

# MEMORANDUM

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Subject: CIA-IR-04 Records of James Jesus Angleton

Many stories exist about the records created and maintained by James J. Angleton, Chief of Counterintelligence, over his thirty-year reign and about their reported destruction after his retirement.

The Review Board asked the CIA to search for any records maintained by Angleton still extant or to provide records showing the destruction or incorporation of records identified as Angleton's. In response, the Directorate of Operations provided three memoranda dated November 23, 1976, August 5, 1977, and November 29, 1979 that record the CIA's review of Angleton's counterintelligence files.

These memoranda show that after a review of the records, a small percentage were incorporated into the files of the Directorate of Operations. Other records, either duplicates or not worthy of retention, were destroyed. The review process took several years to accomplish. The Directorate of Operations did not provide destruction records to the Review Board. Thus, CIA reported that any extant records, once known as Angleton's are no longer identifiable or retrievable as a separate collection. The memoranda describing Angleton's files are being processed for the JFK Collection at the National Archives. The CIA provided these three memoranda in a classified form with their response to CIA-IR-04.

In addition, the Review Board staff examined the Mangold v. CIA Freedom of Information Act files consisting of seven redwells totaling approximately 18 inches. The redwells are organized by "tabs" which they can describe as follows:

Tab A: copies of published newspaper and magazine clippings that have been released in full. No assassination records were designated.

Tab B: copies of published newspaper articles, the texts of which have been released in full.

No assassination records were designated.

Tab C: documents about Angleton from the 1940's, including his career with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). No assassination records were designated.

Tab D: on December 11, 1978, the Washington, DC-based law firm of Duncan, Brown filed a Freedom of Information Act request on behalf of James Angleton in conjunction with his anticipated testimony before the House Select Committee on Assassinations. All records related to this matter, documents numbered 94-230, are designated assassination records unless they are already a part of the CIA sequestered collection. This redwell also contains Angleton's personnel evaluation reports. The Review Board staff reviewed these reports for probative information but they were not designated as assassination records.

Tab E: documents previously released to Edward J. Epstein in response to a request for book reviews from CIA's internal journal Studies in Intelligence. These documents are all copies of book reviews from Studies in Intelligence on issues related to intelligence. No assassination records were designated.

Tab F: documents previously released to Henry Hurt in response to a request for documents concerning Alexander Orlov. Most of the documents are newspaper articles and reprints of Senate testimony. No assassination records were designated.

Tab G: documents previously released to A. Doppelt on behalf of The Reader's Digest in response to a request for documents concerning Nicholas Shadrin. These documents include a speech by Director of Central Intelligence Stansfield Turner, testimony by Captain Nikolai Fedorovich Artamonov (a pseudonym for Shadrin) before the Committee on Un-American Activities on September 14, 1960, a transcript of a Panorama Show on Artamonov, and extensive correspondence from his wife to various U. S. Government officials about Shadrin's disappearance. No assassination records were designated.

Finally, the Review Board staff examined the Denied Documents and Partial Releases files for Mangold v. CIA. The Denied Documents file contains background information on Angleton, medical records, signed Special Clearance forms, administrative personnel information, information from denied Freedom of Information Act requests, and various memoranda relating to different conversations between Angleton and CIA officers on a wide variety of issues. Documents numbered 496, 498, 499, 500, and 510 were designated assassination records unless they already exist in the CIA sequestered collection.

The Partial Releases File contains additional records on Angleton such as Office of Strategic Services

background information, Office of Security files, administrative personnel information, and medical records. No assassination records were designated.