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Subject: Re: Visit to Archives II

Thank you for the report. Let's talk this morning.
To: Jeremy Gunn/ARRB
Bcc: Irene Marr/ARRB
Date: 11/06/96 05:18:09 PM
Subject: Visit to Archives II
This is just a quick update on my attempt to sort out the LBJ Library mess. My visit to NARA ended up being more of a familiarization trip than anything, but I do have a better understanding of what the problem is. I also made a number of observations. There were no RIFs attached to any of the documents I reviewed. The most recent correspondence Steve has had with the Library covers 8 to 23 November 1994. This was in addition to all the open documents contained in the 80+ boxes of documents which Steve said were open prior to the Act and therefore did not require RIFs. The most recent batch of docs, some of which I recognized as being copies of CIA and FBI cables, memos, etc. that I've seen elsewhere, did not have RIFs. Some, but not all, of these records do match up with the mandatory review lists that we have, but not the ones we have labeled as "outstanding." Another interesting thing was that all the documents sent to Steve with cover letters (i.e. the most recent correspondence), were marked with the Executive Order 12356, Sec. 3.4 stamp as either declassified or sanitized. Steve was not sure whether documents referred to the originating agencies were ever passed on to the JFK people or whether they were simply handled by the FOIA staff, which is what you have predicted. While these letters indicated that the Library updated their database with the new releases, there were no disks provided to NARA. I wonder if they have assigned RIFs at their end but just failed to attach them to the documents? Steve believes they are just doing their own thing, rather than paying attention to comply with the details of the Act, because they are after all a "Presidential" Library. I was hoping to find greater consistency between what they have out there and what we have in our records. I will need to go out there again to follow up on this. One thing that might be helpful is to request an updated copy of their database. It really surprised me to learn that the most recent correspondence Steve has had was 23 November 1994. Then again, if nobody is even asking to look at the LBJ files then I could see why it would drop down on his priority list. One of the more interesting items I stumbled across was a 29 November 1963 CIA cable to the White House discussing the Silvia Duran interview which stated that "a photostatic copy of the original interrogation report in Spanish and photos of Silvia Tirado de Duran and (her husband) ... are being forwarded to the FBI." Have you seen such a reference before? If this is a new item, it could give us leverage in requesting the Silvia Duran records we have been pursuing. Or rather than going through the CIA, should we query the FBI on this? I also found the document referencing the CIA tapes on Alvarado that Ron brought to our attention the other day, and made a copy if you are interested.

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