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Subject: Re: Destruction of Military Intelligence File on Oswald
The Army did provide documentation to the HSCA, but the Committee found the routine destruction to be "extremely troublesome." Perhaps there is nothing more that can be done at this late date, but for what it's worth, the HSCA was clearly not satisfied with what the Army told them.
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