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An interesting conversation, and one that speaks to some of the concerns David raised:CALL REPORTDocument's Author: Phil Golrick/ARRB Date Created: 03/11/97 The Players Description of the Call Date: 03/11/97Subject: FOIA Review of Criminal Division Records at JFK LibrarySummary of the Call:I spoke with Stephanie Fawcett this afternoon. She told me that the FOIA requester was Mark Allen, and the request encompassed all DOJ Criminal Division records at the JFK Library.She further told me that this request had also been the subject of an internal appeal within NARA. The JFK Library first refused the FOIA request because it would be too burdensome to respond to. (Stephanie suggested that the JFK Library was not familiar with the requirements of the FOIA when this denial was made.) Allen appealed, and the NARA general counsel's office became involved. The general counsel's office advised that burden was not a proper ground for denying a FOIA request. That office also determined that the records in question were Federal records (subject to the FOIA), rather than "donated historical materials" -- a question of categorization that had not previously been resolved.*When I asked Stephanie whether the JFK Library had been in contact with anyone at the Justice Department regarding this FOIA request, she said "no." She explained that, according to her understanding, the JFK Library wished to get as much of this information released as quickly as possible under the FOIA, and perceived a risk that third agencies, especially the FBI, might request heavy redactions. She said that she would be processing these records herself, and did not anticipate referring records to DOJ or FBI, except for records that bore classification markings. (She estimated the number of such records she had come across so far to be fewer than twenty.) Other than classified information, and grand jury or tax return information, she expected to take minimal redactions. For example, other than grand jury information, she thought that all of the rolls that she had recently sent us could be released without reactions. She said that she did not expect to claim large-scale privacy or law-enforcement redactions. She further said that she was in communication with the Air Force about the possibility of transferring the responsive microfilm rolls to a CD format, so that she could take any necessary redactions "online," and eventually make the records available to the public in that form. She hopes to have the review process completed by the late fall of this year. * Stephanie explained that these records came into the possession of the JFK Library as a result of a 1964 directive from President Johnson that agencies (including DOJ) should copy "significant" records from the Kennedy administration for inclusion at the Library. Thus, they came to the Library neither under deposit agreements, nor as subjects of deeds of gift, nor pursuant to the ordinary process for accessioning Federal records.

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