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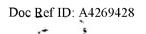
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Response to Congressional Query

1. On 9 November 1978, G8 began a search for material to answer an inquiry by the House Assassinations Committee referred to us by NSA's Legislative Affairs Office (LAO). An individual assigned to the USAFSS intercept station in Kirknewton, Scotland (USA-55) in 1963 reportedly intercepted an message containing information relative to an assassination plot against President.John F. Kennedy. He claims he intercepted this message, but was not allowed to disseminate the content. The Committee is seeking to determine if this intercept actually occurred and has asked NSA to check product and files for pertinent intercept and reporting from USA-55 during 1963.

2. Though it seems unlikely that such a message ever existed, the following actions have been taken in response to the House Committee request:

a. A records check was conducted in concert with N33 (Mr. Carrol Baldwin). There was no material which was identified in the records index as relevant; however, there were three boxes of material dated 1963 containing unidentified material. These three boxes were opened and were found to contain the following: 44 USC 2107(5)(g)(2)(D)(i)

 Two boxes contained audio tapes with accompanying gists and logs from USASA intercept sites along the German/Czechoslovakia border (USM-42 sites). The intercept was identified as ________ communications) dated 1961.

b. A few personnel currently at NSA had experience during 1963 with ______ intercept policies and procedures at Kirknewton and at NSA. Several of them were questioned, and recalled that an finission did exist at Kirknewton in the 1963 timeframe, that all traffic was forwarded to NSA, and that all reporting of ______messages was done at NSA.

3. On 21 November LAO asked that we also check those records available labeled 1964, because the 1963 dated boxes contained material from 1962 rather than 1963. Further, we were asked if product for the 1963 period was available, if USA-55 material used in the product could be identified, and how much of an effort would determining this entail. We have checked the records for 1964 and find no boxes which we feel should be examined. The contents of all boxes are clearly identified and none relate to intercept, and there are none whose contents are not identified.

4. As noted earlier the product from intercept historically has been reported by NSA. This product is available in Tl4, but there is no practical way to isolate that which was derived from USA-55. It is possible to scan 1963 (QOC) product and it is the Tl42 estimate that this would require a minimum of four weeks to scan the some 9,900 such products on file for the period from January through November 1963. G8 did not request a search of these records, pending further word from LAO.

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5. At this point, G8 feels we have done all reasonable things to locate the reported intercept with negative results.

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