

MEMORANDUM

October 24, 1996

To: Anna Nelson

cc: David Marwell, Jeremy Gunn

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Subject: Meeting with former HSCA staffers

A general outline of discussion topics for the 28 October 1996 meeting with HSCA staffers Fonzi, Hardway, and Lopez follows.

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TENTATIVE LIST OF DISCUSSION TOPICS
MEETING WITH HSCA RESEARCHERS/INVESTIGATORS AND ARRB STAFF

OCTOBER 28, 1996
Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this meeting is to bring together some individuals who have a specialized knowledge of the Congressional investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy to assist the ARRB in developing leads for acquiring records related to the assassination.

The ARRB hopes that their expertise will not only enable us to acquire additional documents, but also help us utilize our time and resources efficiently and assist us in completing the historical record on this subject.

This list of topics is only intended as a general guideline for discussions. Participants are encouraged to discuss any topic related to the assassination or the HSCA investigation that they feel would be relevant to the ARRB mission.

GENERAL SCHEDULE OF TOPICS

Introductory statements: T. Jeremy Gunn, Associate Director for Research and Analysis

A. INTRODUCTIONS

- Backgrounds of principals
- Responsibilities as HSCA staff members

B. OSWALD IN MEXICO CITY

Lead ARRB Staff Member: Irene F. Marr

CIA OPERATIONS IN MEXICO CITY

- additional operational files that should be requested by ARRB
 - Information deemed relevant but never requested/reviewed by HSCA staff
- insights on sources and methods
 - Clarification on surveillance methods utilized by the CIA

- Suggestions for possible interviews of CIA personnel and others affiliated with Mexico City
 - Relevant players who were not interviewed or who failed to cooperate with the HSCA
 - the existence of possible gaps in testimonies
- Leads on whereabouts of possible “missing” files, photos, etc.
 - Are you aware of information on the existence of other US Government documents pertaining to Oswald’s visit to the Cuban and Soviet embassies?

OTHER POSSIBLE RECORDS OF OSWALD’S STAY IN MEXICO CITY

- other surveillance in Mexico City
- other documentation (local records, etc.) of Oswald’s stay in Mexico

C. ALLEGED CUBAN LINKS TO THE ASSASSINATION

Lead ARRB Staff Members: Christopher M. Barger, Manuel E. Legaspi

ANTI-CASTRO CUBAN EXILE RECORDS

- Insights into Exile Community relations
 - approachability of exile members/organizations by ARRB for interviews and/or records requests
 - historical documentation of the assassination (exile groups’ internal records, donations, and academic holdings, especially in South Florida)
- Antonio Veciana
 - determination of the truthfulness of his testimony
 - Availability of individuals associated with Veciana

JMWAVE

- CIA personnel/possible interviews/records
 - Relevant players not interviewed by the HSCA
 - HSCA access to files and records of relevant individuals
- JMWAVE/CIA associated individuals
 - i.e., Contract agents, individuals “on loan” from other USG agencies, assets, etc. not contacted or “under investigated” by the HSCA that could provide information or documents related to the assassination

OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVITY

- Military Intelligence links to anti-Castro activities
 - HSCA access to military intelligence records
 - Leads on relevant individuals not contacted by HSCA
 - were Antonio Veciana's military intelligence links explored adequately?

ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS ON CASTRO

- non-US government records on the assassination attempts on Castro

EVIDENCE OF CUBAN GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT

- Information gleaned from Castro interview/trip to Cuba
 - Cuban government documents (Castro, Escalante agreements)
- Evidence of Cuban intelligence penetration of anti-Castro groups in US

D. OSWALD IN USSR

Lead ARRB Staff Member: Michelle Combs

- What investigative leads on Oswald in the USSR were pursued by the HSCA?
- Any leads on HSCA records related to Oswald's stay in the USSR?

E. MISCELLANEOUS

- Organized crime
- Secret Service, FBI (*Lead ARRB Staff Member: Joan Zimmerman*)
- In general: CIA files requested but were not provided or reviewed (*Lead ARRB Staff Member: Michelle Combs*)
- DeMorenschildt Suicide (*Lead ARRB Staff Member: Christopher M. Barger*)

F. HSCA RECORDS/RECORDS IN PERSONAL HANDS

- HSCA procedures for document handling
 - destruction/access to/compartimentation of files
- William Sullivan papers
- HSCA Staffers who may have records in their possession
- Private records