

MEMORANDUM

October 20, 1995

From: Joan Zimmerman

To: File

Re: Update on Secret Service

Yesterday ARRB received three items pertaining to Secret Service matters.

One was a letter from John Machado to Jeremy Gunn dated October 10, 1995, which indicated that some protective information from the Lyndon Johnson presidency previously thought to be destroyed still survives at NARA-College Park.

Steve Tilley gave a package of Secret Service RIFs and computer discs to Noelle. She, in turn, gave them to me to give to John Machado. Steve had understood from John Machado that he would be bringing Secret Service documents to ARRB on Friday (today), and Steve assumed that we would pass his package on to Machado. The package contained a note from Steve to Machado indicating that the discs had not been prepared properly and that NARA could not use them. Steve asked Machado to redo the discs using the information from the RIFs. David and Chet are inspecting this material before passing it on to Machado.

Instead of waiting until Friday to come to ARRB, John Machado made--on Thursday-- a hasty, unannounced drop-off of HSCA materials that had been referred to the Secret Service. Machado wrote a letter dated October 20, 1995, which described by agency number what he purported to deliver. This letter explained the categories of postponements the Secret Service wanted to take as well as their desire to appear before the ARRB to justify their postponements.

Barometer note: John Machado's letter of October 10, 1995, was signed "Sincerely," but the October 20, 1995 letter had no closing (not even the ever-useful "Yours").

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