

November 6, 1995

Mr. A.J. Weberman
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Dear Mr. Weberman:

Thank you for your letter of October 26, 1995, in which you raise several issues relative to assassination records.

First, the FBI's processing of documents it provided to the HSCA is ongoing. In fact, on November 3, 1995, 11,380 additional pages of these documents were released into the JFK Assassination Records Collection at the National Archives II facility in College Park, Maryland. As with all FBI assassination records, and as provided by Section 5(e)(1) of the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, the FBI has released redacted copies of those documents containing information the release of which the FBI wishes to have postponed. The Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) will make its own determination as to the propriety of each of these claimed postponements.

Second, it is the intent of the ARRB to identify and obtain for the Collection all assassination records, regardless of how recently they were created. The FBI already has processed over 350 assassination records dated 1990 through 1994. A search of the database of electronic identification aids for the word "tramps" yields 18 FBI records from the 1990's identified by FBI reviewers as relevant to the "three tramps" issue. All but three of these documents are open in full to the public. Record identification forms for these 18 documents are enclosed.

Third, you requested that the ARRB assist you in getting an unredacted copy of Assassination Record Number 124-10067-10221, which now contains redactions that have been referred to the U.S. Army. This document is from the FBI Headquarters file on Lee Harvey Oswald (105-82555-5th NR 5654), not from CIA files. During the course of its review of assassination records, the ARRB will make its own determinations on the propriety of these redactions as it reviews postponements in this file.

Fourth, the best way to keep abreast of declassifications in CIA records in the JFK Collection by the ARRB is to watch for the notices in the Federal Register, which lists by document number the decisions that the Board has made and the releases that will occur thereafter. Such notifications and subsequent releases occur approximately once every month. You are also on the ARRB mailing list which will keep you updated on the Board's work. In addition, new releases from the National Archives (like the one enclosed) also detail new releases of CIA documents. You can probably get your name added to their mailing list. The ARRB Board will eventually consider every CIA document in the JFK Collection in which the CIA originally took redactions when it retired these records to National Archives facility at College Park.

Fifth, as for the document that you requested the CIA to release under the Freedom of Information Act, this is indeed an Army Intelligence report. As part of the JFK Collection, it will be reviewed by the Board for possible release along with the rest of the Collection.

I have provided copies of your letter and the accompanying attachments to the appropriate staff persons. However, I cannot say when the documents in which you are specifically interested will be reviewed.

Again, thank you for your interest in the work of the Review Board.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk
Associate Director for Communications

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