

MEMORANDUM

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To: Jeremy Gunn and Phil Golrick

From: Joseph Masih

Re: Postal Records at NARA

I went through three boxes of classified postal documents, at NARA, within Accession number 028-71A920. Based on a conversation I had with Judy Barnes with Accessions and Disposal at Suitland and another with Steven Tilley, it appears that 028-71A920 contains accessions 028-71B0920 and 028-71C0920. The latter accessions are considered to be sub-groups within the 028-71A920. Furthermore, since there were three boxes of material within 028-71A920, this may correspond to the three boxes of classified documents which Tammi Long and Betty Ball were denied access to in 1995.

Regarding the contents of the three boxes at NARA, they contain mail cover files on US military personnel. The standard reasons for mail cover on these individuals were concerns over possible connections with foreign intelligence agencies or involvement with left-wing organizations. Unfortunately, the files cover the period of 1966 to 1969.

However, given the nature of the mail cover program against suspect military personnel, some which were being watched for receipt of subversive left wing publications, it seems logical that if a mail cover program existed in the late 1950s and early sixties, that Oswald may have been a target. Further investigation into a possible Postal Service mail cover operation against Oswald should be pursued. I discussed this with Steven Tilley and Martha Murphy at NARA and they said they would check into information on Oswald provided by the various agencies including postal service.

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