He promised to do a complete and thorough search for IRS assassination records, and to specifically search for records in each of the categories we discussed. He stated that he had records on his desk that he believed could be released in full and would process those records and release them to NARA. Squires agreed to compile an index of any assassination records in the possession of IRS that could not be released because of § 6103 issues. Squires stated that he would like to be finished complying with the Act by March 1997, but that it might take a bit longer given that they had so much work to do. (As far as we are aware, nothing has been done.)
- Feb. 20, 1997 ARRB sends a letter and a memo giving Squires the additional information he requested about our interpretation of § 6103. (No response received.)

- Mar. 4, 1997 ARRB called Squires and left message.
- Mar. 5, 1997 Squires called back. Said he received our Feb. 20 letter and memo. Squires still does not think that IRS will agree with the ARRB interpretation. Squires said he hopes that an IRS regulation will solve the problem of the Warren Commission records. (No further response.)
- Mar. 11, 1997 ARRB called Squires. Squires said the Warren Commission records issue would be resolved in several weeks. Squires agreed to provide a written response to our request for access. (No response received.)
- Mar. 27, 1997 ARRB called Squires. He said he was trying to get someone designated as a compliance official. He had prepared a draft of the memo that would resolve the Warren Commission records issue. (No response received.)
- Apr. 17, 1997 ARRB called Squires. He said he sent the draft of the above-referenced memo to his boss and was waiting for his boss to act on it. He thought we would have an answer in a couple of weeks. Squires stated that the Oswald records issue was now in the hands of Linda Stiff, an IRS employee who works in a different office than his -- the Government Liaison and Disclosure Office. (No response received.)
- Apr. 17, 1997 ARRB called Linda Stiff. Left message. (No response received.)
- May/June 1997 ARRB called Squires. Asked specifically if he would like us to contact his boss to demand that they respond to our letters and requests for a decision on the § 6103 issue. Squires said that he appreciated the offer, but that he thought that his bosses would be making a decision on the regulation soon. Squires said that he might like us to send such a letter if too much more time went by. (No response received.)
- Nov. 12, 1997 ARRB sends letter to IRS Commissioner. (No response received.)
- Nov. 24, 1997 ARRB left a message with Squires about FBI referrals.
- Nov. 26, 1997 Squires called back. Squires says Linda Stiff should be the contact person for ALL JFK Act-related information and not just Oswald records as he had said before. Squires gave us her internal number, but ARRB could not reach her at that number. Squires is waiting until IRS designates an official to do anything further. With regard to § 6103 memo, Squires said his boss

recently started "re-examining" the issue. With regard to the FBI referrals, Squires said that he had the referrals but had not looked at them.

Nov. 26, 1997

ARRB left message for Linda Stiff regarding FBI records and requesting a name to contact about compliance issues. (No response received.)