

DOJ BACKGROUND/RECORDS

A. Key Officials

--Attorney General-- Robert F. Kennedy, 1961-6

Nicholas Katzenbach ?

Ramsey Clarke, 196_ -__

Griffin Bell (worked with HSCA)

--Deputy Attorney General--Nicholas deB. Katzenbach (under Kennedy)

--Associate Attorney General

--Office of Legislative Affairs

--Assistant Attorney General Michael Uhlman, worked with the HSCA

--Office of Public Affairs

--Office of Policy Development

--Office of Information and Privacy

--Office of Legal Counsel

--Norbert A. Schlei (Assistant AG under Kennedy)

--Frank M. Wozencraft (1968)

--Assistant Attorney General for Criminal Division

--Herbert J. Miller, Jr. (under Kennedy)

--Fred M. Vinson, Jr. (@ 1965-68)

--Composed of the following sections:General Crimes; Fraud; Organized Crime & Racketeering (the Chief of the Organized Crime Section in 1963 was William G. Hundley); Administrative Regulations (covers immigration); Appeals and Research.

--Jeff Fogel was on the JFK Assassination Task Force in 1980

--Internal Security Division

--J. Walter Yeagley (under Kennedy and Johnson)

--Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division

--John W. Douglas (1965)
--Barefoot Sanders (1967)
--Edwin Weisl, Jr. (1968)

--Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division
--Burke Marshall ? (under Kennedy)
--John Doar (1967)
--Robert Owens (1968)

--Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division
--Louis Oberdorfer (under Kennedy)

--Robert L. Keuch, Special Counsel to the Attorney General (G. Bell), worked with the HSCA

B. Assassination Records Located to Date

--**Microfilmed DOJ Records from the JFK Library** (Need To Review)

--**Office of Information and Privacy**

Files re: FOIA Appeals of Harold Weisberg (Civi Action No. 75-0226) and James Lesar, including the documents that were the subject of the appeal. Approximately 3,600 records were identified and 85% transferred to NARA. No more searches contemplated. Search included Federal Records Center at Suitland, MD. *See* Pustay Letter, dated Oct. 31, 1995. These records relate mostly to the Weisberg FOIA request and span the 1970's and 1980's. Quinan J. Shea, Jr., Director for the Office of Privacy and Information Appeals, worked on the Wesiberg matter, as did Frank Wozencraft, AAG for Office of Legal Counsel, and John Harmon.

--**Criminal Division**

August 1993 approximately 340 documents sent to NARA. 375 documents referred to third agencies. No further searches were anticipated. *See* Newett's 9/29/95 Letter. Over 60 boxes available at NARA. The Criminal Division files available at NARA are:

--No. 129-11 (1960's to 1980's): Is described in a DOJ document as "contain[ing] follow on actions to the work of the Commission . . ." Mostly papers from Herb Miller; some papers from the Attorney General; contains correspondence with the Warren Commission in 1963-64; contains FBI reports forwarded to DOJ; the 129-11 "enclosures" are mostly FBI reports (and they appear to be numbered Warren Commission documents); contains "public," "official," and "miscellaneous" mail; the 1980's material appears to relate to the HSCA; includes original memos of Katzenbach; includes papers from Cabbage, (1979), who worked with Keuch.

--No. 51-16-1113 (1975): Relates to FBI handling of Kennedy assassination investigation

--No. 146-1-32-328 (from 1963 on): Relates to Kennedy assassination; contains original post-assassination material from the Internal Security Division; also contains Keuch materials.

--No. 146-1-73-181 (from 1963 on): Relates to Kennedy assassination.

--Civil Division

1 Box currently at NARA. Upon review of this file at NARA, it appears to be a Federal Programs Branch file (File No. 145-12-3593) re Weisberg v. Webster. Presumably, this was a FOIA suit. This file contains key records on the autopsy: photographs of the Kennedy clothing; original memos. Also, file contained a transcript of an interview with Jack Ruby.

--Civil Rights

At NARA, the one file relates to civil rights complaints against the New Orleans District Attorney (1967-69). The DOJ File number is 144-32-1220.

C. Leads/Follow-Up

--What DOJ files were made available to the HSCA?

--Criminal Division

--The file on Oswald referenced by Keuch

--Civil Division

--Ramsey Clark tasked Harland F. Leathers, Chief of the General Litigation Section of the Civil Division, and Messrs. Fred Vinson (Criminal) and Mitchell Rogovin with project of re-evaluating Warren Commission Report. Memo was sent to Sanders Nov. 25, 1966.

--Carl Eardley, Second Assistant, reported to Barefoot Sanders and concluded that WC Report was sound (Dec. 19, 1966).

--Office of Legal Counsel

--There is an "OLEC JFK Assass. File" according to a DOJ document

--W. David Slawson, Office of Legal Counsel, briefed Ramsey Clark on controversy over WC

Report in 1966