

## 1. Holdings of Secret Service on LHO before the assassination

A review of the Protective Research Files reveals that the Secret Service had not opened a protective research file (CO-2) file on Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination of JFK. NOTE: As far as I am aware, the Secret Service did not have any other source of information about LHO (such as from other agencies) prior to the assassination. This is the only information I am aware of (however, you should check with John Machado or with Joan Zimmerman's files to verify this.)

## 1. Files of Senior Officials

The Secret Service apparently did not maintain a discrete record system for each of its senior officials. While the Secret Service produced numerous documents generated by or sent to Chief Rowley, the Secret Service stated that it did not have a separate file system for Chief Rowley's records. The Secret Service maintains that it had no discrete files for any of its senior officials (such as Robert Bouck, Chief of the Protective Research Section, or Thomas Kelly, Chief Inspector). NOTE: Check with Ron Haron about this, and also, check the correspondence between the Review Board and the Secret Service regarding our formal requests, SS-1 through SS-21.

## 3. "Protective Survey Reports"

Whenever the President would take a trip outside of Washington, the Secret Service would generate a Protective Survey Report. These were also called "Trip reports." Trip reports usually consisted of a preliminary survey report and a final survey report and were composed by those Secret Service agents who conducted the advance work for the President's trips. The reports contained information that would assist the Secret Service agents in protecting the life of the President. The information ranged from logistical details about the seating arrangements to details about individuals in the area known to have made previous threats to the President's life. Some of the survey reports documented information received from other agencies such as the FBI or the CIA.

The survey reports are a detailed source of President Kennedy's travel, whereabouts, associations, and activities for his entire administration. They also document a complete picture of the Secret Service's protection for President Kennedy.

### A. Shift Reports

The White House Detail was comprised of Secret Service agents whose duties were to personally protect the life of the President, the Vice President, and

their respective families. Each interval of time that particular shifts of the White House Detail guarded the life of a protectee, were documented in a report. These reports were called "shift reports" and were usually authored by the Special Agent in charge of the shift. The report would detail the activity of each section for their assigned working hours. NOTE: I am not sure whether the Secret Service had released Shift Reports prior to the Review Board's existence. I believe they released some, but we were able to obtain a lot more.

### C. Eileen Dinneen Memoranda

An excellent historical resource for what was contained in the records of the Secret Service during the Kennedy Administration can be found in the documents generated by Eileen Dinneen, a staff researcher for the House Select Committee on Assassinations. The Secret Service granted Eileen Dinneen access to their protective intelligence files and to their Protective Survey Reports.

Ms. Dinneen documented her review of these files in several memoranda and reports. Most significant was Ms. Dinneen's documentation of the information contained in the Secret Service's protective intelligence files of individuals whom the Secret Service considered to be dangerous to the lives of the President, the Vice President, and their families from March to December 1963. For each protective intelligence file she reviewed, Ms. Dinneen created a one page report documenting the name of the individual and various biographical and background information the Secret Service maintained on the individual. These documents were dubbed "Threat Sheets" and are the subject of the Secret Service's May 1998 appeal to President Clinton of the Review Board's decision to release them in full.

#### 1. Letters to HSCA and Church Committee Staff

##### a. Eileen Dinneen

##### a. Kevin Walsh

NOTE: I am not aware of the genesis of the Review Board's efforts to get materials from Eileen Dinneen and Kevin Walsh. When I talked with Joe Freeman about this, he stated that he believes Ann Buttimer had initiated an effort to contact all of the former staff members of the HSCA. Apparently, these individuals were the only ones who responded.

NOTE: In my version of Chapter 6, I spotted an incorrect sentence. (This may have since been edited, but if not, I wanted to call it to your attention.)

The sentence reads: “In his Warren Commission testimony, Secret Service agent Rowley (should be Robert Bouck, Chief of the Secret Service’s Protective Research Section) commented that, had Federal agencies shared their information relating to Lee Harvey Oswald, the Government could have compiled a list of at least 18 items that would have alerted the Secret Service that Oswald was a threat to the President.” (This was on page 36 and appeared as the first sentence under the subheading “Liaison with other Federal agencies).