

MEMORANDUM

March 6, 1998

To: Laura Denk

cc: Jeremy Gunn

From: Sarah Ahmed

Subject: Review of Headquarters files regarding John Abt, FBI Request Number 11

This memorandum is to inform you of my review of the three sections of Headquarter FBI files provided to the Board in regards to John Abt. All three contained assassination related material.

100-HQ-236194, Section 9, Serials 246-258

June 1961 to January 1964

- Serial 258: A statement which included how Abt received nationwide publicity because Lee Harvey Oswald had requested his services- January 17, 1964. An investigative report in which Abt hands over six letters written by Lee Harvey Oswald to the FBI. The letters were directed to "The Worker" and ask for assistance in activities and employment- January 3, 1964. In the same report there is a reference to a New York Times article from November 24, 1963 which mentions Mr. Abt. The article describes the assassination and any evidence which may be available.
- Serial 257: Letters between J. Edgar Hoover and Rep. Clifford Davis of Tennessee regarding an article in the Nashville Banner, dated November 25, 1963, which insinuates there was a plot and the assassination could not have been done by one man alone.
- 100-236194-A NR: An article from "The Worker" which refers to a resolution, part of which is addressed to President Kennedy- praising his State of the Union address and urging him to cease enforcing the Un-American McCarran Act. The article is dated February 4, 1962.

100-HQ-236194, Section 10, Serials 259-263

January 1964-July 1964

- Serial 100-136194 NR: A memo which mentions Lee Harvey Oswald attempting to contact John Abt- January 31, 1964. This memo refers to the report in Serial 258.

100-HQ-236194, Section 11, Serials 264-292

August 1964-August 1967

- Serial 100-236194 NR: A report which includes Abt being asked on television if Lee Harvey Oswald requested his services. Abt replied he hadn't heard of Oswald until the assassination and he had heard that Oswald requested him but never got the chance to find out. This report is dated April 3, 1964.