

# MEMORANDUM

May 13, 1998

To: Laura Denk  
Kevin Tiernan  
cc: Jeremy Gunn  
  
From: Marie Fagnant

Subject: Addendum to Summary of Minutemen Files, As Part of Request for  
Additional Information on General Edwin Walker (FBI-34)

I have completed review of the Minutemen Headquarters files. Sections 1-14, 16, 20-25, 35, 38-44, 46 had previously been on locate when I first submitted a summary of the Minutemen files. I have since reviewed these files and have summarized them below.

As of May 13, 1998, the FBI still has headquarters file 116-165494, section 3 of the General Edwin Walker file on locate.

Section 1 62-107261-(x-47); February 2, 1959 - December 1, 1961  
no assassination records

Section 2 62-107261-(48-103); December 1, 1961 - January 1, 1962  
no assassination records

Section 3 62-107261-(104-151); December 28, 1961 - March 29, 1962

- 62-107261-122  
1/31/62 memo from SAC, Charlotte to Director, FBI regarding two Minutemen at a conference interested in obtaining guns and ammunition for their group. They stated that Minutemen were responsible for capturing TV2 trainer jets aboard a ship in San Diego.

- 62-107261-126  
2/7/62 memo from SAC, Chicago to Director, FBI already sent to NARA 8/5/94 under JFK Act.

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- 62-107261-148  
3/27/62 memo SAC, Dallas to Director, FBI regarding interviews of the two Minutemen in 62-107261-122.

Section 4 62-107261-(152-194); March 29, 1962-October 25, 1962  
No assassination records

Section 5 62-107261-(195-237); October 18, 1962 - December 26, 1963

- 62-107261-197  
10/31/62 memo from SAC, Dallas to Director, FBI explaining the Unnamed Organization of Dallas split with the Minutemen.
- 62-107261-200  
11/2/62 memo from SAC, Springfield to Director, FBI. Original sent to NARA 7/24/94 under JFK Act.
- 62-107261-201  
11/21/62 memo from SAC, Detroit to Director, FBI regarding Minutemen literature criticizing the Kennedy administration and policy. Cuban
- 62-107261-202  
11/30/62 memo from SAC, Detroit to Director, FBI regarding Minutemen member in Illinois who claims inside connection to Pentagon and inside knowledge of current Cuban situation.
- 62-107261-211  
3/27/63 memo from SAC, Detroit to Director, FBI and SAC, Kansas City regarding a Minutemen newsletter identifying 20 Congressmen as "Judases" and threaten that "even now the crosshairs are on the back of your necks."
- 62-107261-230  
9/18/63 memo from SAC, Dallas to Director, FBI stating that "long dormant" Minutemen have cropped up in Dallas again and have become active in distributing anti-communist literature and posters.

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- 62-107261-235  
12/11/63 memo from SAC, Detroit to Director, FBI enclosing a typed copy of a Minutemen leaflet on JFK's assassination. The Minutemen espouse a theory that Kennedy was a communist, killed by Oswald who was a communist.
- Section 6 62-107261-(238-263); December 27, 1963 - February 13, 1964
- 62-107261-238  
1/13/64 memo from SAC, Kansas City to Director, FBI regarding the alleged Minutemen member threat to assassinate Gus hall, head of the Communist Party.
  - 62-107261-240  
1/16/64 memo SAC, Kansas City to Director, FBI regarding Minuteman member discussing the good that has come out of the JFK assassination at a gunshow.
  - 62-107261-246  
1/30/64 airtel and DePugh interview from SAC, Kansas City to Director, FBI. DePugh questioned regarding JFK assassination and Minutemen threats to various senators and congressmen.
  - 62-107261-249  
1/17/64 Airtel and report from SAC, St. Louis to Director, FBI regarding the alleged Minutemen member threat to assassinate Gus Hall, head of the Communist Party.
- Section 7 62-107261-(264-286); February 17, 1964 - February 26, 1964
- 62-107261-265  
2/14/64 SA Lloyd O. Bogstad's report notes that a particular Minuteman member did not approve of the method used to kill Kennedy, but believes that Kennedy's removal is beneficial. He denied any knowledge of the assassination (p. 19).
- Section 8 62-107261-(287-313); February 18, 1964 - February 27, 1964
- 62-107261-294  
2/18/64 airtel with enclosure from Director, FBI to SAC, Kansas

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City detailing threat from Minutemen newsletter "On Target" directed at Rep. Gonzalez of Texas and 19 other congressmen.

- 62-107261-295  
2/20/64 memo from SAC, Denver to Director, FBI with attached "Special Bulletin" highlighting Warren Commission and FBI investigation of the Minutemen.

- 62-107261-296  
2/20/64 report from St. Louis mentions both a Minutemen member who desires to kill Gus Alex, Communist Party leader and a discussion of Kennedy's "soft on communism" policies.

- 62-107261-299  
2/17/64 memo from SAC, Portland to Director, FBI with attached copies of "Special Bulletin" and "On Target" highlighting Warren Commission and FBI investigation of the Minutemen.

- 62-107261-300  
2/15/64 memo from SAC, Detroit to Director, FBI with attached transcript of Minutemen "Special Bulletin" on the Warren Commission investigation of the Minutemen.

- 62-107261-301  
2/19/64 memo from F.J. Baumgardner to Sullivan assessing Minutemen threat to the President, if any, following 1/28/64 interview of Bob DePugh, Minutemen leader.

Section 9 62-107261-(314-352); February 23, 1964 - March 26, 1964

- 62-107261-317  
2/28/64 Special Report from Kansas City with transcript of Minutemen letter to members regarding Robert Kennedy's investigation of right-wing groups in the wake of his brother's assassination.

- 62-107261-347  
3/19/64 memo from SAC, Springfield to Director, FBI regarding information provided by Richard Lauchli. This document sent to National Archives 4/24/94 in accordance with the JFK Act of 1992.

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- 62-107261-352  
3/26/64 memo with enclosures from SAC, Newark to Director, FBI regarding two Minutemen leaflets entitled "Special Bulletin" and "Kennedy Assassination."

Section 10 62-107261-(353-388); March 27, 1964 - April 27, 1964

- 62-107261-356  
3/27/64 memo from SAC, Seattle to Director, FBI contains a transcription of a "Meeting Tape 5." Leader of the Minutemen speaks about his views on the Kennedy assassination, Oswald and the subsequent FBI investigation.

- 62-107261-359  
4/1/64 memo from SAC, Dallas to Director, FBI regarding investigations into any activity by Minutement group in the Dallas area. No reported activity, but enclosed interviews of possible Minutemen members reflect their personal views on the Kennedy assassination and on Jack Ruby.

- 62-107261-384  
5/6/64 memo from Director, FBI to SAC, Springfield. Original sent to National Archives on 7/24/94 under the JFK Act of 1992.

- 62-107261-385  
4/23/64 report from Kansas City regarding possible gunrunning activities and suspected firearms purchase in August 1963.

- 62-107261-386  
4/23/64 memo from Director, FBI to SAC, St. Louis. Original sent to National Archives on 7/24/94 under the JFK Act of 1992.

- 62-107261-388  
4/27/64 memo from SAC, Butte to Director, FBI. Original sent to National Archives on 7/24/94 under the JFK Act of 1992.

Section 11 62-107261-(389-419); April 24, 1964 - May 13, 1964

- 62-107261-389  
4/24/64 memo from F.J. Baumgardner to Sullivan confirming the

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FBI investigation into Minutemen to determine if they constitute a threat to the President.

- 62-107261-417  
5/13/64 report by San Diego office regarding the Minutemen.

Original sent to National Archives on 7/24/94 in accordance with the JFK Act of 1992.

Section 12 62-107261-(420-456); May 15, 1964 - June 2, 1964

- 62-107261-2 NR 425  
5/20/64 Warren Commission request for FBI information on subversive groups. Original filed as 105-82555-3839.

- 62-107261-435  
5/20/64 memo from SAC, St. Louis to Director, FBI regarding arrest of two Minutemen members for gun running activities. Document sent to Archives 4/24/94 under JFK Act of 1992.

- 62-107261-438  
5/22/64 memo from Director, FBI to SAC, Dallas regarding the immediate investigation of leads from Kansas City.

- 62-107261-2 NR 439  
5/28/64 memo with enclosure from SAC, El Paso to Director, FBI regarding Lee Harvey Oswald and all information from Texas office files. Original filed as 105-82555-4311.

- 62-107261-1 NR 439  
5/27/64 SAC, Los Angeles to Director, FBI regarding threat mail from Minutemen member Esteban Bandera Brigade and envelope with logo "A gun did not kill Kennedy - A communist did." Original filed in 9-42365-1.

- 62-107261-441  
5/28/64 memo regarding information from the enclosure in 62-107261-456.

- 62-107261-445

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5/28/64 Report by Mason Smith of Philadelphia office alludes to an article from "On Target" as article of meeting between Attorney Robert Kennedy and Walter Reuther regarding the Right Wing groups in US as security threat to country. General growing problem of

- 62-107261-456  
6/2/64 memo with attached letter of resignation by Minutemen leader and notice of investigation of Minutemen by FBI following assassination. the

Section 13 62-107261-(457-473); June 5, 1964 - June 15, 1964

- 62-107261-459  
6/18/64 memo SAC, Chicago from Director, FBI with enclosed report from Chicago already sent to Archives under the JFK Act.
- 62-107261-1 NR after 459  
6/18/64 memo from Callahan to the Director regarding Texas Congressman Gonzalez's concern over Department of Defense program to arm extremist groups connected to the NRA with free guns and ammunition.

- 62-107261-3 NR after 459  
6/15/64 memo from Callahan to the Director regarding Texas Congressman Gonzalez who desires to warn the American people of the threat the Minutemen pose because of their current stockpile of weapons.

- 62-107261-460  
6/5/64 memo from SAC, Los Angeles to Director, FBI providing information concerning the threat from the Estaban Brigade (Minutemen Western Division) and an envelope bearing the statement "A gun did not kill Kennedy -- A communist did."

- 62-107261-462  
6/10/64 memo from SAC, Newark to Director, FBI denotes DePugh's statements regarding Oswald and the Warren Commission in "On Target."

- 62-107261-467  
6/11/64 memo from SAC, St. Louis to Director, FBI contains the

same enclosure provided by 62-107261-462.

- 62-107261-468  
6/10/64 airtel from SAC, Seattle to Director, FBI with transcription of Bob DePugh's speech. He mentions the communist infiltration of the Kennedy administration and a secret 24-page memo between RFK and JFK to eliminate right-wing radical groups.

- 62-107261-470  
6/11/64 memo from SAC, Minneapolis to Director, FBI concerning the interview of individuals furnished to Secret Service in connection with the President's travel in the U.S.

Section 14 62-107261-(474-490); June 11, 1964 - July 6, 1964

- 62-107261-474  
6/11/64 transcription of DePugh tape from SAC, Seattle to Director, FBI blaming the assassination of JFK for the downfall of the Patriotic movement.

Section 16 62-107261-(501-533); July 29, 1964 - August 18, 1964

- 62-107261-503  
"On Target" issue selling gummed stickers "A gun did not kill Kennedy -- A communist did." You too can buy 250 for \$1.00.
- 62-107261-507  
7/30/64 memo SAC, Kansas City enclosing to Director, FBI a copy of "On Target", which features a picture of President Kennedy with "civil rights" leaders. The Minutemen state that they do not think that Kennedy is happy, but that Walter Ruether, a "communist", is enjoying the situation immensely.

- 62-107261-533  
Hoover's reply to and letter from Reverend Earle B. Harris regarding the infiltration by Minutemen of Johnson's campaign in order to sabotage it.

Section 20 62-107261-(602-643); October 26, 1964 - November 20, 1964

- 62-107261-624  
11/4/64 memo from Brennan to Sullivan regarding Minutemen

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armed insurrection plot should Johnson be elected and that an unnamed individual is supplying ammunition to the Minutemen for this purpose.

- 62-107261-638  
11/4/64 memo from SAC, Dallas to Director, FBI detailing an interview with Minutemen member/informant regarding plans to violently overthrow US government. Contains information on H.L. Hunt and General Walker. 11/16/64 reply from Director, FBI noting the unreliability of this informant.

- 62-107261-640  
Original 11/17/64 memo from SAC, Miami to Director, FBI already sent to Archives under JFK Act on 9/11/96.

Section 21 62-107261-(644-670); November 7, 1964 - November 25, 1964

- 62-107261-644  
Teletype to Director, FBI from Miami concerning Venezuelan gun supplier for the Minutemen and possible Minutemen plot to kill President Johnson.

- 62-107261-4 NR 648  
11/25/64 memo from SAC, New York to Director, FBI regarding Minutemen plot to kill Johnson because he is "red."

- 62-107261-662  
11/9/64 memo SAC, Dallas to Director, FBI regarding informant information on Minutemen and possible "sighting" of Oswald in a gun shop.

Section 22 62-107261-(671-699); November 25, 1964 - December 7, 1964  
no assassination records

Section 23 62-107261-(700-720); December 15, 1964 - December 23, 1964  
no assassination records

Section 24 62-107261-(721-754); December 15, 1964 - January 28, 1965  
no assassination records

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Section 25 62-107261-(755-781); January 28, 1965 - February 12, 1965  
no assassination records

Section 35 62-1072610-(1071-1096); May 13, 1965 - May 28, 1965  
no assassination records

Section 38 62-107261-(1150-1189); July 1, 1965 - August 2, 1965  
no assassination records

Section 39 62-107261-(1190-1237); August 2, 1965 - September 2, 1965  
no assassination records

Section 40 62-107261-(1238-1280); September 2, 1965 - October 8, 1965  
no assassination records

Section 42 62-107261-(1326-1360); November 9, 1965 - November 30, 1965

- 62-107261-1326  
11/16/65 memo from SAC, Kansas City to Director, FBI. Enclosed  
is 11/1/65 issue of "On Target" with an account of the arrest and  
sentencing of Sr. Kohly, President of the de facto government of Cuba.  
This issue also contains commentary on Kennedy's administration and its  
treatment of Sr. Kohly's arrest and the Bay of Pigs incident.

Section 43 62-107261-(1361-1383); December 8, 1965 - December 21, 1965  
no assassination records

Section 44 62-107261-(1384-1415); December 17, 1965 - January 17, 1966  
no assassination records

Section 46 62-107261-(1453-1510); February 11, 1966 - March 2, 1966  
no assassination records