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MEETING REPORTDocument's Author: Ron Haron/ARRB Date Created: 01/16/97Meeting Logistics Date: 01/16/97Agecny Name: Social Security AdministrationAttendees: Darryl BlevinsTopic: SSA ComplianceSummary of the Meeting Today, Laura, Dave, and I met with the Social Security Administration ("SSA") to determine the categories of records that SSA may have that would relate to the assassination of President Kennedy. We learned the following: (1) 3 FOIA requests were made in the 1970's regarding unpublished Warren Commission documents, Marina Oswald's application for survivors' benefits, and papers relating to the Oswalds' arrival at NYC from the Soviet Union. We were told that any of the files on these would have been destroyed but we asked SSA to doublecheck. (2) Earnings information on Ruby and Oswald is very general (year and amonut of earnings). SSA has such earnings information for Ruby and Oswald, printed out from a computer database. SSA does NOT maintain copies of tax returns or W-2's. (3) SSA would have records for Oswald's employers (a file is opened on an employer when it is assigned an Employer I.D. number; also, the employer submits to SSA quarterly reports (called 941C's) re amount of earnings of its employees for that quarter). Relying on these records, we asked SSA to verify the employer ID numbers for certain Oswald employers against the numbers that appear on Oswald's W-2 forms; SSA was agreeable to doing this. (4) SSA willl check to see if it has the original file re Marina Oswald's application for survivor benefits (this contained a collection of documents transmitted to the HSCA in 1978 and released by the Review Board in 1996).We concluded the meeting as follows -- We will send a letter memorializing the record categories that we want SSA to assemble; we will send SSA our standard compliance letter, the substance of which we explained at the meeting; and we will resolve the Section 6103 confidentiality issue in accordance with however it is resolved with IRS. Laura and I will draft the follow-up letters. Don't forget to compose individual Action Item documents for any action items that came from the meeting!

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