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Subject: The Richard Billings Papers, Part II

In a conversation with the researcher who apprised me of the location of the Billings papers, subsequent to my earlier e-mail below, she reiterated in very strong terms that these papers were important because "Billings was more than a reporter covering the Garrison investigation" and "his materials should be considered primary source documents." I thought this footnote was worth adding for the purposes of evaluating what we should do about these papers. To: David Marwell/ARRBcc: Jeremy Gunn/ARRB, Eileen Sullivan/ARRB, Dave Montague/ARRB From: Tom Samoluk/ARRBDate: 08/05/97 06:27:19 PMSubject: The Richard Billings Papers at Georgetown University Library Special CollectionsI was advised by a researcher that The Richard Billings papers related to his work covering the Garrison investigation, while working for Life magazine, are at the Georgetown University Library Special Collections. As you will recall, Billings later wrote the HSCA final report with Blakey (and subsequently a book with Blakey on the assassination). The material at Georgetown apparently does not include Billings HSCA work. Based on the inventory the researcher had, she advocated the Board pursuing getting these papers in the JFK Collection. Her experience was that Georgetown was not being cooperative about researchers copying the Billings records. Contacts at Georgetown: Nicholas Sheetz, Manuscript Librarian, 687-7614 Lisette, assistant in Special Collections, 687-7444If there is interest in pursuing these records, I believe that Dave Montague previously had some dealings with the Georgetown Library on some other matters.

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