

# MEMORANDUM

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To: Jeremy Gunn  
Executive Director

cc: Bob Skwirot  
CIA Team Leader

From: Michelle Combs  
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Subject: CIA-IR-24 Defector File

In response to ARRB's Informal Request for Additional Records and Information CIA-IR-24, I reviewed the twelve volume Defector File (#0341008) of the Office of Security for records of relevance to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Defector File was established circa 1950 for the purpose of recording information on US citizens who defected to other countries and information on foreigners considering defecting to the United States. The records on Lee Harvey Oswald found in the Defector File included research notes, press clippings, and duplicates of records found in Oswald's Office of Security file. Thirty-one records concerning Oswald were designated as assassination records for inclusion in the JFK Collection at the National Archives.