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Subject: Russell Papers/conversation w/Steve Tilley

The Russell Papers are at the University of Georgia; Steve has no information about their status (open/closed) or who is in charge of them. What Steve does know is that three boxes of classified records from the Russell Papers are in courtesy storage at the NARA Regular Archives Branch center at East Point -- apparently, the Univ. of Georgia had no capacity for storing classified material. The NARA guy Steve deals with in Atlanta is named Gale Peters and Steve can get us his number if we want to talk to him. Steve talked to Gale back in '93, re: JFK Act, but nothing much has happened since then and -- since NARA/Gale doesn't actually own the records -- they've not been given priority. Steve says Gale told him that most of the stuff seemed to be WC testimonies (which were stamped Secret/Top Secret at the time -- prior to the publication of the volumes). Recently, Gale has pulled JFK Collection RIFs off the internet and tried to match them up with stuff in the boxes; apparently, he's put together half -a-dozen or so matches, with the idea that he'll now be able to send those records back to the Univ. of Georgia. Chances are the Russell stuff at the Univ. of Georgia is open and that Max Holland has seen it. Max could not have seen the three boxes Gale Peters is holding. Apparently, Max filed a FOIA for the three boxes which -- since they aren't federal records -- got him nowhere. Steve says Gale Peters would know who to talk to at the Univ. of Georgia about the Russell Papers (as would Max, presumably). Such a person might even have a sense as to whether the collection contains assassination-related material; I gather that locating and talking to this person is something Steve has long intended to do but has been unable to follow up because of his usual and understandable resource constraints.

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