

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Files in the Sequestered Collection Microfilm Which Are Not Believed Relevant to the JFK Assassination-- (The Monster NBR)

The CIA Team has been working for some time to review files throughout the CIA Sequestered Collection Microfilm which are not believed relevant to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. After the House Select Committee on Assassinations closed in 1978, the CIA microfilmed the entire files on all subjects, operations, procedures, organizations, and individuals who had been of interest to the HSCA in any way. It is important to remember that the Microfilm Collection is far larger than the Hard Copy Collection. While the Hard Copy Collection represents the scope of HSCA requests, the Microfilm represents the entire universe of files--even if the HSCA only examined a small portion of the file in question.

The CIA Team has reviewed each file in the Microfilm Collection which the CIA reviewers had marked as non-relevant in 1993-94. If the ARRB staff disagreed with the CIA's designation, the file was marked for review and processing. If the ARRB staff agreed that the file contained non-relevant material, we wrote a brief description of the file contents and placed the file in a hold status pending the Board's decision. In some cases, portions of a file of possible relevance were designated for review and other portions were marked NBR. I would estimate 25-30,000 pages were marked NBR by the ARRB staff. These files range from World War II Office of Strategic Services files to files clearly related to the Martin Luther King investigation. **A classified list of these files will be available for Board examination at the January 1998 meeting.** An unclassified version of this list is in process.

I recommend that those documents found by the ARRB staff to have NBR status be duly designated "NBR" by the Board.