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Came across this old e-mail which in turn references a file and doc # on the subject you called about last week. Probably of no use, but thought I'd pass it along in case your interest in the subject was not sated. To: David Marwell/ARRB, Jeremy Gunn/ARRBcc: Brian Rosen/ARRB From: Joseph Freeman/ARRB Date: 10/08/96 05:15:02 PM Subject: WC Third Agency Referred Boxes at NARA [See also my 9/5/95 memo to Jeremy on similar subject (File 4.23.5, Freeman e:\wp-docs\090595)]. Brian and I spent some time today sampling the 50+ boxes of WC-referred records. You'll recall that many of these records have been stamped for release by either the FBI or CIA, but they have not been physically interfiled back into the WC collection because Steve has heretofore been unable to update his electronic database to reflect their changed status. Thus, most folks don't know many of these documents are open. In fact, sometimes NARA folks don't even know: today, Brian and I confirmed that three documents (CDs) which Martha Murphy had told a researcher were withheld in full as recently as early this year were in fact open in full -- in one instance -- and open with only one redaction in the other two instances. And this had been their status since '93 (or '95 at the latest). This, however, is not my main concern because, if they're open, they're open, and sooner or later the world will figure it out. The problem is that there are still documents scattered throughout the FBI and CIA referred WC boxes which are not stamped and open. These are records the Board will presumably have to process, but there's no process in place for identifying these records for us. Steve and Brian and I talked about this today and it seems that it may be necessary to physically go through the boxes and pull the ones that don't have "release in full" stamps on them. This will yield a relatively small number of records, since a quick visual survey suggests that most of the documents have been opened, but then we can copy the still-redacted-or-withheld documents and get them reviewed by the Board. Please note that I would only recommend this step for those boxes that have been gone through (since the JFK Act) by the originating agencies, like the FBI (15 boxes) and CIA (4 boxes), since the JFK Act was passed. In cases where the originating agency has yet to go through a box (like the USSS, which has one box of such referred records), the goal would instead be to get the originating agency to go through it (no doubt releasing the vast bulk of records) before we get involved.

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