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re CIA IR-09



**Assassination Records Review Board**  
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December 18, 1997

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*Okay 3/31/00*

Re: Status of CIA Responses to Assassination Records Review Board's Requests for  
 Additional Information and Records

Dear John:

I am writing to follow-up on our telephone call earlier today and to convey my serious concern about the status of CIA's responses to the Review Board's requests for additional information and records. Although CIA has completed its responses to several requests, and many others have been answered in part, a significant number of requests have not been answered — including some that were made more than two years ago. On many occasions we have been assured that responses would be forthcoming, only to have promised dates come and go without answers. It is now extremely important that these requests be answered promptly so that we may conduct a proper follow-up if necessary. The issues that we can now identify as being of the highest priority are identified in the text below by double asterisks (\*\*)<sup>1</sup> and we request that they be answered within the next month. We request that the remaining requests be answered by April 1, 1998.

The remainder of this letter is divided into two parts: first, a listing of the formal requests for information and records, and second, a listing of the informal requests for information and records. Please let me know if your understanding of any of the following points differs from ours so that we can resolve any potential discrepancies.

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<sup>1</sup>As identified more fully below, the issues are: CIA-1 Organizational Material, CIA-6 Cables and Dispatches, CIA-13 Backchannel Communications, CIA-IR-03 HTLINGUAL Documents, CIA-IR-04 Disposition of Angleton Files, CIA-IR-07 Claude Barnes Capehart, CIA-IR-15 Electronic "take" from Mexico City, CIA-IR-21 DRE Monthly Operational Reports, CIA-IR-22 "A" Files on Clay Shaw and Jim Garrison.

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**CIA-IR-09 George Bush Computer Search.**

The Review Board provided CIA with a copy of an FBI document, dated November 29, 1963, prepared under the name of John Edgar Hoover, which states: "The substance of the foregoing information [on the assassination of President Kennedy] was orally furnished to Mr. George Bush of the Central Intelligence Agency . . . ." We have been informed that the DO has no record of a "George Bush" being in the employ of CIA in 1963 with the exception of Mr. George William Bush who has already given a sworn affidavit that he is not the "George Bush" in question. It is our understanding that the CIA has confirmed that the search query included George Herbert Walker Bush prior to 1970. CIA should determine whether George Herbert Walker Bush is the person to whom the memorandum refers and should provide a definitive statement regarding the scope of its search and the basis of its conclusion. Any and all personnel files of George Herbert Walker Bush should be reviewed to determine whether he had any affiliation with CIA during the 1963 period. Once the formal statement is provided, this request will be complete.

**CIA-IR-10 IG Reports.**

CIA will determine whether the IG's office maintains an index or inventory of its reports and determine whether the IG's office prepared a report on the handling of Oswald. Since April 1997, CIA has had no response and no time frame for a response.

**CIA-IR-11 Warren Commission Critics.**

We are asking that CIA determine whether it possesses any files or records on Warren Commission critics Edward J. Epstein, Josiah Thompson, Mark Lane, Harold Weisberg, or Sylvia Meagher. The Review Board is not requesting information *per se* regarding any FOIA requests by these individuals or any Public Affairs news clippings.<sup>3</sup> Since April 1997, CIA has had no response and no time frame for a response.

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<sup>3</sup>To the extent that CIA possesses FOIA files or records on any of these individuals, and to the extent that those records contain information that was not filed with the courts, such records *are being requested for review by the Review Board.*

20 March 1997

SUBJECT: Call from [ ] OP/FOIA  
re update on OP Name Trace: George Bush  
(Previous results attached)

Barry,

[ ] Dan called this morning to indicate that he had retrieved the folder on George W. Bush, the individual who had been a GS-05 Watch Officer in 1963. The only other information in the file was that George W. Bush resigned from the Agency 15 February 1964 and went to work for DIA.

[ ] Dan added that he still had been unable to locate the file on George H. Bush referred to in his 14 March call.

I told [ ] that unless he heard from me in the next couple of hours, he should consider this a closed query.

  
Bonnie

14 March 1997

SUBJECT: OP NAME TRACE - George Bush

1. On 14 March 1997, Joe Murphy asked me to conduct an Office of Personnel name trace on George Bush. Joe advised that other searches with DO, etc., were also being conducted. This George Bush was not the former DCI or former President, but a person supposedly associated with the Agency in the 60's who may have been given information about the Kennedy assassination.

2. I learned from voice mail that the OP Information Officer, [REDACTED] S57636, was on leave and would not return to the office until Monday 17 March. I then contacted the OP/FOIA Officer, [REDACTED] S57639. Mr. [REDACTED] questioned the direct call, indicating these requests usually come through Becky Rant. I explained the nature of my request and told him I would follow up with a call to Becky Rant's office advising them of my call. This was done by a call to [REDACTED] on 14 March who said she would advise Becky of the name trace request.

3. Mr. [REDACTED] called later that day to indicate two possible hits on George Bush, as follows:

a. George W. Bush

a 5x8 card record identified by (No. 237286.) Per (Dan), it was not known if this was an Employee Number and was thought it might rather be a Security File Number. (Dan) suggested this be pursued with Office of Personnel Security. The card record indicated dates of service as 29 Sep 63 - 15 Feb 64 (resigned). Mr. Bush appeared to be a GS-05 Watch Officer, with the office designator I/OCI/OAD/CIA/WO. He was born in 1939.

b. George H. Bush

microfilm record showing #80-01155R00010096, an indicator that the file was sent to Archives in 1980. The file could not be found. The name does not appear in any other OP data bases.

4. Barry Harrelson has been advised and is awaiting results of other component name traces.

*Bonnie H.*

Bonnie Hunter

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9 February 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: J. Barry Harrelson  
CSI - JFK Project Officer

FROM: *Frieda Omasta*  
Frieda Omasta  
Associate Information Review Officer, DDA

SUBJECT: CIA-IR-09 - George Bush/ARRB Request

1. This is with reference to your 2 February 1998 memorandum (attached) and our telephone conversation on 6 February wherein you requested that the Directorate of Administration (DA) review "any and all personnel files of George Herbert Walker Bush to determine whether he had any affiliation with CIA during the 1963 period."

2. The Office of Personnel Security and the Office of Human Resource Management have reviewed its files and have been unable to find any documentation to show that George H.W. Bush had any affiliation with CIA during the 1963 period.

3. This concludes DA action on this request.

Attachments

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2 February 1998

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Fredrick C. Wickham @ DO  
Lee S. Strickland  
[redacted] DCI  
John F. Pereira @ DCI

**FROM:** J. Barry Harrelson @ DCI  
JFK Project Officer

**OFFICE:** OIM/HRP

**SUBJECT:** ARRB Requests - Priorities

**REFERENCE:** ARRB letter dtd 18 Dec 1997, Status of ARRB Request for Additional Information

I have been advised by the ARRB staff that an updated "Status of Requests" letter will be sent to the Agency early next week. The following requests will be listed as priorities to be completed in February:

CIA-14	Mexico City Station Annual Reports	(DO)	
CIA-IR-06	QKENCHANT	(DO)	
CIA-IR-08	"Family Jewels"	(DCI/IRO and DO)	
✓ CIA-IR-09	George Bush	(DO, DA, DCI/IRO)	
✓ CIA-IR-11	Warren Commission Critics	(DA, DO)	#14 Weinberg only
✓ CIA-IR-27	Security Files for Five Individuals	(DA)	#14 - P done
CIA-IR-32	AMWORLD	(DO).	

I have partial responses to some of these requests; call me if you have questions or need the status of your response.

**CC:** [redacted] @ DO  
Becky L. Rant  
Kathryn I. Dyer

Sent on 2 February 1998 at 01:26:47 PM

*Frieda - JFK files are on my table*

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*May 3/30/00*

Date: November 19, 1963

To: Director  
Bureau of Intelligence and Research  
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963

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Our Miami, Florida, Office on November 23, 1963, advised that the Office of Coordinator of Cuban Affairs in Miami advised that the Department of State feels some misguided anti-Castro group might capitalize on the present situation and undertake an unauthorized raid against Cuba, believing that the assassination of President John F. Kennedy might herald a change in U. S. policy, which is not true.

Our sources and informants familiar with Cuban matters in the Miami area advise that the general feeling in the anti-Castro Cuban community is one of stunned disbelief and, even among those who did not entirely agree with the President's policy concerning Cuba, the feeling is that the President's death represents a great loss not only to the U. S. but to all of Latin America. These sources know of no plans for unauthorized action against Cuba.

An informant who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is close to a small pro-Castro group in Miami has advised that these individuals are afraid that the assassination of the President may result in strong repressive measures being taken against them and, although pro-Castro in their feelings, regret the assassination.

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The substance of the foregoing information was orally furnished by Mr. George Bush of the Central Intelligence Agency and Captain William E. Rinehart of the Defense Intelligence Agency on November 21, 1963, by Mr. W. T. Forsyth of this Bureau.

Director of Naval Intelligence

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**1 - Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence  
Department of the Army**

**Attention: Chief, Security Division**

**1 - Office of Counterintelligence and Security  
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The Pentagon  
Washington, D. C.**

**1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley  
Assistant Attorney General**

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25 February 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: T. Jeremy Gunn  
Executive Director  
Assassination Records Review Board

FROM: J. Barry Harrelson  
Senior Reviewer

SUBJECT: ARRB Request No. CIA-IR-9, George Bush

1. The following is responsive to subject request.
2. The Agency has made a thorough search of its records in an attempt to determine if an individual identified as "George Bush of the Central Intelligence Agency" in a certain FBI document dated November 1963 was George Herbert Walker Bush. That search determined the Agency has no record of any association with George Herbert Walker Bush during the 1963 time period.
3. If you require anything further in this regard, please advise.



J. Barry Harrelson