

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: CIA-IR-03 HTLINGUAL Records

The Review Board's Informal Request for Additional Records and Information asked the CIA to locate any extant records from the HTLINGUAL mail cover and mail opening project. Most of the HTLINGUAL files held by the Directorate of Operations were destroyed in 1990 at the order of the CIA's Office of the General Counsel. A memorandum for the record found in volume seven of Lee Harvey Oswald's Office of Security file states that the Office of Security destroyed its SRPOINTER/HTLINGUAL files in April 1994 in accordance with guidelines set forth in the Record's control schedule and the Office of General Counsel.

The Review Board staff examined an index, provided by the CIA, to the remaining HTLINGUAL records and marked folders for closer review. The Review Board staff reviewed the HTLINGUAL project files for 1955-1990. These project files consist of monthly statistical reports and administrative records. The more recent documents in the files pertain to law suits, court orders, or destruction records. These files were not designated as assassination records. The extant HTLINGUAL records for Lee Harvey Oswald and several project "soft" or working files are included in the CIA sequestered collection and have been processed as a part of that collection for inclusion in the JFK Collection at the National Archives. Additional HTLINGUAL documents were located in the archived files of the Deputy Director for Plans. Any documents relevant to the assassination were designated assassination records and will be processed for inclusion in the JFK Collection at the National Archives.