

CROSS, GUPTON AND HENRY

Basis: Clarification of the public record in the face of conflicting statements in the public record has already been determined to be part of the ARRB's responsibility (see depositions of Doctors Humes and Boswell).

Goal: Obtaining for review the personnel files and true identities of Ron CROSS (note: ARRB staff believes that it knows the true identity of Cross), Doug GUPTON, and Bart HENRY, as this may lead to the identification and discovery of additional assassination records.

Justification:

An ARRB interview with and review of files of Ron CROSS, Doug GUPTON and Bart HENRY, as relates to the time frame of the early 1960's at the JMWAVE station, may assure the public that we have, at least, attempted to clarify the considerable confusion in the public record (as defined by the HSCA final report) as to the alleged existence and identity of Maurice Bishop, who is alleged by many to have played a role in the assassination.

- All three former CIA employees were interviewed by the HSCA during its investigation. That in itself could be construed as justification enough. Moreover, the three men gave conflicting and sometimes directly contradictory testimony as to the existence and/or identity of Maurice Bishop.¹ The ARRB should try to discern the true identity of these men, and upon doing so, attempt to interview them in order to clarify the public record regarding Bishop's alleged existence and connection to the Oswald story.
- Furthermore, a cursory overview of the personnel files of these men might lead to the inclusion of new records for the collection. For example, operations that these men were either in charge of or worked on might be mentioned in their personnel files; records of these operations might, in turn, potentially be designated assassination records and included in the collection by the Review Board.
- Finally, a review of the personnel files of these men might foreseeably verify or debunk their claims of having been at JMWAVE and having worked for whom they say they did.

¹Cross stated that he was "almost positive" that David Atlee Phillips used the pseudonym "Maurice Bishop." Henry stated that he had known *both* Phillips *and* Bishop; Gupton stated that he did not remember Phillips ever having used "Bishop" as a pseudo, and that the sketch of Bishop did not look like anyone he knew while at JMWAVE.

In conclusion, both to clarify the public record and to attempt to locate additional records, it is important that the ARRB staff learn the true identities and review the files of Ron CROSS, Doug GUPTON and Bart HENRY. It is important to note that in doing so, the staff would not necessarily be designating these files "assassination records." It is also important to note that in addition to the folders already known to be in the microfilm collection, there may be additional material on these individuals in the segregated collection; staff has been unable to determine this to this point.