

December 27, 1995

Mr. Kevin J. Janet  
Freedom of Information Section  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
DEA/AMRL  
Washington, DC 20537

Re: September 29, 1961 Memorandum Report, Bureau of Narcotics, District No. 10

Dear Mr. Janet:

As part of its responsibilities under the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (note), the Assassination Records Review Board is now reviewing materials compiled by the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) during its three-year investigation (1976-1978) into the assassination of President Kennedy. The Review Board is reviewing HSCA records to determine to what extent they may be made available to the public.

At its meeting of January 30, 1996, the ARRB intends to review HSCA record number 180-10117-10177, a document in which the DEA may have some equities. A copy of the National Archives and Record Administration Record Information Form (RIF) for this record is attached. This record is an eighty-seven page Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) file on David W. Ferrie. Within this file we have identified a two-page Bureau of Narcotics Memorandum Report dated September 29, 1961, originating in District No. 10 (New Orleans). Pending review by the ARRB, NARA released this report to the public after redacting the names of three juveniles referenced in connection with charges filed against David Ferrie in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

As the Board will review this record in January, it is important that you communicate to us any objections that you might have regarding the release of these redacted names in that portion of the record in which your agency has equity. If the DEA wishes to present evidence on behalf of NARA's proposed postponements, it should do so in writing not later than January 21, 1995. If an agency representative would like to review this record in advance of December 21st, please feel free to contact us.

In addition, this Memorandum Report references an earlier Office Memorandum (dated September 26, 1961) authored by Henry L. Giordano, Acting Commissioner of Narcotics. This Memorandum

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Report included in the FAA file would seem to be in response to this earlier memorandum from Mr. Giordano. We have not located this 9/26/61 memorandum in the JFK Collection. Accordingly, we ask that you locate this record and forward it to us for the Board's review. Lastly, we would ask that you search your agency's files for any other records relating to David W. Ferrie.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please feel free to contact either Kevin Tiernan or Joe Freeman of our staff should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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