

Letter from Jack to "Friends in the Research Community."

The Assassination Records Review Board has nearly completed its work on the CIA's Oswald 201 File and turns its attention now to the series of records that the CIA made available to the House Select Committee on Assassinations. This collection (known as the "Sequestered Collection") presents particular challenges to the ARRB because of its size and because of concerns about the relevance of some of the records that make it up.

The Sequestered Collection ranges from records of direct relevance to assassination to others for which the ARRB is unable to identify any relevance. We believe that determining an approach to the handling of these records that is fully consistent with our mandate and responsibilities, and, at the same time, reflects a reasonable and appropriate investment of (Board, staff, and agency) resources is crucial to completing our job on time. To help in finding the best approach we have scheduled a public meeting of the Board for August 6, 1995 at 1:00 pm. There will be an opportunity for the public to offer comment on this issue at that time.

Should you wish to make a comment at the meeting, please keep in mind that the period for public comment will be limited to approximately one hour and that the speakers will be limited to 5-10 minutes. We will hold the record of this meeting open for two weeks to allow members of the public to submit written comments.