

MEMORANDUM

TO: Pike Committee File (4.21)

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DATE: February 22, 1998

SUBJECT: Pike Committee/House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

This memorandum sets forth my understanding as to how the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence ("HPSCI") determined what Pike Committee records were to be designated as assassination records and placed in the JFK Collection at NARA.

On December 12, 1997, I spoke with Mike Sheehy, Minority Counsel for HPSCI, to resolve, among other matters, how the Pike Committee records were selected, including whether there is a general index to Pike Committee records that we could review to verify that all assassination records were identified. Mr. Sheehy was directly involved in the identification and processing of assassination records from the Pike Committee files. Mr. Sheehy said there was no index of Pike Committee materials prepared by the House Intelligence Committee, nor could he recall any pre-existing index prepared by the Pike Committee. Mr. Sheehy had explained that he had personally reviewed the Pike Committee materials and had selected the records that were to be placed in the JFK Collection. Mr. Sheehy said that anything touching upon the JFK assassination was selected.

In addition to the assassination records being sent to the JFK Collection, Mr Sheehy said that the remainder of Pike Committee materials were physically transferred to the National Archives (I assume, but did not confirm, that legal custody and control has been retained by HPSCI). Mr. Sheehy stated that, to the extent that we would want to inspect any of the Pike Committee materials, we would have to contact HPSCI's Counsel, Patrick Murray.

At this time, we do not know the identity, volume, or location of the Pike Committee records that were reviewed by the HPSCI when it selected assassination records for placement in the JFK Collection.

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