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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, JFK Declassification Project/
HRP/OIM/DA

FROM: Fredrick C. Wickham, Jr.
Chief, Information Management Staff,
External Support Group

SUBJECT: (U) Status of Outstanding JFK Issues

(U) The following represents the current status of several outstanding requests. The referenced material is in hard copy form so it will be delivered with the printed copy of this note. Michelle viewed this information, while she was here today, and thinks it will meet the needs.

a. (U) Oswald's files prior to the assassination.

(1). Given that Oswald was a subject of the HTLINGUAL operation, it is reasonable to believe that there was a file. We destroyed all of the HTLINGUAL files under court order, and no record was made of what files existed. References and individual document mentioning Oswald and HTLINGUAL may be discovered during reviews of other files within the JFK assassination records.

(2). The 201 on Oswald represents all the information we had prior to the assassination. Some of this information appears to have been received prior to the opening of the 201 file. Prior to opening the 201, any documents received would have been placed in an operational interest file, and it may not have been registered in the central index. Upon opening the 201,

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the documents from the interest file would have been transferred to the 201 according to standard procedure.

b. (U) Angelton Files.

The files that Kalaris mentioned in Mangold's book were incorporated with the files of the CI staff. Per memorandum dated 1976-1979, the CI files were reviewed and incorporated into the DO record system. Items that were duplicates or not worthy of retention were destroyed. The memos describe the file collection and the process that was followed. Because the files that were once known as Angleton's have been dispersed within the DO records, they are no longer identifiable as a collection.

c. (S) Contact with Journalists.

Memo prepared by [redacted] responds to the difficulty with searching for all connections with journalist. The second memo defines certain crypts. These are both classified and still sensitive, but we can work on an unclassified version for the collection.

d. (S) Why did the Pawley 201 file abruptly stop in 1962?

There is an associated OPS file that contains the continuing information. The record system design was based upon the notion that operational activity would be recorded in files separate from the 201. Many officers over the years have included the operational information in the 201 to simplify their record-keeping. When the next officer is assigned the case they may return to using the OPS file. It is common to find 201 files that have the same situation.

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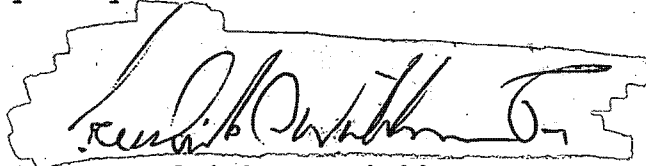
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e. (U) File searches.

In addition to the EB, we sent more focused requests to LA, CE, CIC and NROC. CIC has finished their searches and produced a response. LA and CE have finished their searches but are waiting until Monday when their focal point officer returns from leave. NROC is still working, but believe they will not find anything. Many of their records are duplicated within the files maintained by the divisions.

f. (S) Decanter appeal.

We have a draft of additional arguments under review, and I will forward it to you by the end of the week.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fredrick C. Wickham, Jr.", is written over a rectangular stamp that has been partially obscured or torn.

Fredrick C. Wickham, Jr.

Attachments:

- A - As Stated
- B - Processing of Documents by the Analysis Unit in CI Staff
- C - CI Staff Records Study

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