

Department of Defense Records Related to the Assassination of President Kennedy

Pre-assassination

All MOUs, MOAs, security requirements or arrangements between the U.S. Secret Service and any of the military services (primarily, but not exclusively, with Army Intelligence) that were operative at any time during 1963.

All MOUs, MOAs, security requirements or arrangements involving military assistance rendered to the U.S. Secret Service with Presidential protection in support of his trips to Florida and Texas in November, 1963.

Any available MOUs or MOAs defining command responsibilities and lines of authority, responsibility and accountability when individuals of the Central Intelligence Agency serve under "military cover", i.e., are employed and operate for the CIA while wearing the uniform of one of the armed services. (Applicable period of interest here is 1956-64.)

Full and complete rosters of DOD attendees (both active duty military and civilian) who received Russian language training at or from the U.S. Army's School of Languages in Monterey, CA (now known as the Defense Language Institute) during the years 1957-1959, inclusive.

Defense Intelligence Agency foreign surveillance conducted in Mexico, Cuba or in the USSR from 1961-64 (to include HUMINT, electronic and photographic sources) pertaining to threats or plots against the President, Lee Harvey Oswald, or any of the common variants associated with his name (such as Harvey, Lee Oswald; Lee, Harvey Oswald; Lee Henry Oswald; Henry Lee Oswald; O.H. Lee; Alek J. Hidell; A.J. Hidell; etc.).

Any DOD-sponsored or DOD-directed counterintelligence activities or covert operations conducted in Mexico or Cuba from 1961-64 related to Lee Harvey Oswald, Alek J. Hidell, or any of the other pseudonyms or aliases listed above.

Any DOD-sponsored or DOD-directed training or "running" of anti-Castro Cuban emigree groups or individuals in the United States from 1960-64.

Any DOD-sponsored or DOD-directed domestic surveillance of suspected American dissidents (perceived security threats) from 1956-1964.

Day of the Assassination: November 22, 1963

The unedited audiotapes (and transcripts, if available) of all radio transmissions

to-and-from Air Force One (SAM 26000), the Pacific Cabinet plane (SAM 86972), Andrews AFB, and various State, military and White House officials in Washington which were recorded on November 22, 1963 by uniformed military personnel at Andrews AFB who were working for the White House Communications Agency.¹

Any available audio recordings, if they exist, of Dallas motorcade radio transmissions which may have been recorded by active duty military personnel working for WHCA. (Note: existing documents indicate that motorcade radio transmissions were monitored inside SAM 26000 on the ground at Love Field, and at the White House situation room, "real time". Since Army Signal Corps personnel working for WHCA were responsible for relaying this information to the White House, it is a reasonable question to ask whether these transmissions were recorded.)

Any available records concerning U.S. Army (or Air Force) helicopters which may have landed and/or taken off from Andrews Air Force Base on November 22, 1963. The desired information would include type of helo, landing/takeoff time, and origin and destination.

¹Examination of the existing, edited audiotapes from the LBJ library indicate that voice traffic to-and-from Air Force One and the ground was all being patched through "Andrews" on the following four frequencies:

11176 MHZ (upper sideband)

13247 MHZ (upper sideband)

15011 MHZ (upper sideband)

18027 MHZ (lower sideband)

Since one document on file at NARA indicates that the radio officer onboard Air Force One had 3 of these channels in "full time use" during the entire 2 hour and 17 minute flight back to Washington from Dallas, the original, unedited tapes could potentially be anywhere from 7-9 hours of conversation. (However, the edited LBJ library variant is only about 2 hours long.) Because military personnel on active duty made the recordings for WHCA, it may be possible that a military organization retained the originals, or a copy of the unedited originals.

A minimum of two Army Intelligence personnel were known to be in Dealey Plaza on the day of the assassination,² a third member of Army Intelligence was known to have arranged for Marina Oswald's first interpreter on November 22, 1963, and a fourth claims to have been at Parkland Hospital after leaving the Trade Mart speech site. In this context, please provide all available records on the following personnel:

| <u>Rationale</u> | <u>Name/Rank</u> | |
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| George L. Whitmeyer, ³ | U.S. Army Intelligence, Commander of Dallas Army Intelligence Reserve Unit | Was present in the motorcade pilot car on Nov. 22, 1963 along with Deputy Dallas Police Chief |
| George unclear. | (Dallas Sub-Section Commander). | Lumpkin. His role is |
| Plaza, took photograph of TSBD, participated in search of | Spec-5 James W. Powell, Army Intelligence Special Agent, Member of 112th MIG. | Present in Dealey famous and |
| | railroad yards and TSBD. Powell's own statements to FBI and USSS indicate that he wrote a report on his activities for his Army | Intelligence |

²In addition to the personnel listed above, many Dallas police officers had Army Intelligence Reserve affiliations, including Detective John P. Adamcik and Captain W.P. Gannaway. Lieutenant Jack Revill drove from Dealey Plaza to the police station with a member of Army Intelligence, and FBI agent Hosty ate lunch with a member of Army Intelligence, both on November 22, 1963.

³Alternate spellings of the last name are *Whitmayer*, and *Wiedemeyer*. Although the Whitmeyer spelling appears most frequently, the two italicized spellings above appear in contemporary source documents and therefore stand an equal chance of being correct.

C.O. and also turned

his film into the Army. His reasons

for being present and his reasons

for running from one

site in the

motorcade down to Dealey Plaza

are unclear.

Col. Jack Alston Crichton, U.S.
Marina's first Russian interpreter Nov. 22, 1963.

Arranged for
Army Reserve Intelligence Officer

Col. William C. Bishop, U.S. Army
assigned post at
CIC
the Trade Mart speech site and

Claims he left his

went to Parkland Hospital after

the assassination. The nature of

his assignment is unclear.

Post-Assassination

Any military records from either Bethesda NNMC or Walter Reed MC concerning the movement of the deceased President's body and/or security arrangements revolving around the transportation of President Kennedy's body from Andrews AFB to either Bethesda or Walter Reed (separate from the official autopsy records already turned over by the Navy), such as duty officer logs from both hospitals, and any memos or reports written about security arrangements or transportation arrangements for the President's body on the evening of November 22, 1963.

Documentation regarding the status of, and changes to, national defense alert conditions (DEFCON) during the time period 010001Z-300001Z NOV 1963.

Documentation regarding any knowledge of other nations increasing or decreasing their national alert statuses during the period 20-30 NOV 1963, as specified below:

Cuba; USSR; East Germany(GDR) and other Warsaw Pact nations; and France.

Formally recorded minutes or handwritten notes from any of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's meetings held from 21-29 NOV 1963, inclusive.

Scheduled daily itineraries and/or logs kept of the actual whereabouts for all members of the JCS from 21-23 NOV 1963.

Any after-action reports or investigations conducted subsequent to November 22, 1963 pertaining to a "code book" allegedly missing from SAM 86972 (Pacific Cabinet plane) on the day of the assassination. (Records on this subject are not detailed, and it is unclear whether the code book was simply a WHCA book of Secret Service-assigned code names, or crypto, or something else.)

Any military investigations of the assassination, or of Lee Harvey Oswald, following the assassination.⁴

MDW Casket Team records covering the period 22-25 NOV, 1963.

MDW Casket Team records covering the reinterment of President Kennedy at the Arlington gravesite in March, 1967.

High-level official correspondence between SECDEF, the Service Secretaries, and Assistant Service Secretaries regarding liaison with the FBI, CIA, and Secret Service in regard to the assassination during the period November 22, 1963 through September 30, 1964.

High-level correspondence between SECDEF, the Service Secretaries and Assistant Service Secretaries and the Warren Commission, House Select Committee on Assassinations, Rockefeller Commission, senate "Church" Committee, and/or any other Governmental agency dealing with the assassination of President Kennedy.

Any DOD documentation or information pertaining to Lee Harvey Oswald, the President's alleged assassin, including the original copy of his USMC Service Record and USMC

⁴The HSCA investigated, and could not resolve, allegations from multiple parties that a military aircraft flew military personnel from MCAS Kaneohe (in Hawaii) to Japan on December 7, 1963 (C-54, tail number 50855), and that one later leg of the investigation was a flight from California to Dallas on a KC-130 in late December, 1963. One witness saw a written report after the Japan investigation marked "For Marine Corps Eyes Only."

Medical Record, his defection to the USSR, possible damage-assessment studies or damage-control action taken following his defection to the USSR, surveillance or contact with him following his return to the United States in 1962, and any post-assassination investigations conducted by any of the military services.