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Subject: Re: LBJL's FBI documents and other items of interest
TO: JEREMY GUNN/ARRBCC. (PCC. NOT-RECORD/ARRB)FROM: CHET RHODES/ARRBDate: 04/13/98 01:38:00
PMSubject: Re: LBJL's FBI documents and other items of interestFBI just spoke with Tina about the FBI question. She isn't clear on any document issues with the FBI. The only unresolved issue with FBI concerning JFK business is the Mildred Stegall names collection. (She stated that subject files in the Stegall collection were reviewed and have either been processed or are in the pipeline, and I can concur with that assessment.) Her understanding is that because the Mildred Stegall straight name files are actually FBI records, that the FBI would have responsibility for reviewing and releasing those records. The only thing the LBJL did in response to these files was run the names index against the Warren Commission names index. She claims that the Library was told (by Steve Tilley)that they didn't have to take any further action because these were in effect copies of FBI files and would be processed during their review. (that was news to me.) She said that this was discussed with Steve Tilley early on and was under the impression that you, or someone from the Review Board, were also involved in that decision making process. Does this ring any bells with you? I will talk to Steve about this. I have copies of the original documentation of all the files we reviewed last March if we need to refer back to those in particular. I remember Steve was the primary one reviewing the name files. I know I was not involved in looking at those files.Oral HistoriesNeeds to verify what progress has been made on the review of the names we requested Underwood - Tina never received the written permission from him to release the pages in question from his oral history. She was going to call him right after getting off the phone with me.USSS- Tina never received written permission from Machado to release the USSS activity reports but based on the oral communications with USSS, she did open up those records last week.Walt Rostow Archives - Apparently his personal papers were not indexed at all, are totally disorganized, and LBJL has no folder title list for this part of his collection. So they have not reviewed them and from the way Tina spoke it sounded as if they had no real intention of doing so. Based on conversations with Rostow, Tina or her staff determined there was no real value to these records. According to Tina, Rostow said there was nothing in his personal files that would be of interest. They were papers from his post LBJ days that were in his office which he dumped at the Library before he moved to his teaching position at the University.His office files were however reviewed along with other presidential papers.Drew Pearson Papers - completedWalt Rostow appointment books - doneWalt Jenkins shorthand notes - partially done by the one woman in the world who can read shorthand. (Project not completed due to serious illness. Tina believes November 63 was done, but needs to verify status)Other Office Files and ArchivesClifton Carter - reviewedJohn Macy - reviewedLawrence O'Brien - believes was reviewed but Record
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DeliveryPriority: N
DeliveryReport: B
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