

MEMORANDUM

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Executive Director

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Subject: NBR Information in the Ramparts Damage Assessment Document

In March and April 1967, Ramparts magazine ran a multi-part story that presented allegations that the CIA had used a wide variety and number of non-governmental organizations for the support and funding of worldwide anti-Communist operations.

In November 1968, CIA produced a 48-page memorandum on the scope and possible damage stemming from the Ramparts allegations (104-10059-10026). This memorandum discusses the truth or fallacy of the Ramparts allegations. A redacted copy of the memorandum was released in 1993.

Of the one hundred plus organizations mentioned in the Ramparts article, the ARRB staff has been able to identify only one as of relevance to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The staff believes the information on this organization should be processed as an assassination record. The processing of the remainder of the memorandum would expend vast amounts of time and resources on issues and organizations not believed relevant to the assassination. I recommend that the remainder of the CIA Ramparts Memorandum be declared "NBR" and that the paragraphs on the one relevant organization be processed as an assassination record to be included in the JFK Collection at NARA.

A copy of the entire document is available for Board review.