

A&R Report.

Federal Records Center

On January 31 and February 1, Gene, Kevin, Phil, Michelle, Eric, and Jeremy went to the Federal Record Center in Suitland, Maryland. The FRC, which is operated by NARA, is a depository for federal agency records.

NARA has physical, but not legal custody of agency records. All records stored by the FRC are identified by accession forms known as "135s". The Analysis and Review staff reviewed the 135s from those federal agencies that have records relating to the assassination.

The 135s provide valuable information on agency filing systems and records under the control of the agencies. Although at this point we reviewed the accession forms rather than the documents themselves, we discovered several good leads for future inquiries into documents.

Review of HSCA Files on Agency Contacts

The HSCA engaged in extensive correspondence with many federal agencies during its lifespan. Many of the records from those contacts have been preserved in the HSCA collection. Although the HSCA records of agency contacts are not comprehensive, they nevertheless provide, in some instances, valuable insights into what the HSCA was doing and who the HSCA thought was important.

The A&R staff has now collected and copied the HSCA agency contact files. The files have been organized and reviewed. They will provide helpful guides in our approaches to agencies and their records.

Analysis of Agency Filing Systems

Eric, Michelle, and Kevin have done some open source background research on agency filing systems. They have written memoranda for several agencies, including DEA, Justice, State, and CIA.