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Re: Status of Assassination Records Review Board Requests to CIA for Additional Information and Records

Dear Barry:

I am writing to memorialize our understanding of the status of our outstanding requests to CIA. Please let me know if your understanding of any of the following points differs from ours so that we can resolve any discrepancies. This memorialization essentially follows-up on your conversations of March 19 and 20, 1997 with Michelle Combs and on the DO and DS&T briefings of April 1, 1997. As you are aware, all of our requests for additional information and records will need to be incorporated by reference in the Agency's Final Compliance Statement, which will be making representations under oath that the answers are full and complete.

In response to one of your requests, the ARRB staff has now identified five of our previous requests as high priority issues. We would appreciate your forwarding to us as much responsive material as you are reasonably able to assemble during the upcoming two weeks. We hope to obtain a reasonably complete response to these requests within one month. These five issues are identified by double asterisks. Part I below consists of our outstanding formal requests, and Part II consists of our informal requests. As always, if you would like us to clarify any of our requests or to make our informal requests formal, we will be pleased to do so.

I. Formal Requests:

CIA-1 Organizational Material

CIA needs to review the DO, and DS&T organizational material and to

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re-examine some of the proposed redactions. The following material has been cleared by the directorate IRO's for either release in full or release with minor redactions.

DCI

- Organization of the Office of the Director 1963
- Mission Statements for 1959, 1962, 1965 and 1966
- some Office of the Director notices
- OGC and IG Mission Statements for 1964, 1966, 1969, 1975, and 1976
- OLC Mission Statement for 1975 and 1976

DI

- Organization and Functions of the DI pre-1961
- Organizational Charts for 1961, 1964, and 1969
- Mission Statements for 1961, 1963, 1964, 1966, and 1970

DA

- Mission Statements 1957, 1958, 1960, 1963, and 1974
- Organizational Chart 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, and 1966
- Office of Security Organizational Charts for 1956, 1958, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1967, 1969, and 1975
- Office of Security Mission Statements for 1958, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1969, and 1975

ARRB must decide whether to declare these records assassination records or to have them processed in the same manner as the material from the 1996 Boston trip. HRG would like to discuss this issue before the materials are formally put before the Board.

CIA-7 Histories

The ARRB staff has reviewed all histories that CIA has made available to date. There are numerous histories that have not yet been made available for review.

CIA-8 Intelligence Community Staff records

Nothing has been made available. HRG will follow up on this request.

CIA-9 Intelligence Community publications related to Cuba or USSR from November 20-30, 1963.

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The LBJ Library has already identified several publications for mandatory review.¹ Michelle Combs reviewed the materials and marked them as assassination records. This will speed up their release dramatically. The DI has been tasked to locate the additional publications that have been requested.

CIA-10 Interagency Source Register

CIA has provided a full description of the ISR which can be written up as a formal response if the ARRB so requests. CIA is looking into the possibility of checking some names against

¹They include:

Intelligence Report	11/22/63
Intelligence Report	11/23/63
Intelligence Report	11/24/63
Intelligence Report	11/26/63
Intelligence Report	11/27/63
Intelligence Report	12/11/63
Intelligence Report	12/13/63
Intelligence Report	12/18/63
Intelligence Report	12/20/63

Intelligence Memorandum	11/23/63
Intelligence Memorandum	11/24/63
Intelligence Memorandum	11/25/63
Intelligence Memorandum	11/25/63
Intelligence Memorandum	4/20/64
Intelligence Memorandum	10/16/64

President's Intelligence Checklist	11/23/63
President's Intelligence Checklist	11/24/63
President's Intelligence Checklist	11/25/63
President's Intelligence Checklist	11/26/63
President's Intelligence Checklist	11/27/63
President's Intelligence Checklist	11/28/63
President's Intelligence Checklist	11/30/63

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the ISR records for 1959-1964. ARRB's preliminary list of names to be checked is attached as Appendix A below.

CIA-11 Sylvia Duran materials

CIA has agreed to provide a formal letter for the record detailing what searches were done and confirming that the letter currently in the JFK collection is a true copy of the original letter.

CIA-12 JMWAVE and David Sanchez Morales

[Get update from Manuel.] CIA has provided a box of materials on David Sanchez Morales and Ted Shackley. Manuel Legaspi is reviewing the box to see if it meets our request. The DO has been tasked to look for files related to Ron Cross, Bart Henry, and Doug Gupton. To date, the DO has provide no response and no time frame for a response.

CIA-13 Mexico City Backchannel Communications

This request, dated November 1, 1996, was raised at the DO follow-up briefing on April 1, 1997. The DO had no response and no time frame for a response.

CIA-14 Mexico City Station Annual Reports

This request, dated December 23, 1996, was raised at the DO follow-up briefing on April 1, 1997. The DO had no response and no time frame for a response.

CIA-15 (Win Scott files identified in Russ Holmes Files)

CIA-16 Oswald Pre-Assassination Files

A lengthy answer from the Office of Security on the LHO files has been received by HRG and a formal response to our request is in process. Oswald's Office of Security file has been located and will be delivered to HRG for ARRB review in April. Access to other files will require a special request from HRG to the Office of Security and should be requested by HRG for ARRB staff review. **[Michelle--how do we draft a letter for the file that you and I discussed that refers to volume 7.]**

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II. Informal Requests:

Personnel assigned to post referenced in RIF 104-10065-10199 from 1959-1964:

This request, originally discussed in November 1996, was raised at the DO follow-up briefing on April 1, 1997. The DO had no response and no time frame for a response. This issue will be made a part of the CIA's Compliance Statement. ARRB will provide a list of possible names to assist the DO in their efforts to develop a personnel list.

Location of cable identified in JFK 1993.07.20.10.18:29:650630 (Box 34, Folder 22)
Cable # IN24738:

This cable was delivered to ARRB on 20 March 1997.

Complete computer search for list of documents in HTLINGUAL file:

Computer runs are possible for the documents in the general HTLINGUAL file and for LHO's HTLINGUAL file.

Information on the disposition of Angleton's files other than in the CI records already reviewed and in the Mangold v. CIA case documents:

This request, originally discussed in October 1996, was raised at the DO follow-up briefing on April 1, 1997. The DO had no response and no time frame for a response. This issue will be made part of the CIA's Compliance Statement.

Possible source for tapes of Oswald?

CIA recommends that the ARRB ask for records from all possible sources directly. The DO should be tasked with this request after the ARRB has contacted all possible sources.

**QKENCHANT: purposes, clearances, Clay Shaw, Howard Hunt, Monroe Sullivan.

CIA is in the process of gathering material to answer the questions provided by the ARRB. HRG will follow-up part of this request. The DO has provided no time frame for a response.

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Claude Barnes Capeheart: listing of all documents and location of records.

ARRB will contact OGC on this issue.

Unredacted copy of the "Family Jewels" memoranda.

CIA is looking into locating where this item is stored and who controls access to it.

George Bush computer search.

The DO has no record of a "George Bush" for our time frame. At ARRB request, CIA is checking whether the search query included George H. W. Bush prior to 1970. CIA is willing to provide a formal letter for the record detailing the searches which have been run and their negative results.

IG Report on the handling of Oswald?

CIA will check on the existence of a report and on a possible index of all IG reports.

Warren Commission critics: Edward J. Epstein, Josiah Thompson, Mark Lane, Harold Weisburg, and Sylvia Meagher.

CIA will check with the DO and Office of Security for any files except FOIA requests.

Contacts with journalists or publishing houses immediately before and after the assassination:

This request, originally discussed in March 1997, was raised at the DO follow-up briefing on April 1, 1997. The DO had no response and no time frame for a response.

Any office or person dealing with organized crime and Cuba:

HRG will follow-up this request. ARRB will follow up with DCI records persons. The DO maintains it is unable to provide a response.

Who has the Breckinridge files? Are all files together? Document search of all records?

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OGC will check their records.

Set up records briefings with OGC, Legislative Affairs, IG's office, and DCI's office:

CIA will arrange as soon as possible.

Electronic take from Mexico City Station:

To date, the DO response on this issue has been unsatisfactory. The DO has agreed to check Hqs files for the file referenced in HMW 12454, to search for the crypts cited in this document, and to search for HMMA 20307 and other cables or dispatches cited in this document. The DO has given no time frame for a response. The DS&T will query their offices for possible records on Mexico City and Cuba and for the present location of Staff D records.

U-2:

DS&T will provide a folder title print out of U-2 materials for ARRB examination, check for records filed under Richard Bissells name, and search for OSP files.

Castro assassination plots:

HRG will provide the 1967 IG Report to provide possible search query suggestions for DS&T follow-up.

Additional Miscellaneous Documents acquired from the LBJ Library declassification request:

CIA made available the following documents which are currently in the systematic review process. ARRB needs to decide how to handle these records.

Classified Log 11/22/63-12/31/63
Cuba Country File - cable Madrid 1155 12/7/63
Warren Committee, Meetings,
From the President 10/12/64
Chase to Bundy 10/13/64

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"Meeting on 10/13/64" 10/15/64
Chase to Bundy 10/16/64
Osborn and Kallen to Carey 10/16/64
"Meeting on 10/19/64" 10/21/64
"Background Paper on Security of..." 10/64
"Procedure for Conducting..." 11/5/64
Bundy to President 11/6/64
Ash to Smith 11/17/64

Computer search and listing of all documents in the files on the following people and organizations:

1. **Spas Raikin** Do we want a formal letter detailing searches and results?
2. **Leo Cherne** OP file starts in 1988. HRG is checking on a 201. No OMS file.
3. **Hunter Leake** Is there a time frame for New Orleans? HRG is checking for a DCD file.
4. **Marilyn Murret** Do we want a formal letter detailing searches and results?
5. **John McVickar** No OP file. No OMS file. DO is checking.
6. **Andy Anderson**
7. **Byron B. Morton, Jr.** No OP file. No OMS file.
8. **Marie Cheatham** No OP file. No OMS file.
9. **Paul Garbler** OP file. OMS file. HRG has requested personnel file.
10. **Verna Deane Brown** No OP file.
11. **George Stanley Brown**
12. **Howard Guebler** HRG will check for files

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13. **Gordon Duane Novel** HRG will check for files.
14. **Ed Butler**HRG will check for files.

15. **INCA (Information Council of America)**HRG will check for files.

16. **Permindex** HRG will check for files

Please let me know if you have any supplements or corrections. We would very much like to ensure that these matters are handled expeditiously.

As always, thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

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Appendix A

Names to be checked against the Inter Agency Source Register

1. Lee Harvey Oswald
2. Marina Oswald
3. Gordon Duane Novel
4. Ed Butler
5. Silvia Odio
6. Judith Campbell
7. Marilyn Dutz Murrett
8. Syliva Duran
9. Maurice Bishop
10. Frank Anthony Sturgis or Frank Fiorini
11. Santo Trafficante, Jr.
12. Frank Ragano
13. John Rosseli
14. Momo Salvatore "Sam" Giancana
15. Carlos Bringuier
16. Carlos Marcello

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