

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: CIA-9 Publications and Analytical Materials

The Review Board's Request for Additional Records and Information CIA-9 asked the CIA to locate CIA or Intelligence Community serial publications for the dates immediately before and after the assassination (November 20-30, 1963), including such publications as the President's Daily Brief, the President's Checklist, and any serial publications related specifically to Cuba or the Soviet Union. Review Board also requested that a search be undertaken for any analytical materials bearing upon the assassination.

In response to the Review Board's request, the Directorate of Intelligence (DI) searched for serial publications which might contain information of relevance to the assassination, special or ad hoc reports pertaining to the assassination, and raw intelligence reports on topics which might pertain to the assassination. All the materials supplied by the Directorate of Intelligence have been reviewed by the Review Board staff. Material within these publications, relevant to the assassination of President John Kennedy, was designated as assassination records. Due to the sensitive and worldwide nature of the information contained in most of these Directorate of Intelligence publications, only material relevant to the assassination was designated as an assassination record. These designated records will be processed and sent to the JFK Collection at the National Archives.

The Directorate of Intelligence supplied copies of the following serial publications for the period November 20-30, 1963 or containing information which from the period November 20-30, 1963.

The President's Intelligence Checklist, the predecessor of the President's Daily Brief, an all-source daily summary of intelligence information designed for the president and a small number of high level officials.

the Daily Brief of the Central Intelligence Bulletin, a larger and more detailed all-source publication with a wider distribution.

the Weekly Review - Office of Current Intelligence, an all-source weekly compendium of events available on Fridays.

the Weekly Summary - Office of Current Intelligence, a more limited version of the Weekly Review mentioned above. The Weekly Summary only contained material up to the SECRET level.

According to the Directorate of Intelligence, only one analytical report on Cuba or the Soviet Union, dated November 15, 1963, was issued during the relevant time period. This report was read by the Review Board staff but was not designated an assassination record.

The Review Board staff also examined the President's Intelligence Briefing Book, dated November 26, 1963, a compendium of information on major intelligence issues affecting the national security of the United States, which was prepared for President Lyndon Johnson. This briefing book was not designated an assassination record.

In addition, the DI was asked to search for intelligence reporting on anti Castro activity by Cuban exile groups in the United States from January 1961 - January 1964. The Weekly Review - Office of Current Intelligence for April 5, April 12, and April 19, 1963 were found to contain relevant information on exile raids on Cuban targets. The relevant portions of these documents were designated as assassination records.

Finally, the Directorate of Intelligence (DI) search for records based on keywords supplied by the Review Board staff. The DI database is searchable only by general subject headings assigned from a master list and coded to particular documents. This database is not searchable by keyword. In response to the Review Board's request, the DI supplied raw intelligence reports (not finished analytical intelligence documents) for the period November 20 - November 30, 1963 for the USSR, Cuba, and Mexico. Material relevant to the assassination of President John Kennedy was designated as assassination records.

The DI reported that there were no DI intelligence reports on the following subjects searched at the

request of the Review Board staff.

- USSR and assassination
- Cuba and assassination
- Mexico and assassination
- Minsk radio factories
- Cuban training bases in Minsk
- Helsinki and visas
- Hotels and Moscow
- Hotels and Minsk
- Freighter "Marion Lykes"