

# MEMORANDUM

September 19, 1997

To: Laura Denk  
Kevin Tiernan  
cc: Jeremy Gunn  
  
From: Marie Fagnant  
  
Subject: Summary of Personnel Files, FBI-19

I have completed my review of the FBI HQ Clyde A. Tolson Personnel File, FBI number 67-9524, sections 1-4; FBI HQ William C. Sullivan Personnel File, FBI number 67-205182, sections 1-9; FBI HQ Milton Raphael Kaack Personnel File, FBI number 67-191448, sections 1-4; FBI HQ Kenneth C. Howe Personnel File, FBI number 67-77642, sections 1-4; FBI HQ Warren C. DeBrueys Personnel File, FBI number 67-273561, sections 1-5; FBI HQ J. Gordon Shanklin Personnel File, FBI number 67-366331, sections 1-6; FBI HQ Lambert L. Anderson Personnel File, FBI number 67-157472, sections 1-3; FBI HQ Harry G. Maynor Personnel File, FBI number 67-86215, sections 2-7; FBI HQ Donald E. Moore Personnel File, FBI number 67-191804, sections 1-6; FBI HQ Marvin W. Gheesling Personnel File, FBI number 67-171516, sections 1-4; FBI HQ W. Raymond Wannall Personnel File, FBI number 67-95998, sections 1-5; FBI HQ Elbert Thatcher Turner Personnel File, FBI number 67-182287, sections 1-4; FBI HQ John L. Quigley Personnel File, FBI number 67-84700, sections 1-5; FBI HQ Alan Harden Belmont Personnel File, FBI number 67-94639, sections 7-8; and FBI HQ William A. Branigan Personnel File, FBI number 67-219505, sections 4-5; that the FBI produced in response to our request for additional information. The majority of these files are devoted to medical records, annual evaluations, and correspondence between the Director and the subject of the file. The following represents the documents which are relevant to the Kennedy assassination and should be designated as assassination records. A few documents are noted for interest only, but are marked "not an assassination record" to separate them from those which are designated.

## **FBI HQ Clyde A. Tolson Personnel File**

Section 1      **67-9524-(1-155); 1/25/28 - 8/24/32**  
                         before date scope

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- Section 2      **67-9524-(156-297)**; 9/27/32 - 5/19/47  
before date scope
- Section 3      **67-9524-(298-416)**; 3/31/47 - 3/1/65
- **67-9524-416**  
9/2/64 letter to Tolson from Robert Kennedy thanking him for  
excellent service and letting him know that "President Kennedy            would  
have wished to thank you for that and for your loyalty."
- Section 4      **67-9524-(417-502)**; 2/16/65 - 9/7/78
- **67-9524-496**  
11/24/75 request from Tolson family attorney to John Mohr for all  
personal files and logs of Tolson during his years with the Bureau.  
Response that Bureau does not have certain of the types of  
documents requested, but Mohr does not answer as to existence            of  
personal logs.

#### **FBI HQ William C. Sullivan Personnel File**

- Section 1      **67-20182-(1-93)**; April 26, 1941- February 24, 1944  
before date scope
- Section 2      **67-205182-(94-206)**; February 19, 1944 - April 1, 1950  
before date scope
- Section 3      **67-205182-(207-308)**; June 27, 1951 - May 4, 1955  
before date scope
- Section 4      **67-205182-(309-385)**; May 20, 1955 - September 21, 1959  
before date scope
- Section 5      **67-205182-(386-486)**; September 23, 1959 - November 1, 1963
- **67-205182-1 NR after 473**  
12/11/62 memo gives specifics for Cuban programs under  
Domestic Intelligence Division such as number of informants,  
effectiveness of programs, etc.
  - **67-205182-2 NR after 473**

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12/12/62 Hoover synopsis of above information for Sullivan.

Section 6 **67-205812-(481-566)**; December 1963 - October 24, 1967

- **67-205182-1 NR after 491**

This is a duplicate document. The "original filed in" number is illegible on this copy and on every other copy of this memo which appears in the personnel files which I reviewed. 12/10/63 Memo Gale to Tolson "Results of Findings re Investigative Deficiencies" in the handling of the Oswald case.

- **67-205182-495**

4/17/64 memo Mohr to Tolson suggesting Sullivan receive a \$500 bonus despite censures on the Oswald and one other case.

- **67-205182-1 NR after 505**

This is a duplicate document. The original is filed as 67-494012-133. 9/30/64 memo Gale to Tolson reviews and recommends additional disciplinary action for the shortcomings in the handling of the Oswald case by FBI personnel.

Section 7 **67-205182-(567-635)**; November 2, 1967- July 30, 1971  
no assassination records

Section 8 **67-205182-(636-4 NR after 687)**; October 5, 1971 - July 29, 1975

- **67-205182-646**

not an assassination record (10/1/71 letter from Tom Smith to Mr. E.S. Miller regarding sensitive (unnamed) documents that were damaging to the President and FBI letter indicates Sullivan transferred custody from Sullivan to Mardian before Sullivan left the FBI).

- **67-205182-647**

not an assassination record (10/5/71 memo to Director, FBI, from Mr. Felt concerning the above matter, and a probable reconstruction of events as to how Sullivan could have given Mardian these sensitive documents).

- **67-205182-648**  
 not an assassination record (10/5/71 Memo to Tolson from Felt regarding Sullivan's interview as to the location of approximately 12 manila folders or half of a drawer full of missing sensitive documents).
- **67-205182-649**  
 not an assassination record (10/6/71 memo from Felt to Director, FBI, regarding the attached Brennan to Felt memo in which Brennan admits giving Mardian a briefcase of sensitive coverage material at Sullivan's request).
- **67-205182-667**  
 not an assassination record (11/2/71 memo from Felt to Tolson indicating that the sensitive coverage material now in possession of Maridan is most likely the investigation of White House personnel done at the request of the White House.)
- **67-205182-2 NR after 685**  
 not an assassination record (5/11/73 detailing Sullivan's answers to Ruckelshaus' questions regarding the documents sent to Mardian).
- **67-205182-3 NR after 685**  
 not an assassination record (5/10/73 Ruckelshaus' questions directed to Sullivan regarding the documents sent to Mardian.)
- **67-205182-4 NR after 685**  
 not an assassination record (5/12/73 Inspector Jacobson to Mr. Walters regarding "Wiretaps on Newspapermen" and the missing documents.)

Section 9 **67-205182-(687-702)**; May 28, 1973 - January 29, 1981

- **67-205182-1 NR after 690**  
 not an assassination record (The original is filed as 65-75085-406. 6/20/74 report to Attorney General from Director, FBI. An assumption is made that the files sent to Mardian were wiretaps of White House personnel between 5/69-2/71.)

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- **67-205182-2 NR after 690**  
not an assassination record (6/24/74 report on wiretaps mentions ELSUR handwritten logs.)
- **67-205182-697**  
11/9/77 memo SAC, Boston to Director, FBI confirming that no FBI investigation is being done into the death of Sullivan.
- **67-205182-701**  
5/18/78 memo from the Attorney General to Director, FBI regarding Sullivan's impending testimony before the HSCA.

#### **FBI HQ Milton Raphael Kaack Personnel File**

- Section 1      **67-191448-(1-96)**; March 7, 1941 - July 9, 1947  
before date scope
- Section 2      **67-191448-(97-152)**; July 24, 1947 - April 6, 1953  
before date scope
- Section 3      **67-191448-(153-208)**; April 8, 1953 - August 8, 1963  
no assassination records
- Section 4      **67-191448-(209-2 NR after 219)**; August 30, 1963 - March 13, 1978
- **67-191448-no serial (left side of folder)**  
Permanent file brief. Information on Kaack's assignment to Oswald case and to Communist Party, USA (p. 21, 22).
  - **67-191448-1 NR after 219**  
3/13/78 House Select Committee on Assassinations request for Kaack to testify.
  - **67-191448-3 NR after 209**  
Original filed as 105-82555-54. 11/26/63 Kaack's statement as to his involvement on Oswald case. SAC, New Orleans sends report to Director, FBI.

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- **67-191448-210**  
12/13/63 censure from Hoover to Kaack as a result of mishandling on Oswald case.
- **67-191448-211**  
4/6/64 brief summary for Director's use from Davidson to Callahan. Hoover comments that Kaack should be transferred to office in Springfield, Illinois. field
- **67-191448-214**  
4/24/64 memo from SAC, New Orleans to Director, FBI, informing Hoover that Kaack is retiring.
- **67-191448-7 NR after 217**  
Original filed as 67-77642-237. 9/29/64 Memo DeLoach to Mohr with instructions from Hoover not to comment to reporters concerning Kaack and Howe's departure from the Bureau as a result of the handling of the Oswald case.
- **67-191448-8 NR after 217**  
Original filed as 67-494012-133. 9/30/64 Gale to Tolson captioned "Shortcomings in Handling Lee Harvey Oswald Matter by FBI Personnel."
- **67-191448-9 NR after 217**  
10/2/64 Memo Davidson to Callahan stating that although Kaack retired, he was not demoted as the newspapers suggested.
- **67-191448-10 NR after 217**  
Original filed as 62-109060-7389. 10/6/75 Memo from Cooke to Gallagher stating that the Walter's teletype was shown to Robert Fink.
- **67-191448-11 NR after 217**  
Original filed as 62-116395-1240. 12/23/75 Senstudy 75 request that Kaack testify regarding his involvement in Fair Play for Cuba, the Oswald case, and whether he felt it odd that he was to be transferred after the

Oswald case.

- **67-191448-218**  
1/2/76 memo regarding a writer who is trying to contact Kaack for an interview.
- **67-191448-1 NR after 218**  
1/16/76 Director Kelley's response to the writer.
- **67-191448-219**  
1/16/76 Director Kelley forwards the letter from writer to Kaack.
- **67-191448-1 NR after 219**  
3/13/78 Memo Director, FBI to Deputy Attorney General setting forth Kaack's account of an interview with HSCA. Kaack was interviewed 2/24/78. The interview is enclosed.

#### FBI HQ Kenneth C. Howe Personnel File

Section 1 **67-77642-(1-130)**; October 30, 1935 - February 21, 1950  
before date scope

Section 2 **67-77642-(131-209)**; March 10, 1950 - April 4, 1961  
before date scope

Section 3 **67-77642-(210-275)**; April 25, 1962 - August 11, 1971

- **67-77642-216**  
1/29/63 memo SA Howe to SAC, Dallas (then forwarded from SAC, Dallas to Director, FBI) regarding desegregation of University of Mississippi and General Walker. Howe notes that although he gave Hosty the case, Hosty was slow in acting.

- **67-77642-223**  
12/13/63 censure for mishandling of "high security case" from Director, FBI to Howe.

- **67-77642-224**

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12/19/63 letter from Hoover to Howe congratulating him on his handling of the Oswald case after the assassination.

- **67-77642-1 NR after 224**  
12/5/63 memo Gale to Tolson regarding the mishandling of the JFK assassination by Bureau personnel.
- **67-77642-1 NR after 233**  
9/30/64 memo Gale to Tolson regarding Shortcomings in Handling the Lee Harvey Oswald Matter by FBI Personnel.
- **67-77642-250**  
3/15/65 memo Davidson to Callahan regarding the removal of Howe from probation.
- **67-77642-1 NR after 250**  
3/18/65 memo to Howe from Hoover informing him that he is off probationary status.

Section 4 **67-77642-(276-2 NR after 307)**; December 9, 1971 - August 5, 1991

- **67-77642-4 NR after 296**  
11/28/75 memo from legal counsel to Adams requesting that Howe testify before the House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights.
- **67-77642-5 NR after 296**  
12/1/75 memo Director, FBI to SAC, San Diego noting that Howe should appear regarding the destruction of LHO note.
- **67-77642-6 NR after 296**  
12/8/75 memo from legal counsel to Adams regarding Howe's impending testimony before the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights.

#### FBI HQ Warren C. DeBrueys Personnel File

Section 1 **67-273561-(1-117)**; December 30, 1941 - June 23, 1951  
before date scope

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- Section 2      **67-273561-(118-203)**; February 7, 1952 - April 28, 1960  
before date scope
- Section 3      **67-273561-(204-269)**; April 13, 1960 - February 1, 1967
- **67-273561-218**  
4/12/61 memo to Director, FBI, from SAC, New Orleans informing that DeBueys will receive Soviet Illegal Espionage Activities Specialized Training.
  - **67-273561-233**  
1/3/64 memo to Mohr from SAC, Dallas regarding DeBuey's apt handling of President Kennedy assassination.
  - **67-273561-235**  
4/6/64 memo to SAC, New Orleans from DeBueys answering Director, FBI's questions regarding wrong date on reprot conceringing Lee Harvey Oswald and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.
  - **67-273561-1 NR after 235**  
4/14/64 letter of censure from Hoover to DeBueys for mishandling of Oswald case.
  - **67-273561-236**  
4/9/64 report on DeBueys from Branigan to Sullivan. Hoover notes how embarrassing this is and how this is the typical sloppiness with which the whole case is being handled.
  - **67-273561-237**  
4/16/64 report from Branigan to Sullivan berating the fact that DeBuey's mistake was not caught by the Bureau before it was sent to the Warren Commission.
  - **67-273561-4 NR after 240**  
11/18/64 memo from Rankin to Hoover thanking him for all the Bureau's help on the Warren Commission investigation.

- **67-273561-5 NR after 240**  
11/23/64 memo from Hoover to Rankin thanking him for the praise.

Section 4 **67-273561-(270-371)**; February 3, 1967 - August 18, 1972

- **67-273561-1 NR after 280**  
5/5/67 memo Shroder to Rosen regarding a New Orleans agent being served a subpoena in connection with the Garrison probe.

- **67-273561-281**  
5/22/67 memo Rosen to DeLoach expressing concern that if DeBrueys goes to New Orleans, he could be served a subpoena too easily.

- **67-273561-282**  
5/25/67 memo Rosen to DeLoach asserting that DeBruey's should not go to New Orleans at the present time.

- **67-273561-1 NR after 282**  
5/26/67 memo from Director, FBI relating to Assisstant Attorney General that DeBrueys should not go to New Orleans at the present time because he has had extended involvement in the JFK assassination case and has done related casework.

Section 5 **67-273561-(270-371)**; July 9, 1972 - February 4, 1982

- **67-273561-6 NR after 414**  
12/29/75 memo from Director, FBI instructing SAC, San Juan that DeBrueys has been requested to appear and testify regarding any Cuban involvement in the JFK assassination.

- **67-273561-1 NR after 415**  
1/29/76 memo outlining DeBrueys testimony to the US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities.

- **67-273561-429**  
11/19/76 memo from legal council to Associate Director outlining DeBrueys testimony to the US Senate Select Committee.

**FBI HQ J. Gordon Shanklin Personnel File**

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- Section 1      **67-366331-(2-2 NR after 76)**; February 17, 1943 - October 21, 1949  
before date scope
- Section 2      **67-366331-(77-138)**; March 31, 1950 - December 20, 1955  
before date scope
- Section 3      **67-366331-(139-3 NR after 212)**; January 19, 1956 - November 30, 1959  
before date scope
- Section 4      **67-366331-(213-311)**; March 4, 1960 - February 19, 1965
- **67-366331-3 NR after 270**  
9/10/63 memo Gale to Tolson regarding the inspection of the Dallas Office.
  - **67-366331-281**  
12/13/63 letter of censure from the Director to Shanklin for “gross mishandling of a certain security type case.”
  - **67-366331-282**  
12/19/63 letter of congratulations from Director to Shanklin on handling of the President’s assassination.
  - **67-366331-283**  
12/19/63 letter of personal thanks from Director to Shanklin for handling of President’s assassination.
  - **67-366331-284**  
12/15/63 memo from SA Vincent Drain to SAC, Dallas regarding the President of the *Dallas Times Herald* visiting with President Johnson and offering complementary comments on the FBI’s handling of the assassination in Dallas. Johnson seemed to indicate to this friend that Johnson was not anxious to meet with the Attorney General and that cabinet changes were immanent.
  - **67-366331-285**

12/20/63 Shanklin to Director, FBI noting that his agents put the Bureau first during the JFK assassination investigation.

- **67-366331-1 NR after 285**  
12/10/63 memo Gale to Tolson captioned "Results of Findings regarding Investigative Deficiencies."
- **67-366331-286**  
1/21/64 memo Hoover to Shanklin regarding his overtime hours for November and December.
- **67-366331-287**  
1/20/64 memo Wherry to Tavel regarding the Dallas office's unauthorized use of GSA teletype on the afternoon of the assassination. Wherry recommended censure.
- **67-366331-288**  
1/23/64 letter of censure from Hoover to Shanklin.
- **67-366331-1 NR after 288**  
1/27/64 memo Branigan to Sullivan regarding an article with false statements made by former agent Turner with regard to the assassination.
- **67-366331-290**  
2/18/64 letter of censure because Shanklin did not report Secret Serviceman's mistreatment of a Dallas SA after the assassination.
- **67-366331-3 NR after 290**  
Original filed as 62-27799- NR or 67-219848-567. 2/13/64 memo Rosen to Belmont regarding Secret Service incident at Parkland Memorial Hospital.
- **67-366331-5 NR after 290**  
2/14/64 memo Rosen to Belmont regarding the inappropriate terminology SA Williams used in describing Secret Service assault on him at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

- **67-366331-6 NR after 290**  
 Original filed as 62-27799-NR or 67-219848-266. 2/7/64 memo Rosen to Belmont again reporting on incident at Parkland Hospital.
  - **67-366331-298**  
 6/30/64 memo from Hoover to Tolson regarding his meeting with Shanklin and the railing he gave Shanklin for his mishandling of the Oswald matter and assassination case in Dallas.
  - **67-366331-1 NR after 302**  
 Original filed as 67-494012-133. 9/30/64 memo from Gale to Tolson captioned "Shortcomings in Handling of Lee Harvey Oswald Matter by FBI Personnel."
- Section 5      **67-366331-(312-412)**; March 18, 1965 - November 13, 1970  
 no assassination records
- Section 6      **67-366331-(413-512)**; December 14, 1970 - July 13, 1976
- **67-366331-420**  
 3/13/71 letter from Shanklin advising Senator McGovern of poor taste in publicly criticizing the Director.
  - **67-366331-6 NR after 509**  
 9/2/75 memo from Adams to Callahan advising that Shanklin was contacted by a reporter with regards to the Warren Commission.
  - **67-366331-2 NR after 510**  
 12/4/75 memo from legal counsel to Adams regarding Shanklin's request to have an attorney present at Edward's Committee interview on 12/5/75.
  - **67-366331-3 NR after 510**  
 12/19/75 memo legal counsel to Adams regarding attached letterhead memo dated 12/16/75 in which three letters of censure were enclosed, but are not currently attached with this file copy.

- **67-366331-2 NR after 511**  
 12/8/75 memo from legal counsel to Adams regarding Shanklin's appearance before the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional House Judiciary Committee. Rights,
- **67-366331-3 NR after 511**  
 11/28/75 memo from legal counsel to Adams regarding Shanklin's appearance before the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional House Judiciary Committee. Rights,
- **67-366331-1 NR after 512**  
 10/2/75 memo from Bassett advising Callahan that Shanklin called for instructions regarding Robert Fink's wishes to interview him before testimony begins and regarding an offer to be legal counsel for a movie about Lee Harvey Oswald. Shanklin refused the offer.

**FBI HQ Lambert L. Anderson Personnel File**

- Section 1 **67-157472-(1-72)**; March 30, 1951 - February 28, 1958  
 before date scope
- Section 2 **67-157472-(73-4 NR after 129)**; February 25, 1958 - April 9, 1963  
 no assassination records
- Section 3 **67-157472-(130-183)**; April 4, 1963 - May 19, 1977

  - **67-157472-1 NR after 130**  
 4/25/63 memo Wannall to Sullivan regarding the reassignment of Cuban cases to Anderson.
  - **67-157472-3 NR after 132**  
 12/10/63 memo Gale to Tolson captioned "Results of Findings regarding Investigative Deficiencies."
  - **67-157472-133**  
 12/13/63 letter of censure from Hoover to Anderson for failure to put Oswald on the Security Index.
  - **67-157472-3 NR after 134**

2/14/64 memo Wannall informing Moore that Anderson is on loan to the Soviet Section due to Oswald matter.

- **67-157472-135**  
4/6/64 brief summary for the Director's use from Davidson to Callahan on Anderson. Hoover directs that no promotions or commendations can be given to Anderson unless Tolson approves.
- **67-157472-3 NR after 136**  
5/28/64 Wannall notifying Sullivan that Anderson is no longer needed by Soviet section for Oswald matter; he is back in Cuban section.
- **67-157472-138**  
10/5/64 letter of probationary status from Hoover to Anderson because of inadequate handling of a sensitive internal security case.
- **67-157472-139**  
9/30/64 memo Gale to Tolson captioned "Shortcomings in Handling of Oswald Matter by FBI Personnel." Gale recommends further disciplinary action for Anderson. Enclosed 9/29/64 memo Anderson to Gale explaining why he did not place a stop with passport office in reference to LHO.
- **67-157472-140**  
1/14/65 memo from Davidson to Callahan recommending that Anderson be removed from probation. Memo mentions that memos 10/5/64 and 12/13/63 are censures for the Oswald case.
- **67-157472-1 NR after 140**  
1/18/65 memo from Hoover to Anderson removing him from probationary status.
- **67-157472-141**  
1/12/65 memo from Wannall to Sullivan recommending that Anderson be taken off probation.
- **67-157472-143**  
Report of Performance and Rating for period 4/1/64-3/31/65

summarizes disciplinary action for handling of Oswald case.

### FBI HQ Harry G. Maynor Personnel File

Section 2      **67-86215-(111-215)**; May 8, 1941 - September 15, 1950  
before date scope

Section 4      **67-86215-(263-307)**; April 13, 1953 - July 5, 1955  
before date scope

Section 5      **67-86215-(308-387)**; September 5, 1955 - October 15, 1959  
before date scope

Section 6      **67-86215-(388-463)**; April 6, 1960 - September 23, 1963

- **67-86215-2 NR after 462**  
9/25/63 Inspection of New Orleans office notes that La Cosa Nostra activity is up and Communist Party activity is down.

Section 7      **67-86215-(464-1 NR after 508)**; October 14, 1963 - February 19, 1985

- **67-86215-1 NR after 469**  
Memo from Director, FBI, to SAC, New Orleans requesting letters of explanation. Enclosed are two letters: memo from Maynor to Gale on 11/26/63 agreeing with second enclosed memo from Kaack to Maynor explaining why Oswald was not put on Security Index. Kaack to Maynor memo original filed in 105-82555-54.

- **67-86215-471**  
12/13/63 letter of censure from Hoover to Maynor for failing to put an individual on the Security Index.

- **67-86215-3 NR after 482**  
6/22/64 memo Hoover to Maynor censuring him and placing Maynor on probation involving backdated and delayed submission of forms.

- **67-86215-4 NR after 482**

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Original filed as 67-030-3107. 7/2/64 Probation Report from Callahan to Director, FBI, on SAC, New Orleans.

- **67-86215-1 NR after 483**  
Original filed as 67-030-3109. 7/31/64 Probation Report on Maynor.
- **67-86215-1 NR after 492**  
9/30/64 memo Gale to Tolson captioned "Shortcomings in Handling Oswald matter by FBI Personnel."
- **67-86215-493**  
10/5/64 letter of censure from Hoover to Maynor for mishandling of Oswald case.
- **67-86215-1 NR after 493**  
10/6/64 memo stating that Maynor is still on Probationary Report.
- **67-86215-1 NR after 494**  
11/2/64 memo stating that Maynor is still on Probationary Report.
- **67-86215-1 NR after 498**  
12/17/64 memo Hoover to Maynor asking Maynor to purge memos from files closed by SAC prior to 11/20/64.
- **67-86215-2 NR after 505**  
12/1/64 memo stating that Maynor is still on Probationary Report.
- **67-86215-3 NR after 507**  
3/28/68 memo from Branigan to Moore detailing an interview with Maynor over allegations made by former clerk William Walter. Maynor says no such memo existed.
- **67-86215-4 NR after 507**  
3/28/68 cover for above memo from SAC, New York to Director.

#### **FBI HQ Donald E. Moore Personnel File**

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- Section 1      **67-191804-(1-100)**; February 17, 1941 - August 7, 1950  
before date scope
- Section 2      **67-191804-(101-160)**; September 8, 1950 - September 21, 1954  
before date scope
- Section 3      **67-191804-(161-216)**; October 4, 1954 - March 6, 1957  
before date scope
- Section 4      **67-191804-(217-263)**; March 18, 1957 - March 9, 1962
- **67-191804-1 NR after 259**  
Original filed in 67-286-3495. 7/12/61 memo captioned "Espionage X" regarding the leak of classified information which appeared in *Newsweek* as "Pentagon Plan."
- Section 5      **67-191804-(264-322)**; May 11, 1962 - November 9, 1970
- **67-191804-278**  
12/13/63 letter of censure from Hoover to Moore for not putting Oswald on the Security Index.
  - **67-191804-279**  
12/13/63 memo Sizoo to Sullivan thanking Moore for working 11/25/63 on the assassination of President Kennedy.
  - **67-191804-280**  
12/19/63 memo from Hoover thanking Moore for his work on preparing the assassination report.
  - **67-191804-1 NR after 280**  
12/10/63 memo Gale to Tolson captioned "Results of Findings regarding Investigative Deficiencies."
  - **67-191804-281**  
4/6/64 brief summary for Director's from Davidson to Callahan with extensive Hoover notation with regard to Moore's faults in case and recommendation that he be removed from seat of other derelictions occur.      Oswald Government if any

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- **67-191804-282**  
Performance Rating for period 4/1/63 - 3/31/63. Report mentions Moore's 12/13/63 letter of censure and other details about Moore's performance on Oswald matter.
- **67-191804-2 NR after 283**  
9/30/64 memo from Gale to Tolson captioned "Shortcomings in Handling of Oswald Matter by FBI Personnel."
- **67-191804-294**  
3/9/66 brief summary for Director's use from Adams to Callahan notes Moore's censure and Director's threat to send him to the field if this type of dereliction in duty occurs again.

Section 6 **67-191804-(323-350)**; February 1, 1971 - November 29, 1978

- **67-191804-21 NR after 350**  
11/29/78 memo legal counsel to Director regarding Moore's involvement in *U.S. v. Gray, et al.*

**FBI HQ Marvin W. Gheesling Personnel File**

- Section 1 **67-171516-(1-107)**; October 19, 1940 - December 19, 1955  
before date scope
- Section 2 **67-171516-(108-168)**; December 18, 1955 - February 9, 1960  
before date scope
- Section 3 **67-171516-(169-252)**; January 26, 1960 - March 31, 1972
- **67-171516-194**  
12/13/63 letter of censure and probation from Hoover to Gheesling with regard to an important investigative matter.
  - **67-171516-195**  
12/18/63 memo to Gheesling's file from Branigan to Sullivan. Gheesling worked on 11/25/63 in connection with the President's assassination.

- **67-171516-196**  
12/19/63 memo from Hoover to Gheesling offering kudos for investigative work well done on the President's assassination.
- **67-171516-197**  
Original filed as 105-82555-971. 11/26/63 memo Gheesling to Gale answering his questions as to why Marina Oswald was not interviewed before the assassination and why Oswald was not placed on the security index.
- **67-171516-1 NR after 197**  
12/10/63 memo Gale to Tolson captioned "Results of Findings Regarding Investigative Deficiencies in the Oswald Case."
- **67-171516-198**  
3/17/64 memo Davidson to Callahan recommending that Gheesling be removed from the Security Index.
- **67-171516-1 NR after 198**  
3/19/64 memo Hoover to Gheesling taking him off probation.
- **67-171516-199**  
3/16/64 memo Branigan to Sullivan recommending that Gheesling be removed from probation.
- **67-171516-200**  
3/16/64 Performance Rating by Branigan rates Gheesling "Excellent" despite Oswald case.
- **67-171516-201**  
4/22/64 memo Hoover to Gheesling agreeing not to transfer him to Indianapolis office.
- **67-171516-202**  
4/15/64 memo Branigan re-rates Gheesling as "Satisfactory" after Hoover's comments in 4/6/64 memo.

- **67-171516-203**  
 4/6/64 brief summary for Director's use from Davidson to Callahan. Scathing remarks from Hoover, particularly in view of Gheesling's work on the Oswald case and quandry over how it is possible to rate him "Excellent." Director recommends transfer and demotion. a
- **67-171516-204**  
 4/7/64 memo from Davidson to Callahan with an attached transfer to Indianapolis for Gheesling. However, there is also a recommendation to check with a Veteran Services officer to see if there will be possible action taken to defend Gheesling should he appeal the Director's decision.
- **67-171516-205**  
 4/8/64 memo from Hoover to Gheesling transferring him to Indianapolis, IN.
- **67-171516-206**  
 4/9/64 memo from Davidson to Callahan notifying him that he was still unable to contact a Veteran Services officer.
- **67-171516-207**  
 4/10/64 memo from Davidson to Callahan relaying that Veteran Services and CSC Office of General Council both advice against a demotion or a transfer as this action would be reversed on appeal.
- **67-171516-208**  
 4/11/64 memo for Director's use from Davidson to Callahan summarizes the above correspondence and recommends taking no negative measures against Gheesling.
- **67-171516-209**  
 5/27/64 memo from Hoover to Tolson regarding meeting Hoover had with Gheesling wherein he advised Gheesling of the embarrassment he has caused the FBI for his mishandling of the Oswald

case.

- **67-171516-211**  
10/5/64 memo from Hoover to Gheesling placing Gheesling on probation once more for the mishandling of the Oswald case.
- **67-171516-212**  
10/5/64 memo from Hoover to Gheesling advising him that he is being transferred to the Detroit office.
- **67-171516-213**  
10/7/64 memo from Mohr to Tolson laying out all details of meeting with Gheesling. Gheesling does not wish to be transferred to Detroit. He apologized, cried, and regretted the Warren Commission's harsh statements against the FBI and the FBI's subsequent embarrassment.
- **67-171516-214**  
9/30/64 memo Gale to Tolson captioned "Shortcomings in handling of Oswald Matter by FBI Personnel." Enclosed is a statement by Gheesling addressed to Gale as to why he did not place a stop with the Passport Office. 9/29/64
- **67-171516-216**  
11/4/64 Branigan gives Gheesling rating of Satisfactory because of Oswald matter.
- **67-171516-218**  
2/2/65 Callaghan gives Gheesling a rating of "Excellent."
- **67-171516-220**  
2/17/65 memo from Davidson to Callahan recommending that Gheesling be taken off probation at his annual review.
- **67-171516-221**  
4/6/65 Nally rates Gheesling as "Satisfactory."
- **67-171516-222**  
4/12/65 memo SAC, Detroit to Director, FBI recommending that

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Gheesling be taken off probation.

- **67-171516-223**  
4/23/65 memo from Davidson to Callahan recommending that Gheesling be taken off probation.
- **67-171516-1 NR after 223**  
4/28/65 memo from Hoover to Gheesling removing him from probation.
- **67-171516-1 NR after 226**  
4/29/66 memo from Adams to Callahan relaying that SAC, Detroit wants to use Gheesling as a Relief Supervisor.
- **67-171516-2 NR after 226**  
5/6/66 memo from Director, FBI, to SAC, Detroit stating that Gheesling cannot be Relief Supervisor because of previous “severe” administrative action taken against him.

Section 4 **67-171516-(253-267)**; June 19, 1972 - April 27, 1976

- **67-171516-9 NR after 267**  
4/27/76 memo from legal counsel to Adams asking to release Gheesling and a few others from existing employment agreement for an interview with Senate Select Committee.
- **Permanent Brief**  
Located on the left side of Section 4, the Permanent Brief provides a synopsis of Gheesling’s history in the FBI including his ratings and correspondence in regards to the Lee Harvey Oswald case.

#### **FBI HQ Raymond W. Wannall Personnel File**

Section 1 **67-95998-(1-100)**; September 28, 1936 - June 17, 1949  
before date scope

Section 2 **67-95998-(101-175)**; July 28, 1949 - September 16, 1960  
before date scope

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- Section 3      **67-95998-(176-231)**; September 6, 1960 - January 20, 1966
- **67-95998-207**  
4/1/63 brief summary for Director's use from Davidson to Callahan in which he mentions Wannall's trip to Florida where he met with CIA, State Department, Department of Defense, Coast Guard and the Treasury.
  - **67-95998-209**  
4/11/63 Wannall's Performance Rating from Moore to Sullivan mentions a conference in Miami to consider U.S. government action with regard to anti-Castro raids on Cuba.
  - **67-95998-1 NR 211**  
12/10/63 memo Gale to Tolson captioned "Results of Findings Regarding Investigative Deficiencies." Gale recommends a censure for Wannall.
  - **67-95998-212**  
12/13/63 letter of censure from Hoover to Wannall for failure in overall responsibility for the Oswald matter.
  - **67-95998-213**  
12/17/63 memo Moore to Sullivan thanking Wannall for working on 11/25/63 in connection with the President's assassination.
  - **67-95998-214**  
4/6/64 brief summary for Director's use from Davidson to Callahan with a note from Hoover not to give Wannall a raise unless personally approved by Tolson.
  - **67-95998-1 NR after 217**  
9/30/64 memo from Gale to Tolson captioned "Shortcomings in Handling Oswald Matter by FBI Personnel." Gale recommends no further action against Wannall.
  - **67-95998-221**  
4/27/65 Annual Performance Report from Davidson to Callahan.

Recommendation to give Wannall a Quality Salary Increase, but questions this action in light of Oswald case.

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- **67-95998-230**

1/24/66 memo from Adams to Callahan recommending that Wannall get an ingrade salary increase, and Hoover comments negatively in this regard.

- **67-95998-231**

1/20/66 memo Hyde to Mohr recommending that Wannall be promoted, but Hoover comments negatively and cites the Oswald case as his rationale.

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Section 4 **67-95998-(232-311)**; January 27, 1966 - April 9, 1974

- **67-95998-232**

1/27/66 memo Clayton to Tolson regarding Wannall's indirect involvement with Oswald case with much annotation by Hoover.

- **67-95998-235**

3/4/66 brief summary for Director's use from Adam's to Callahan. Note from Hoover to promote Wannall to a GS-16.

- **67-95998-236**

3/7/66 letter of promotion from Hoover to Wannall.

Section 5 **67-95998-(313-354)**; August 2, 1974 - April 3, 1990

- **67-95998-4 NR after 348**

5/22/78 memo from legal counsel to Assistant Director answering attached 4/19/78 letter from Blakely to Attorney General requesting that Wannall and other agents testify.

- **67-95998-4 NR after 344**

5/28/76 memo from Director, FBI to Attorney General relaying information from an interview between Wannall and SSC staffers. Mention is made in the interview to the April 1963 meeting Wannall attended in Miami and to Cuban agents in the US who access to President Kennedy.

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- **67-95998-1 NR after 333**  
9/29/75 memo from legal counsel to Adams recommending that Wannall be released from employment agreement in order to testify at SenStudy 75 hearing.
- **67-95998-2 NR after 333**  
10/6/75 memo Wannall to Adams requesting transcript of testimony given at the SenStudy 75 public hearings.
- **67-95998-3 NR after 333**  
10/8/75 deposition of Wannall taken by SSC on Intelligence Matters with regard to Cuban activities.
- **67-95998-1 NR after 334**  
10/16/75 memo from legal counsel of SenStudy 75 to Adams requesting that Wannall testify.
- **67-95998-2 NR after 334**  
10/20/75 memo from Director, FBI to Attorney General regarding Wannall's interview before the US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities in which he is questioned about Cuban activities around the time of the assassination.

**FBI HQ Elbert Thatcher Turner Personnel File**

- Section 1 **67-182287-(1-100)**; December 12, 1940 - July 3, 1945  
before date scope
- Section 2 **67-182287-(101-170)**; August 4, 1945 - June 22, 1955  
before date scope
- Section 3 **67-182287-(171-247)**; July 25, 1955 - October 28, 1963  
no assassination records
- Section 4 **67-182287-(248-303)**; December 13, 1963 - October 20, 1986
  - **67-182287-248**  
12/13/63 letter of censure from Hoover to Turner placing Turner on probation for failing to put Oswald on the Security Index and for not

handling the 10/10/63 CIA communication properly.

- **67-182287-249**  
12/18/63 memo Branigan to Sullivan regarding Turner's overtime hours on 11/25/63.
- **67-182287-250**  
12/19/63 memo from Hoover to Turner thanking him for his hardwork on the brief and report after the Kennedy assassination.
- **67-182287-251**  
11/26/63 memo from Turner to Gale explaining his participation in the Oswald case. This is the original, although a copy is filed as 105-82555-941.
- **67-182287-1 NR after 251**  
12/10/63 memo Gale to Tolson captioned "Results of Findings Regarding Investigative Deficiencies." Gale recommends censure and probation for Turner.
- **67-182287-254**  
3/16/64 Performance Review rating Turner as "Excellent" and detailing Turner's work on the Oswald Reports to the President's Commission.
- **67-182287-255**  
3/16/64 memo from Branigan to Sullivan recommending that Turner be removed from probation.
- **67-182287-256**  
3/17/64 memo from Davidson to Callahan recommending that Turner be removed from probation.
- **67-182287-1 NR after 256**  
3/19/64 memo from Hoover to Turner removing him from probation.

- **67-182287-2 NR after 256**  
 4/6/64 brief summary for Director's use from Davidson to Callahan noting that Turner was placed in charge on the Oswald case. Hoover writes that Turner is not to get a promotion unless personally approved by Tolson.
- **67-182287-260**  
 10/5/64 memo from Hoover to Turner states that a review of an "important security matter" warrants a demotion and transfer to the Milwaukee office for general investigative duties.
- **67-182287-261**  
 10/5/64 transfer to Milwaukee.
- **67-182287-262**  
 10/8/64 memo Hoover to Turner changing his transfer from Milwaukee to Washington Field Office.
- **67-182287-1 NR after 262**  
 10/12/64 Hoover's paperwork on Turner's demotion makes the change effective seven days prior to the paperwork's completion.
- **67-182287-263**  
 10/12/64 letter of thanks from Turner to Hoover for changing his transfer from Milwaukee to WFO.
- **67-182287-264**  
 10/6/64 brief summary for Director's use from Davidson to Callahan.
- **67-182287-265**  
 10/8/64 memo from Mohr to Tolson regarding his meeting with Turner in which Turner asked his transfer to be reconsidered. Hoover makes a note to the effect that it is okay to transfer Turner to WFO instead.
- **67-182287-266**  
 9/30/64 copy of the Gale to Tolson memo captioned

“Shortcomings in Handling Oswald Matter by FBI Personnel.”

Attached is a 9/29/64 memo from Turner to Gale explaining his failure to place a stop on Oswald’s passport.

- **67-182287-269**  
11/13/64 memo from Mohr to Tolson regarding his interview with Turner.
- **67-182287-1 NR after 269**  
11/18/64 memo from Hoover informing Turner that no action will be taken in regards to Turner’s request to be interviewed and reinstated as a GS-14.
- **67-182287-270**  
11/10/64 eight-page letter from Turner to Hoover detailing his involvement in the Oswald case and asking for reconsideration to his demotion and transfer.
- **67-182287-1 NR after 271**  
Inspector’s comments regarding Turner’s attitude after his demotion and new assignment are favorable.
- **67-182287-273**  
1/13/65 recommendation from SAC, WFO to Director, FBI that Turner be removed from probation.
- **67-182287-274**  
1/19/65 memo from Davidson to Callahan recommends that Turner be removed from probation.
- **67-182287-276**  
4/12/65 memo from SAC, WFO to Director, FBI recommends removal from probation.
- **67-182287-277**  
4/16/65 memo from Davidson to Callahan recommending removal from probation for Turner. Hoover gives a blue “OK.”

- **67-182287-1 NR after 277**  
4/23/65 memo from Hoover to Turner removing him from probation.
- **67-182287-280**  
2/9/66 brief summary for Director's use from Adams to Callahan gives history of all memoranda on Oswald matter for the last two years.
- **67-182287-284**  
4/13/66 memo from Adams to Callahan notes that Turner cannot have a quality salary increase because of his involvement in the Oswald matter.
- **67-182287-5 NR after 301**  
3/18/71 memo from Bishop informing Mohr that Turner was questioned along with several other former Special Agents by a reporter with regards to FBI personnel policies and the Oswald matter. Turner reportedly said nothing.
- **67-182287-6 NR after 301**  
2/13/76 copy of SA Turner's interview by Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities from Director, FBI to the Attorney General.
- **67-182287-7 NR after 301**  
2/25/76 memo from Cregar to Wannall regarding SenStudy 75 request that Turner and others be released from employment agreement to be interviewed.
- **67-182287-8 NR after 301**  
2/26/76 memo advising Turner to report to FBI HQ's legal counsel in the event that he is contacted by Senate Select Committee staff members.
- **67-182287-9 NR after 301**  
2/26/76 memo from Director, FBI to SACs, Baltimore, Columbia,

and Phoenix to contact Turner and other agents regarding need to see  
 legal counsel before SSC interview.

### FBI HQ John L. Quigley Personnel File

- Section 1      **67-84700-(1-150)**; February 26, 1936 - May 23, 1941  
    before date scope
- Section 2      **67-84700-(151-238)**; June 5, 1941 - September 5, 1950  
    before date scope
- Section 3      **67-84700-(239-317)**; November 7, 1950 - November 1, 1955  
    before date scope
- Section 4      **67-84700-(318-376)**; November 10, 1955 - September 29, 1959  
    before date scope
- Section 5      **67-84700-(377-411)**; August 10, 1959 - November 14, 1988
- **67-84700-400**  
    4/13/64 Performance Review rating Quigley as "Excellent."      Memo  
    makes mention that Quigley was assigned many leads on the      Oswald case  
    and that he worked on 11/25/63 in connection with      the President's assassination.
  - **67-84700-1 NR after 400**  
    Original filed as 105-82555-3602.      5/5/64 memo from Rosen to  
    Belmont regarding Quigley's testimony before the Warren  
    Commission on his 8/10/63 interview of Oswald.
  - **67-84700-3 NR after 401**  
    Original filed as 105-82555-4081.      6/12/64 memo from Branigan to  
    Sullivan regarding the transcripts of testimony given by Quigley,      Hosty  
    and Mr. Fain.
  - **67-84700-404**  
    11/4/64 memo from Davidson to Callahan regarding Quigley's  
    request for transfer to Dallas.      This document indicates that  
    Quigley was not censured for his part in the Oswald case.

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- **67-84700-2 NR after 411**  
7/1/68 memo from Branigan to Sullivan detailing that a possible Garrison employee has interviewed a former PCI regarding Quigley's alleged wealth and status. However, an FBI check shows that this possible Garrison employee has no basis for making such allegations and that there is no known reason for Garrison to be interested in Quigley.
- **67-84700-3 NR after 411**  
12/11/75 memo from legal counsel to Adams regarding a request from Senstudy 75 that Quigley be made available for staff interview.

#### FBI HQ Alan Harden Belmont Personnel File

- Section 7      **67-94639-(469-540)**; March 27, 1959 - December 18, 1963
- **67-94639-523**  
5/24/62 memo with regards to Belmont's work on the Billie Sol Estes case captioned "Interstate Transprotation of Stolen Property - Bribery."
  - **67-94639-1 NR after 539**  
12/4/63 commendation from Hoover to Belmont for working on 11/25/63 in connection with the President's assassination.
  - **67-94639-540**  
12/18/63 personal note from Belmont to Hoover thanking him for his advice and guidance as matters related to the Oswald case and President's assassination developed.
- Section 8      **67-94639-(1 NR after 540-613)**; December 26, 1963 - September 7, 1993
- **67-94639-1 NR after 540**  
Original filed as 62-109090-50. 12/26/63 memo from Hoover to Tolson informing Tolson that Belmont and Inspector Malley are to establish a close relationship with Mr. Rankin and find out any potentially embarrassing information to be released about the FBI.

- **67-94639-3 NR after 545**  
Original filed as 105-82555-3560. 5/1/64 memo Rankin to Hoover requesting Belmont to testify before the President's Commission.
- **67-94639-2 NR after 546**  
9/30/64 memo Gale to Tolson captioned "Shortcomings in Handling the Oswald Matter by FBI Personnel."
- **67-94639-547**  
10/5/64 letter of censure from Hoover to Belmont for his role in the Oswald case.
- **67-94639-3 NR after 555**  
Original filed as 67-561-35975. 7/26/65 document from the Attorney General requesting a life history on Hoover, Tolson, Mohr, and Belmont.
- **67-94639-575**  
12/10/68 memo from Belmont notifying Hoover that he did not grant a requested interview to Navasky who wants to write a book on the FBI's relationship with Attorney General Robert Kennedy.
- **67-94639-2 NR after 591**  
10/17/75 Interview of Belmont before the US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities.
- Belmont's file contains 17 FOI/PA requests and photocopies of the pages released in answer to those requests. Many of them contain JFK assassination records. While this is interesting to note, I assume the actual originals will be released under the JFK Act, so releasing these copies is probably not necessary.

#### **FBI HQ William A. Branigan Personnel File**

Section 4 **67-219505-(221-264)**; July 14, 1959 - April 6, 1964

- **67-219505-259**  
12/13/63 letter of censure from Hoover to Branigan for his failure

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in a highly sensitive security matter.

- **67-219505-260**  
12/18/63 form letter from Sullivan to Branigan's file stating that Branigan worked on 11/25/63 in connection with the President's assassination.
- **67-219505-261**  
12/18/63 letter of commendation on Branigan's preparation of the the report and brief following the President's assassination.
- **67-219505-1 NR after 262**  
12/10/63 memo from Gale to Tolson captioned "Results of Findings Regarding Investigative Deficiencies." Gale recommends that Branigan receive a letter of censure.
- **67-219505-264**  
4/6/64 summary for Director's use from Davidson to Callahan. Hoover comments that his performance rating is too high and that he should not be given a promotion unless signed by Tolson because of his mishandling of the Oswald case.

Section 5 **67-219505-(265-334)**; April 13, 1964 - June 27, 1983

- **67-219505-1 NR after 268**  
9/30/64 memo Gale to Tolson captioned "Shortcomings in Handling of the Oswald Matter by FBI Personnel."
- **67-219505-3 NR after 268**  
11/23/64 memo from Hoover thanking Ranking for his 11/18/64 letter of thanks for help with the President's Commission.
- **67-219505-277**  
12/22/65 memo from Adams to Callahan suggesting that Branigan be removed from probation.
- **67-219505-1 NR after 277**  
12/27/65 memo from Hoover to Branigan informing him that he is off of probationary status.

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- **67-219505-279**  
12/20/65 memo from Moore to Sullivan recommending Branigan for removal from probation.
- **67-219505-3 NR after 331**  
4/28/76 memo from Phillips to Leavitt regarding the need to release Branigan and other employees from employment agreement for the purpose of a SenStudy 75 interview.

Field Office **65-5708-(2-77)**; July 14, 1941 - June 26, 1947  
before date scope (Branigan's field office file is now attached to Section 5 of his HQ's personnel file.)