

Meeting with FBI regarding July meeting documents.

In attendance: Carol Keeley, John Hartingh, Joan Zimmerman, Phil Golrick, and Kevin Tiernan.

Yesterday we met with Carol and John to allow them to supplement their evidence for those documents which were identified for Board review at the July meeting, but were not looked at by the Board. We did not discuss documents which contain foreign counter intelligence information at this meeting as we agreed to give the FBI more time to gather that information. We are to set up a meeting early next week for the FBI to present foreign counter intelligence supplementary material.

Upon further scrutiny, and discussion with the State Department, some withheld material can now be open in full. Symbol numbers of Mexican law enforcement informants are now treated just like domestic law enforcement sources. Since the sixties these relationships have been formalized, and therefore disclosure does not threaten foreign relations.

In some cases, research to gather further evidence has been initiated, but has not yet been completed. I have attached the supplementary evidence sheet to those documents which still have postponed information in them, and I have removed documents now open in full from the July meeting file. They will be counted among the "consent releases."

On the foreign liaison documents, we were shown letters from the foreign governments involved asserting their position that the information remain withheld, but we were not given copies of this correspondence for our records. These letters will be shown to the Board at their next meeting, and then given back to the FBI. A short letter from the State Department accompanied these documents which asserted State's position that they concur with the wishes of the foreign government in question.