

# MEMORANDUM

December 3, 1996

To: Eileen Sullivan

From: Joan Zimmerman

Subject: US Secret Service Issues at the October and November 1996 Meetings

The Review Board designated several groups of documents "assassination records" that will be of interest to researchers. The most significant designation of records at the October 15, 1996 Board meeting was US Secret Service protective surveys for President Kennedy's trips. HSCA researcher Eileen Dinneen requested and viewed these records in 1977. Protective surveys include preliminary reports, maps, lists of contacts and guests, and final post-visit followup reports. The reports covered by the October 1996 designation begin with President Kennedy's visit to Costa Rica in March 1963, and conclude with the President's visit to Milford, Pennsylvania in late September 1963. [Eileen: As you know, the surveys for September through November 8, 1963, were destroyed by the Secret Service.] Also included are folders for President Kennedy's visits to "Other Places" and local hotels in 1963. The Secret Service will provide evidence for its postponements by December 16, 1996.

At the August 1996 meeting, the Review Board had designated as "assassination records" additional survey reports that had been held in Secret Service offices [thereby surviving destruction]. These included:

- October 14, 1963: Philadelphia
- November 14, 1963: Elkton, Maryland
- November 14, 1963: New York
- November 16, 1963: Palm Beach
- November 16, 1963: Cape Canaveral
- November 21, 1963: San Antonio

On October 15, 1996, Jane Vezeris indicated that these records had been forwarded to the JFK Collection with no requests for postponements.

At the November 13-14, 1996 meeting, the Review Board voted not to sustain any requested postponements in two remaining surveys for President Kennedy's trips to Miami and Tampa on November 18, 1963.