17 June 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR: Barry Harrelson

Senior Review Officer

CSI/HRG

FROM:

Richard J. Flynn

DI/IRO

SUBJECT:

JFK Assassination Review Board Request

- 1. On 11 June 1997 members of the DI/IRO staff, OSS personnel, and Bonnie Hunter of your staff met with Michelle Combs and Bob Skwriot of the JFK Assassination Review Board to discuss DI document retrieval methods. The meeting was requested by the Board to provide them with a clearer understanding of DI document searches.
- 2. Ilse Hartman and Joyce Jump of OSS provided a detailed overview of the document retrieval process. Ilse walked the board members through a typical request, document search, and retrieval. The Board members were satisfied with the thorough nature of the process and appreciated the time spent to provide a detailed overview.
- 3. During our discussions the Board members asked for five additional topics which they felt might be appropriate to research on the JFK assassination. These were:
- USSR, Cuba, and Mexico combined with the term assassination for the period 20-30 November 1963.
- Minsk radio factories (where Oswald was employed) and possible Cuban training bases in the Minsk region for the period October 1959 to January 1963.
- Helsinki and visas to try to capture information on Oswald's visa application. The Board also asked for information on hotels in Moscow and Minsk where Oswald may have stayed.
- Information on the freighter "Marion Lykes" plus a passenger manifest covering the period 19 September to 8 October 1959.

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- Information on anti-Castro activity by Cuban exile groups operating in the US for the period January 1961 to January 1964.

4. Ilse did a search of these topics and was able to find three documents related to activities of Cuban exile groups in Miami for the time period specified. These documents are attached. There were no hits on the other requests.

Richard J. Flynn