

MEMORANDUM

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To: Jeremy Gunn
cc: Phil Golrick
4.19.2.8

From: Kevin Tiernan

Subject: Destruction of Federal Bureau of Narcotics records

In our initial meeting with DEA, we specifically asked about two boxes of FBN documents from DEA SF-135s (attached). One of our DEA contacts, Chris Smith, knew that Bureau of Narcotics had been recently transferred to the legal custody of the National Archives, and that some of these records were scheduled for destruction, or had already been destroyed. Smith called the Records Center at Suitland during our meeting, and confirmed his suspicion that the boxes in which we had expressed particular interest, had been destroyed in June of 1995.

When Phil and I met with Kevin Janet last week, he gave us copies of the DEA's request to the Records Center for the boxes. It is noted on this request that the boxes were destroyed in June.

We need to confirm that these records were destroyed and try to prevent any more destruction of relevant records. We should find out whether there are similar records from a DEA field office at another Records Center. The Records Center in Ft. Worth would be a good place to start.

The records in question were FBN manuals, and files labeled "Secret Service # 1 and # 2". We have not made any contact with National Archives personnel who are responsible for appraisal, maintenance or reference of DEA records.

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