

# MEMORANDUM

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From: Mary S. McAuliffe

Subject: Semi-Monthly Team Leaders' Reports

## I. Analysis of Team Members' work:

During the past two weeks, during which CIA briefed CIA team members on station and other issues fundamental to the ARRB reviewing process, team members spent approximately 40% of their time re-reviewing postponements in CIA documents left over from previous Board meetings (including the Lopez report) and performing other document-related tasks preparatory to the October and November Board meetings. This included preparing Oswald boxes 1-3 for transfer to CIA, identifying and listing newly-established "RIF" documents in these boxes, and processing these upon their return to ARRB. Bob, with Christopher's assistance, played a major role in carrying out these document-related activities.

Team members spent approximately 60% of their time during this past two weeks on other activities. Manuel is attempting to identify Intelligence Community Inter-agency task forces/committees that existed during the Eisenhower/JFK years as well as locate bibliographic information on PFIAB during this time period. He and Bob have also begun background research into MKULTRA and its possible relevance to the assassination story. Michelle has been researching the organization and standard operating procedures of the US embassy/CIA station in Mexico City during the 1960s, including interviewing Ambassador Boonstra. She has also been coordinating with Laura Denk on some FBI issues and reviewing FBI records relating to the Legat office in the US embassy. Christopher has searched secondary sources and Library of Congress databases for any information on four individuals connected with the assassination story. Eric was on Annual Leave during much of this period, although he undertook several projects for Jeremy entailing work at the Library of Congress before he left. All team members have been reviewing secondary sources for possible leads on additional CIA records and have started a list of possible leads they have so far discovered.

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Considering that this was an unusual two-week period, with much of CIA team's reviewing process on hold waiting for CIA input and Board decision, this was probably a reasonable use of the team's time.

## **II. Review of Postponements in Principal Agency Records**

It is extremely difficult to arrive at a figure, even an estimate, of how many CIA records remain to be reviewed by ARRB. According to Barry Harrelson (who would like to meet with you to discuss these figures), one guess is that there are about 12,000 postponed records, or around 65,000 pages, in the collection of JFK documents that CIA has to date transferred to NARA. This figure includes the Oswald 201 file and hard copy from the so-called JFK papers but does not include the microfilm or HSCA-originated records. Of these approximately 12,000 records, CIA team has reviewed over 1600, mostly from Oswald's 201 file. This represents around 13% of the total, without taking HSCA-originated records or the microfilm into account. As CIA begins to make unilateral transfers of postponed documents that it now decides it can release in full, the total number of records that ARRB's CIA team has to review will decline.

The major problems that CIA team has encountered in its review process to date have stemmed either from CIA's incompleteness in answering requests for information or from the Board's slowness in addressing records that are ready for its review.

Communications continue to be frequent and satisfactory with individual HRG personnel, but although CIA as a whole has busied itself considerably in responding to our requests for information, it has not yet supplied the Board with the kind of evidence sufficiently convincing to continue protection of many of CIA's desired postponements. On another communications issue, Barry Harrelson would like to meet with you in the near future to discuss questions about the numbers of CIA records in the JFK collection.

## **III. Review of Other Agency Records**

I have recently had several long telephone conversations with Nina Noring, from the State Department, to clear up some discrepancies between our database of postponed DOS records and the postponed documents she transferred to ARRB this past summer, as well as the Status of Agency Review form she returned to us in August.

Nina has recently released a batch of 48 records from the Passport Office, including all 22 on our database, and is continuing to postpone only one, which she is referring to FBI. She plans to bring over updated diskettes for our database within the next few days.

She thinks there is only one archival box of postponed documents in the DOS collection retired to NARA before the JFK Act. Much of this consists of records from Diplomatic Security, and she plans to take someone from Diplomatic Security with her to review this in the near future.

#### **IV. Resource Needs**

At the moment, I do not anticipate any need for additional analysts or any other resources.