

MEMORANDUM

July 2, 1997

To: Carol Keeley
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From: Laura Denk
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Subject: Assassination Records in the O&C Files of J. Edgar Hoover
(Follow Up to FBI-36)

Ronald G. Haron has completed his review of certain Official & Confidential ("O & C") files of J. Edgar Hoover. He has also completed his review of an FBI administrative file (FBI File No. 62-HQ-116606) relating to the Hoover files and a set of index cards that cross-reference subjects in the O&C files.

We recommend that the FBI designate certain records from these files as assassination records under the JFK Act.¹ We would like the FBI to review these records to determine whether the Bureau will agree that they are assassination records eligible for processing under the JFK Act. The records are as follows:

¹ We request that the Hoover assassination records be transmitted to the JFK Collection at NARA together, as one group, and that they be clearly identified for the public as coming from Hoover's O&C files (except for those records from the administrative file, which is not a Hoover file).

It appears to us reasonable for the FBI to submit copies of assassination records from the Hoover O&C files, in lieu of the originals, so as to preserve the integrity of the original O&C files. This is subject, however, to any contrary Review Board determination and, in addition, we need the FBI's assurance that the original O&C files will not be destroyed.

1. Administrative File Re Hoover Files (File No. 62-HQ-116606)

We recommend designating the following documents in this file as assassination records:

- Jan. 30, 1976 Memorandum from FBI Director to Attorney General (original filed at 62-116395-1440).
- Feb. 13, 1976 FBI Memorandum from Steven K. Blackhurst, Assistant Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination, to John Mintz, Legal Counsel Division, (original filed at 62-116395-1476).
- Feb. 27, 1976 Memorandum from FBI Director to Attorney General (original in 62-116395).
- Alphabetical and numerical listing of O&C files forwarded to FBI Director Kelley in February 1975 (Serial 62-116006-13x) (although not necessarily an assassination record, we believe that the list will further enhance the historical understanding of why certain O&C records qualify as assassination records and why others do not).
- Inventory of Hoover records prepared by FBI agent Cornelius G. Sullivan, entitled "Memo for Mr. Felt dated 7/7/72 Listing Disposition of Cabinets #7 & #8 (5-Drawer Cabinets) or Material Therein" (Serial 62-116606-1) (we have designated this as an assassination record because it lists certain reports and other materials on President Kennedy's assassination that were among Hoover's files; as we have noted in item no. 12 below, we understand the FBI is currently looking for these listed materials).

2. O&C File No. 6 (CRIMDEL -- CRS)

We recommend designating the following document in this file as an assassination record:

- April 1, 1960 Memorandum from Los Angeles SAC to FBI Director (serial 63-4296-26).

3. O&C File No. 9 (Entitled, "77-51387 serials 309, 310 only")

We recommend designating this entire file as an assassination record.

4. O&C File No. 12 (Entitled, "92-2831 serials 582, 583, 584, 585 only")

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We recommend designating this entire file as an assassination record.

5. O&C File No. 13 (John F. Kennedy)

It is our understanding that the FBI is processing this entire file as an assassination record.

6. O&C File No. 14 (Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr.)

We recommend designating the following documents in this file as assassination records:

- April 12, 1957 Letter from Joseph P. Kennedy to J. Edgar Hoover (serial 94-37808-25).
- June 28, 1965 Memorandum from R. I. Shroder to Mr. Rosen (serial 94-37808-not recorded) (original filed at 62-109334-34).
- Letter filed June 27, 1968 from Everett Hitch to J. Edgar Hoover (serial 94-37808-not recorded) (original filed at 62-587-611).

7. O&C File No. 25 (Agreement Between the FBI and Secret Service Concerning Presidential Protection)

We recommend designating this entire file as an assassination record.

8. O&C File No. 37 (Fred B. Black, Jr.)

We recommend designating the following document in this file as an assassination record:

- June 14, 1966 Memorandum from C. DeLoach to C. Tolson (containing handwritten notation of J. Edgar Hoover).

9. O&C File No. 92 (Lyndon B. Johnson)

We recommend designating the following documents in this file as assassination records:

- Nov. 29, 1963 Memorandum of J. Edgar Hoover regarding his discussion of President Kennedy's assassination with President Johnson.

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- Dec. 1, 1963 Memorandum from D.J. Brennan to W.C. Sullivan re Protection of the President (original filed at 62-27799-424).
- Dec. 2, 1963 Memorandum entitled, "Protection of the President" (original filed at 62-27799-424).
- Jan. 21, Jan. 31, Feb. 20, Feb. 24, and Feb. 26, 1964 Memoranda regarding a potential Cuban "kamikaze" attack on President Johnson's plane during his planned visit to Florida in February 1964.

10. O&C File No. 96 (John F. Kennedy)

It is our understanding that the FBI is processing this entire file as an assassination record.

11. Index Cards for the O&C Files

We recommend that the following index cards be designated as assassination records:

- Index card entitled, "Kennedy, President John F.--Assassination."
- Index cards for "Presidential Commission on Assassination of President Kennedy," "Security--Presidential," "Presidential Conferences," and "Presidential Travel Security."
- Index cards for Lee Harvey Oswald; Jack Ruby; Gerald Ford; Richard B. Russell; John Sherman Cooper; Hale Boggs; Allen Dulles; and John McCloy.

12. Other Hoover Records

As we have previously written, we have seen references to certain materials on President Kennedy's assassination located within other Hoover files that are not part of the O&C files. We wish to inspect those materials. See April 22, 1997 Letter from David G. Marwell to Carol Keeley. We understand that you are attempting to locate these materials.

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Please let us know if you wish to discuss any of these matters further. Thank you for your continuing cooperation.