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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

FROM: John Carver

SUBJECT: Problem of the Oswald 201 Files

John Pereira asked me last Friday to go ahead and order up the first eight boxes of the Oswald 201 files from IMS. I called [redacted], who told me he'd have to talk it over with Fred Wickham and get back to me. Fred Wickham, C/IMS/MPG, had earlier told me that OCA is custodian for these files, and that he would need a go-ahead from OCA. I have called [redacted] several times a day recently about this, but he's been too busy to catch.

This morning, [redacted] of IMS called to tell me that DO will require a written memorandum from OCA authorizing any transfer of any part of the Kennedy Assassination Files. The addressee for this memo:

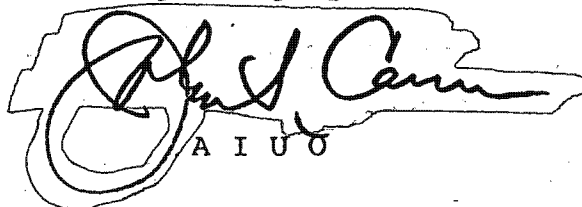
Fred Wickham
Chief, IMS/MPG
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He also said that DO would really not relish sending us any original files. He reminded me that DO has made copies of the whole, and he could specifically offer me the redacted copy of any file, plus a copy of the original, so we could immediately see what DO had determined in its own review. (This would undoubtedly give us a leg up, letting us pretty well ignore anything DO hadn't deleted and concentrate on judging their deletions in light of the new rules. It would also hide any document in the original files DO doesn't want us to see.)

[redacted] further invited us to come over to his shop and take a look at the files there. (It does appear that DO is nervous about letting any of this material leave DO control, for reasons which are not yet clear.)

[redacted] called me at 0812 today, just before I got in. When I called back about 0822, he had already gone into a meeting, so I'll have to keep trying.

Finally got him at 0850. Told him about the requirement for a memo from OCA. Also about DO's preference for handling our review in their quarters, with their copies of the originals. He told me that this is apparently part of a "larger problem." He'll have to get in touch with Ken McDonald and John Pereira about this and will get back to me, probably tomorrow. Was glad we're gearing up to start this project.


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