

MEMORANDUM

February 3, 1998

To: Carol Keeley
Chief, Historical and Executive Review Unit

From: Laura Denk
Assassination Records Review Board

Subject: Assassination Records in Requested FBI Files

As referenced in my letter of today's date, the ARRB staff has made recommendations about the following requests for additional information.

FBI-6: Cuban Counter-Intelligence Program

The ARRB staff has completed its review of records produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-6.

The ARRB staff recommends that the entire file -- 105-HQ-99938, subject: "Cuban Matters -- Counter-Intelligence Program -- Internal Security -- Cuba" (59 total pages) be processed under the JFK Act.

FBI-10: HQ Liaison Files

The ARRB staff has completed its review of records produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-10.

The ARRB staff recommends that the following documents from HQ file 62-80750 be processed under the JFK Act:

1st NR after 4179

2nd NR after 4179

4th NR after 4179

serial 4183

serial 4184

serial 4185

serial 4186

1st NR after 4190

1st NR after 4193

2nd NR after 4193

3rd NR after 4194

4th NR after 4194

serial 4196

1st NR after 4199

2nd NR after 4199

1st NR after 4200

2nd NR after 4200

1st NR after 4204

1st NR after 4206

2nd NR after 4206

1st NR after 4207

2nd NR after 4209

1st NR after 4211

2nd NR after 4211

3rd NR after 4211

4th NR after 4211

5th NR after 4211

1st NR after 4218

serial 4221

1st NR after 4221

serial 4223

1st NR after 4224

1st NR after 4225

2nd NR after 4225

3rd NR after 4225

4th NR after 4225

1st NR after 4229

2nd NR after 4229

5th NR after 4229

6th NR after 4229

8th NR after 4229

9th NR after 4229

10th NR after 4229

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5th NR after 4254
1st NR after 4269
2nd NR after 4269
3rd NR after 4269
1st NR after 4273
serial 4700
1st NR after A4824
2nd NR after A4824

Our request for for the FBI-CIA liaison file, 62-80750, dated October 27, 1995, encompasses sections 59-63 and 65-67. Please make available these eight sections from the FBI-CIA liaison file.

FBI-15: Charles Small

The ARRB staff has completed its review of records produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-15

The ARRB staff recommends that the following serials from Mexico City file 100-1534, section 1, be processed under the JFK Act:

serial 359
serial 759 (11/27/63 report and 11/18/64 report)

FBI-18: Clarence Daniel Smelley

The ARRB staff has completed its review of records produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-18.

The ARRB staff recommends that HQ file 72-1561, "James Riddle Hoffa; Clarence Daniel Smelley; Unknown Subjects," (127 pages) should be processed in its entirety under the JFK Act.

The FBI has informed the ARRB staff that the field office files in Birmingham and Memphis were destroyed in the 1970s.

FBI-19: Personnel Files

The ARRB staff has completed its review of records produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-19.

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The ARRB staff recommends that the following records be processed under the JFK Act:

Kenneth C. Howe, 67-77642

section 3

serial 217

serial 223

serial 224

1st NR after 224 (12/5/63)

1st NR after 233 (9/30/64)

serial 250

1st NR after 250 (3/18/65)

section 4

4th NR after 296 (11/28/75)

5th NR after 296 (12/1/75)

6th NR after 296 (12/8/75)

Milton Raphael Kaack, 67-191448

section 4

one unserialized document (left side of folder) (document is
permanent file brief containing information on Kaack's assignment to Oswald case
and to CPUSA (pp. 21, 22).

1st NR after 219 (3/13/78)

3rd NR after 209 (11/26/63)

serial 210

serial 211

serial 214

7th NR after 217 (9/29/64)

8th NR after 217 (9/30/64)

9th NR after 217 ((10/2/64)

10th NR after 217 (10/6/75)

11th NR after 217 (12/23/75)

serial 218

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1st NR after 218 (1/16/76)
serial 219
1st NR after 219 (3/13/78)

J. Gordon Shanklin, 67-366331

section 4

3d NR after 270 (9/10/63)
serial 281
serial 282
serial 283
serial 284
serial 285
1st NR after 285 (12/10/63)
serial 286
serial 287
serial 288
1st NR after 288 (1/27/64)
serial 290
3rd NR after 29 (2/13/64)
5th NR after 290 (2/14/64)
6th NR after 290 (2/7/64)
serial 298
1st NR after 302 (9/30/64)

section 6

serial 420
6th NR after 509 (9/2/75)
2nd NR after 510 (12/4/75)
3rd NR after 510 (12/19/75)
2nd NR after 511 (12/8/75)
3rd NR after 511 (11/28/75)
1st NR after 512 (10/2/75)

Harry G. Maynor, 67-86215

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section 6, 2nd NR after 462 (9/25/63)

section 7

1st NR after 469 (memo and two enclosed letters -- one dated
11/26/63)

serial 471

3rd NR after 482 (6/22/64)

4th NR after 482 (7/2/64)

1st NR after 483 (7/31/64)

1st NR after 492 (9/30/64)

serial 493

1st NR after 493 (10/6/64)

1st NR after 494 ((11/2/64)

1st NR after 498 (12/17/64)

2nd NR after 505 (12/1/64)

3rd NR after 507 (3/28/68)

4th NR after 507 (3/28/68)

Marvin W. Gheesling, 67-171516

section 3

serial 194

serial 195

serial 196

serial 197

1st NR after 197 (12/10/63)

serial 198

1st NR after 198 (3/19/64)

serial 199

serial 200

serial 201

serial 202

serial 203

serial 204

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serial 205

serial 206

serial 207

serial 208

serial 209

serial 211

serial 212

serial 213

serial 214

serial 216

serial 218

serial 220

serial 221

serial 222

serial 223

1st NR after 223 (4/28/65)

1st NR after 226 (4/29/66)

2nd NR after 226 (5/6/66)

section 4

9th NR after 267 (4/27/76)

one unserialized document (left side of folder) (document is

permanent file brief containing a synopsis of Gheesling's history in the FBI, including his ratings and correspondence with regard to the Oswald case).

Elbert Thatcher Turner, 67-182287

section 4

serial 248

serial 249

serial 250

serial 251

1st NR after 251 (12/10/63)

serial 254

serial 255

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serial 256

1st NR after 256 (3/19/64)

2nd NR after 256 (4/6/64)

serial 260

serial 261

serial 262

1st NR after 262 (10/12/64)

serial 263

serial 264

serial 265

serial 266

serial 269

1st NR after 269 (11/18/64)

serial 270

1st NR after 271 (unknown date) (document contains Inspector's

favorable comments re: Turner's attitude after demotion and new assignment)

serial 273

serial 274

serial 276

serial 277

1st NR after 277 (4/23/65)

serial 280

serial 284

5th NR after 301 (3/18/71)

6th NR after 301 (2/13/76)

7th NR after 301 (2/25/76)

8th NR after 301 (2/26/76)

9th NR after 301 (2/26/76)

Lambert L. Anderson, 67-157472

section 3

1st NR after 130 (4/25/63)

3rd NR after 132 (12/10/63)

serial 133

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3rd NR after 134 ((2/14/64)

serial 135

3rd NR after 136 (5/28/64)

serial 138

serial 139

serial 140

1st NR after 140 (1/18/65)

serial 141

serial 143

Raymond W. Wannall, 67-95998

section 3

serial 207

serial 209

1st NR after 211 (12/10/63)

serial 212

serial 213

serial 214

1st NR after 217 (9/30/64)

serial 221

serial 230

serial 231

section 4

serial 232

serial 235

serial 236

section 5

4th NR after 348 (5/22/78)

4th NR after 344 (5/28/76)

1st NR after 333 (9/29/75)

2nd NR after 333 (10/6/75)

3rd NR after 333 (10/8/75)

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1st NR after 334 (10/16/75)

2nd NR after 334 (10/20/75)

William A. Branigan, 67-219505

section 4

serial 259

serial 260

serial 261

1st NR after 262 (12/10/63)

serial 264

section 5

1st NR after 268 (9/30/64)

3rd NR after 268 (11/23/64)

serial 277

1st NR after 277 (12/27/65)

serial 279

3rd NR after 331 (4/28/78)

Donald E. Moore, 67-191804

section 5

serial 278

serial 279

serial 280

1st NR after 280 (12/10/63)

serial 281

serial 282

2nd NR after 283 (9/30/64)

serial 294

section 6, 21st NR after 350 (11/29/78)

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William C. Sullivan, 67-20182

section 5

1st NR after 473 (12/11/62)

2nd NR after 273 (12/12/62)

section 6

1st NR after 491 (12/10/63)

serial 495

1st NR after 505 (9/30/64)

section 9

serial 697

serial 701

Warren C. DeBrueys, 67-273561

section 3

serial 218

serial 233

serial 235

1st NR after 235 (4/14/64)

serial 236

serial 237

4th NR after 240 (11/18/64)

5th NR after 240 (11/23/64)

section 4

1st NR after 280 (5/5/67)

serial 281

serial 282

1st NR after 282 (5/26/67)

section 5

6th NR after 414 (12/29/75)

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1st NR after 415 (1/29/75)
serial 429

John L. Quigley, 67-84700

section 5

serial 400
1st NR after 400 (5/5/64)
3rd NR after 401 (6/12/64)
serial 404
2nd NR after 411 (7/1/68)
3rd NR after 411 (12/11/75)

Alan Harden Belmont, 67-94639

section 7

serial 523
1st NR after 539 (12/4/63)
serial 540

section 8

1st NR after 540 (12/26/63)
3rd NR after 545 (5/1/64)
2nd NR after 546 (9/30/64)
serial 547
3rd NR after 555
serial 575
2nd NR after 591

FBI-22: John Thomas Masen

The ARRB staff has completed its review of records produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-22.

The ARRB staff recommends that the following files be processed in their entirety under the JFK Act:

HQ 105-125147

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SA 105-2886
DL 105-1686
NY 105-64262

The FBI has informed the ARRB staff that MM 105-8229 has been destroyed.

FBI-24: Dallas Field Office files on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee

The ARRB staff has completed its review of records produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-24.

The ARRB staff recommends that the following serials from DL 105-1201 be processed under the JFK Act:

serial 15
serial 16
serial 17
serial 18
serial 19
serial 21
serial 26
serial 30

FBI-25: Carlos Quiroga and Carlos Jose Bringuier

The ARRB staff has completed its review of records produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-24.

The FBI has informed the ARRB staff that NO 100-16739 and NO 134-939 have been destroyed.

FBI-26: Anti-Castro Activities, IS-Cuba

The ARRB staff has completed its review of the following records and found no assassination records:
file 109-584, "Foreign Political Matters," sections 17, 25, 27, 29, 31, and 39, and
file 105-106921, "Foreign Counterintelligence Matters," section 1.

Our request for the file, "Anti-Castro Activities, IS-Cuba" encompassed New Orleans file 105-1095, as well as records from the Miami, Tampa, New York, and Dallas field offices. To date, only Headquarters files have been provided in response to this

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request. Please make available any responsive field office files.

FBI-28: Sergio Arcacha-Smith, Antonio Veciana, and Bernardo de Torres

The ARRB staff has completed its review of records produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-28. Our review showed that all assassination records from these files have already been processed or are designated for processing under the JFK Act.

FBI-29: "Cuban Intelligence Activities in the U.S." and "Cuban Situation"

The ARRB staff has completed its review of records produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-29.

The ARRB staff recommends that the following documents be processed under the JFK Act:

from HQ 109-12-210:

section 83

serial 4500

serial 4504

section 86

serial 4665

serial 4666

1st NR after 4675 (re: Sylvia Duran)

serial 4696

serial 4702

from NO 105-1257

section 1

serials 126-131

serials 132-135

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from TP 105-1843

serial 28
serial 31
serial 99
serial 100

Our request for the files, "Cuban Intelligence Activities in the U.S." and "Cuban Situation" encompassed field office records from Dallas and New York. To date, New York field office file 105-45672, section 1, and Dallas field office file 202-00 have not been provided in response to this request. Please make available these responsive files.

During our review of the material that the FBI provided in response to our additional request, FBI-29, the ARRB staff located a reference to two files: (1) Tampa field office file numbered 62-449, entitled "Visit of President Kennedy" and (2) file number 105-2080, entitled "Possible anti-Kennedy Demonstrations." The ARRB requests access to these two files.

FBI-30: Cuban Groups

The ARRB staff has completed its review of some of the records produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-30.

The ARRB staff recommends that the following documents be processed under the JFK Act:

field office files on the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil, or "DRE"

New Orleans field office file 105-2963

serial 4

New York field office file 105-52765

serial 60

Dallas field office file 105-1839

serial 6

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serial 9

serial 16

files on the Revolutionary Democratic Council

Miami field office file 105-4769

serial 78

serial 124

serial 125

serial 126

serial 127

serial 128

New York field office file 105-41380

serial 205

FBI-32: American Gambling Activities in Cuba

The ARRB staff has completed its review of the records produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-32.

Our request encompassed the Miami and Tampa field offices as well as the Havana Legat. Only Headquarters files were provided in response to this request. The FBI has informed the ARRB staff that the field offices in Miami and Tampa, as well as the Havana Legat, did not have any files on this subject.

FBI-34: Walker Files

The ARRB staff has completed its review of the records produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-34.

Our request did encompass the "Minutemen" file HQ 62-107261, sections 1-14, 20-25, 35, 38-40, 42-44, and 46. The FBI has informed us that it is trying to locate these sections. Please provide these sections for ARRB staff review.

Our request also encompassed the "General Edwin Walker" file HQ 62-165494, section 3. Please provide this sections for ARRB staff review.

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The ARRB staff recommends that the following documents be processed under the JFK Act:

HQ 116-165494 (Walker)

serial 42

serial 44

serial 48

serial 51

serial 52

serial 53

serial 54

1st NR after 54

serial 55

serial 56

1st NR after 56

serial 57

serial 58

serial 59

serial 60

1st NR after 60

serial 61

serial 62

1st NR after 62

serial 63

1st NR after 63

2nd NR after 63

serial 64

1st NR after 64

2nd NR after 64

serial 65

serial 66

serial 71

serial 72

serial 73

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serial 74
1st NR after 74
2nd NR after 74
serial 75
serial 76
serial 77
serial 78
serial 79
1st NR after 79
2nd NR after 79
3rd NR after 79
1st NR after 79
2nd NR after 79
3rd NR after 79
serial 80
serial 81
serial 82
serial 84
serial 85
serial 86
serial 97
serial 90
serial 91
1st NR after 91
serial 92
serial 104
serial 114

DL 62-3422 (Walker)

serial 1A
serial 3
serial 4

DL 157-203 (Walker)

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serial 41

?? NR (document that states that Walker will receive financial backing in his bid for Governor from H.L.
Hunt, Clyde Watts, and J. Evetts Haley)

DL 157-218 (Walker)

serial 6

serial 8

serial 17

serial 44

serial 45

serial 46

serial 47

serial 49

serial 51

serial 53

serial 54

serial 58

serial 69

serial 73

HQ 62-107261 (Minutemen)

serial 500

serial 577

serial 583

serial 592

serial 596

serial 806

serial 920

serial 938

serial 966

serial 977

serial 988

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serial 1016
serial 1108
serial 1145
serial 1418
serial 1435
serial 1452

HQ 100-74596 (Minutemen)

serial 12
serial 13
serial 14

HQ 62-110086 (Minutemen)

serial 1

“See” References (Minutemen)

serial 157-2764-x4

HQ 100-439412 (Unnamed Organization)

serial 1
serial 2
serial 3
serial 4
serial 5
1st NR after 5
2nd NR after 5

DL 105-1475 (Unnamed Organization of Dallas, Texas)

serial 1A, 1, 2
serial 3
serial 4

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serial 5
serial 6
serial 7
serial 18
serial 19
serial 20
serial 21

FBI-35: Warren Commission Critics

The ARRB staff has completed its review of the records produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-35.

The ARRB staff recommends that the following documents be processed under the JFK Act:

Harold Weisberg

HQ 197-636
serials 1-10.

All other assassination records re: Weisberg were duplicates of records already processed as part of the "core and related" files

Josiah Thompson

HQ 25-561929-1st NR after 8

All other assassination records re: Thompson were duplicates of records already processed as part of the "core and related" files.

Edward J. Epstein

All assassination records re: Epstein were duplicates of records already processed as part of the "core and related" files

Paul Hoch

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All assassination records re: Hoch were duplicates of records already processed as part of the "core and related" files

David S. Lifton

The only records in which Lifton's name appears are records that were processed as part of the "core and related" files.

Sylvia Meagher

HQ 138-2214

2nd NR after 23

HQ100-442665

1st NR after 2

2nd NR after 2

3rd NR after 2

4th NR after 2.

All other assassination records re: Meagher were duplicates of records already processed as part of the "core and related" files

FBI-37: Warren Commission Staff

The ARRB staff has now completed its review of all records that the FBI produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-37.

The ARRB staff recommends that the following documents be processed under the JFK Act:

HQ 77-79715 (Charles N. Shaffer, Jr. Applicant File)

serial 15

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HQ 140-0 (Leon D. Hubert Jr./Security of Government Employees)

serial 73153

FBI-38: Dallas Figures

The ARRB staff has now completed its review of all records that the FBI produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-38.

The ARRB staff recommends that the following documents be processed under the JFK Act:

HQ 137-file produced in response to FBI-38

serial 1

serial 2

HQ 62-108867

serial 6

serial 22

serial 23

serial 24

“See” reference files on the Hunts

HQ 62-105010-18

HQ 157-376-1

HQ 105-90385

serial 10

serial 11

FBI-44: Marty Underwood

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The ARRB staff has completed its review of the records produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-44.

The FBI produced two records in response to our request and neither record contains assassination-related material.

FBI-45: Lawrence X. Cusack

The ARRB staff has completed its review of the records produced in response to its request for additional information, FBI-45.

The FBI produced one HQ file consisting of eight serials. None of the records produced contains assassination-related material.

Not in request letter, but also provided

- (15) Hosty
- (16) Hosty note

Clyde A. Tolson, 67-9524

section 3, serial 416

section 4, serial 496

FBI-1: Organizational Charts and Manuals

The ARRB staff recommends that the following records should be processed under the JFK Act:

- (a) instructions on handling cases in the "105" and "100" classifications;
- (b) instructions on administration of the Security Index;
- (c) criteria for handling threats against the President and deciding what information should be passed to the Secret Service in connection with its protective function; and
- (d) handling informants (to the extent that the manual sections on informants that are already "in the pipeline" as having been provided to the HSCA are incomplete.)