

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS AND ONGOING RESEARCH

The National Security Archives houses the John Marx collection of MKULTRA materials. In our first visit we scanned folders which looked promising in the inventory, finding only one document which was even marginally related to the assassination story, one that refers to Sheffield Edwards. We examined files on a number of subprojects including "MKULTRA Cuba Chapter"- largely a collection of receipts and invoices, some of which noted attempts at placing a man on a diverted freighter. Also viewed were records from "MKULTRA Defector Study", a program set up in the mid-1950s to handle returnee interrogation and rehabilitation. Again mostly financial information was found here. Such is the case with the records in "MKULTRA Toxin study-- Cuba Chapter." Further, we looked at the "Assassination" file; it contained only 4 documents, these dated from 1949 to 1952, none of value in our investigation. In addition, the "Special Forces" file, another thin folder, was examined; this contains a 1975 memo which references Col. Edwards, some MKNAOMI records, and some documents describing the drug program at Fort Detrick. Our brief visit only allowed this fruitless inspection of selected files. Since we have viewed only a small percentage of the collection, another visit is suggested for further review of the materials.