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Subject: Definition of an Assassination Record Discussion
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Goslee/ARRB Date: 09/03/98 01:52:53 PM Subject: Definition of an Assassination Record Discussion Brief
Chronology of Events Leading to the Definition of an Assassination Record (Based on review of Board Files,
Series 8.1 and Review Board Meeting Minutes) 12 July 1994 - Public Meeting The first questions regarding the
definition of an "assassination record" are brought up by Mr. Jim Lesar and Mr. Mark Zaid. The Board's
position is that the legislation left this definition open until research could be conducted to determine what
records should be included. This research will be the first priority of the staff when it is hired. 11 Oct 1994-
Public Hearing Based on the legislation, the Board asserts its right to define the term "assassination record".
The main purpose of this public meeting is to gather public input on how to define an "assassination record".
The public pressure is for as broad a scope as possible. The Board ends the meeting by stating that it is still
open to public input for this crucial definition. 14 Nov 1994 - Apparent first draft of memo from T.J. Gunn to
David Marwell/Sheryl Walter. Draft of definitions of "assassination record" and "additional information".
Contains handwritten comments expressing concern over what Steve Tilley's definition of "assassination
record" looks like. Draft does not appear to have been submitted to the Board. 18 Nov 1994- Public Hearing
The public hearing in Dallas was used to gather more insights into how to define an "assassination record".
The level of discussion sunk down to hearing bizarre theories and shifted away from the more relevant
discussion conducted at the Oct meeting. Definition of an "assassination record" is still not clarified after this
meeting. 7 Dec 1994- Memo from Tom Samoluk to David Marwell Memo discusses criteria for relevance and
makes case for records being relevant if they add to the public knowledge of the assassination. 8 Dec 1994 -
Staff Memo to the Board This memo from the staff seems to be based on the Gunn memo from 14 Nov 94,
but addresses some broader conceptual issues than the earlier draft, including original vs. copied documents,
artifacts, relevance, and definitions. This memo included an addendum which contained lists of additional
subjects to look at as relevant. 13-14 Dec 1994- Board Meeting Ms. Nesbit from NARA discusses NARA
concerns of declaring artifacts to be "assassination records". 26 Dec 1994- Faxed Memo Memo from Henry
Graf praising the staff work on draft defining "assassination record". Responses from other Board members
not in file. 10 Jan 1995 - Memo from Sheryl Walter to David Marwell "Assassination record" guidance contains
addition not found in earlier drafts that seeks to avoid future problems with agencies attempting to claim
portions of responsive records are "not relevant". This memo is subsequently revised on Jan 18, Jan 20, and
Jan 26. 11 Jan 1995 - Memo from Sheryl Walter to David Marwell Memo discussing NARA concerns over
Record
Body:
recstat:
DeliveryPriority: N
DeliveryReport: B
ReturnReceipt:
Categories: