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OIM 98-0036
3 April 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Executive Director

VIA: Director of Information Management/DA

FROM: Lee S. Strickland
Chief, Information Review Group, OIM/DA

SUBJECT: Release of Oswald Security File Pursuant To
Request of Assassination Records Review Board

1. Action Required: None; this brief is for information only regarding a required release pursuant to the request of the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB or JFK Board). This release has been coordinated with the DO JFK Focal Point Officer, the DA Information Review Officer, the Office of General Counsel, and required external bodies; it is scheduled for transfer to the ARRB for release to the National Archives on or about 17 April.

2. Background: The Oswald Security File, maintained by the Office of Security, surfaced in February 1997 as our JFK records review personnel were responding to the ARRB's "Request for Additional Information and Records No. CIA-16 (Oswald Pre-Assassination Files)", dated 28 January 1997. Before this, the file had been reviewed in 1978 by the House Special Committee on Assassination (HSCA). Unfortunately, and probably by oversight, the file was not included in the so-called JFK sequestered collection¹ and thus had not been included to date in our releases to the ARRB. In any event, however, approximately 92% of the documents therein are duplicative of documents previously released elsewhere in the JFK collection by CIA.

¹ At the conclusion of its investigation, the House Select Committee on Assassination (HSCA) sequestered all of the files that the HSCA staff had requested or been granted access. This "sequestered collection" includes 63 boxes of hardcopy records and notes and 72 reels of microfilm.

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Chelmer/ Bob Badrosky
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Bob respond
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3. The Office of Security subject file on Lee Harvey Oswald was established circa 1960. It appears this file was created as a separate repository for the numerous press clippings and reports from other government agencies on Oswald's defection to the USSR and his activities following his return to the United States. Initially, references to Oswald had been placed in a so-called "Defectors' File". Both the Oswald security file and the Defectors File were maintained by the Security Research Staff -- the CI arm of the Office of Security at that time.²

4. Information to be Released: The Office of Security in its response to the ARRB request of 28 January 1997 advised it had located six volumes of the Oswald Security file, numbered 1-4 and 6-7; a search failed to locate a volume 5. The six volumes include over 400 documents and about 2,000 pages of which 1,000 pages are newspaper clippings. All of these documents are to be released in full or with minor redactions; more specifically, the fully coordinated documents ready for release include:³

- Volume 1: Pre-assassination documents relative to Oswald's defection
- Volume 2: Miscellaneous memoranda on Oswald and copies of cables between Mexico City and Headquarters
- Volume 3: Partial Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) file on Marina Oswald
- Volume 4: Newspaper clippings
- Volume 6: Newspaper clippings and memoranda (many related to the Garrison Investigation)

² This may explain why this Oswald file was not included in the sequestered collection with several other security files which had been maintained normally (i.e., with most other security records) by the Security Records Division.

³ Representative samples of the documents to be released are attached for your information; please note that the "blackened" areas are not deletions but are the result of red highlighting used in the original review by the then-Office of Security.

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- Volume 7: A third agency (FBI) report and some HSCA related documents.

5. Potential Media Reaction: There is potential for media criticism on two counts: the unexplained missing volume 5 and the delay in releasing the security file.

- The Office Of Security has been unable to locate a Volume 5. It is possible that volumes were combined without changing numbers (note the predominance of newspaper clippings in Volumes 2 and 6), or that the filer simply skipped a number. The file was primarily a repository for externally generated documents, and there do not appear to be significant time gaps.
- The delay in releasing the file is somewhat alleviated by the fact that about 92% of the documents have been previously released in the sequestered JFK Collection. Of the remaining 8% (35 documents) all but six (6) documents will be released in full. The file contains nothing of a controversial or politically sensitive nature.

6. As indicated by the signatures below, the Directorate of Administration, the Directorate of Operations, and the Office of General Counsel concur in this release. In addition, all necessary external coordinations (i.e., FBI, INS, and the House of Representatives) have been effected.



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CONCUR:

DO JFK Focal Point Officer

Date

DA Information Review Officer

Date

Office of General Counsel

Date

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OIM 98-0036 Addendum
7 April 1998

Subject: Release of Office of Security File on Oswald --
Copies of documents not previously released by the
CIA

There are 37 records in the Oswald Security File that
are not duplicative of material in the CIA's JFK
Assassination Collection:

- * 18 of the items are the Information Request Flags,
MFRs and signature sheets found in the front of each
of the six folders (one example of each is attached).
- * 5 are notes/routing slips by CIA officers
- * 9 FBI documents
- * 4 State documents
- * 1 USIA document.

The 3rd agency documents have been coordinated with their
respective agency and it is likely that copies of these have
already been released by those agencies.

Barry Harrelson
JFK Project Officer

Classified Attachments

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attachments removed.

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CL BY: 2143726

CL REASON: Section 1.5 C

DECL ON: X1

DRV FRM: HUM 1-82

8 April 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: J. Barry Harrelson

FROM: Brenda L. Olney @ DA

OFFICE: OIM/IRG

SUBJECT: IMPORTANT: Oswald security file questions/37 documents

REFERENCE:

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CL BY: 2170463

CL REASON: Section 1.5 C

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DRV FRM: HUM 1-82

NOTE FOR: Lee S. Strickland

FROM: Ramona G. Dunn-C- @ DCI

OFFICE: EXDIR STAFF

DATE: 04/08/98 01:11:33 PM

SUBJECT: IMPORTANT: Oswald security file questions/37 documents

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(1) is the material highlighted by yellow marker redacted information?

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(2) tab 1--MFR notes there are certain types of information which weren't reviewed by HSCA staff. to what does this refer? Is this information included in the package of material we're releasing to the ARRB?

3) tab 2--mfr - mention of polygraph report on Agustin Trueba Calvo. why is this included?. mfr notes that the report was removed from Oswald's file and returned to Polygraph branch. Is Trueba connected to Oswald in some way? Is the actual polygraph report being released to the ARRB?

(4) tab 2--office of security sensitive docs listing. are the listed documents being released to the ARRB? had they been released previously?

5) tab 3--FBI report mentions Jack Martin is a CIA agent. Is this bogus information? did we check? has the alleged Martin/CIA connection been mentioned in previous JFK releases?

6) tab 3-- FBI report--Schlumberger Well Service and theft of munitions from Nouma LA bunker. were Gordon Dwane Novel and Arcacha Smith employed by the CIA? Was Schlumberger involved with us? did we pay them off with munitions. (I know these questions are lubricious but I have to check)

thanks for your assistance.

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CC:**Sent on 8 April 1998 at 01:11:33 PM****CC:****Sent on 8 April 1998 at 01:25:04 PM**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Executive Director

FROM: Lee S. Strickland
Chief, Information Review Group, OIM

SUBJECT: Your Request for Copies of All Documents
in Oswald Security File not Previously
Recorded

1. There are 37 records in the Oswald Security File that are not duplicative of material previously released in the CIA's JFK Assassination Collection.

Tab 1: 18 of the items are the Information Request Flags, MFR's and signature sheets found in the front of each of the six folders (one example of each is attached).

Tab 2: Five notes/routing slips by CIA officers

Tab 3: Nine FBI documents

Tab 4: Four State documents

Tab 5: One USIA document

2. Please note that the third agency documents have been coordinated with their respective agency and it is likely that copies of these have already been released by those agencies.



Lee S. Strickland

Attachments

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23 April 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Skwirot, ARRB Staff

FROM: J. Barry Harrelson, DA/OIM/HRP

SUBJECT: OSW Security Files

1. Forwarded herewith as identified by attached inventory are 412 documents from the OSW Security Files. Of the total number, 317 are RIFs and 95 are sanitized. Five documents were recently forwarded to ARRB for review. They are:

104-10300-10046 ✓ - 25 Mar. ARRB Release
104-10300-10045 ✓ - 25 Mar. " "
104-10300-10053
104-10300-10157 ✓ - 25 Mar. " "
104-10300-10027 - 17 Feb. Consent Release - RIF

2. The ARRB-approved set of classified documents, highlighted copies, is also provided. Please return these to CIA/DA/OIM/HRP upon completion of your review.


J. Barry Harrelson

Attachments:

- (1) Inventory list
- (2) Documents for passage to NARA
- (3) Classified Documents for return to CIA (u/s/c)

SUBJECT: OSW Security Files

DA/OIM/HRP:JCassa (4/23/98)

Distribution:

Orig - Adse w/atts as noted

1 - ARRB Subject File w/inventory list only

1 - C/HRP w/o atts

16 March 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: *GRAFTON TAYMAN*

SUBJECT: Lee Harvey Oswald
#351 164 - Volume II

1. On 16 March 1978, during the review of the above captioned file by the undersigned for persual by the House Select Committee on Assassinations, Interrogation Research Division report of a polygraph on Agustin TRUEBA Calvo (IRD #40382) was discovered.

2. This polygraph report, reflecting a FOIA #537-801, was removed from Subject's file and returned to the Polygraph Branch on the same date.

GRAFTON TAYMAN