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Michelle-- Here are some suggestions for records requests for NSA:1. The 1963-64 files of NSA relating to the JFK assassination/Warren Commission. NSA had performed some cryptological examinations of Oswald documents for the Warren Commission and the results were forwarded by Gordon Blake, Director, NSA. See CE 2768. I would ask specifically to inspect, or to have searched, the files of the head of NSA and the files of the NSA General Counsel during the 1963-64 period to assure that we capture all records relating to any work or analysis that NSA did in 1963 or 1964 in connection with the assassination. Presumably, given all the speculation at the time about potential complicity of the Soviet Union or Cuba, NSA might have internally conducted a review and analysis of its intelligence regarding those countries (also: Did NSA have any intelligence regarding the Cuban consulate in Mexico City or the Oswald visit to Mexico City?). 2. The files of NSA with respect to the HSCA investigation of JFK's assassination. We know that the HSCA was interested in NSA intelligence regarding Cuba. See HSCA Doc No. 4155. HSCA requests for NSA records went through John Kester, who was a Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense. See HSCA Doc No. 9995. Of particular importance is John Kester's letter to the HSCA in which he represented that certain intelligence material on Cuba was reviewed and it showed no evidence of Cuban complicity in the assassination of JFK. See HSCA Doc No. JFK-91. We should try to establish what NSA records, if any, were reviewed to support this conclusion. To isolate all relevant NSA files relating to the NSA, you may want to ask for an accounting of the 1977-78 files for the NSA Director, the NSA General Counsel, and the Chief for Legislative Affairs to see if they maintained anything on the HSCA.3. I don't know what, if anything, NSA provided to either the Church Committee or the Rockefeller Commission vis a vis the Kennedy assassination.4. In the late 1970's, NSA was the defendant in a FOIA case involving a request for NSA material relating to a Ruby telegram to Cuba. The case is Weberman v. NSA (filed in federal court in NYC and appealed to the Second Circuit). In that case, NSA made an in camera submission, which we should review. (The HSCA had also asked NSA for this alleged Ruby to Cuba communication. See HSCA Doc. No 9799). We should request the NSA records on this FOIA case and any others involving Kennedy assassination records.

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