

June 24, 1997

MEMORANDUM

To: Doug Horne
From: Christopher Barger
Re: DIA SF135's

After having met with DIA personnel on May 14, ARRB staff agreed to review a series of SF 135's for 1963-64 identified by DIA as being of potential interest to ARRB. This review was carried out on June 24, 1997 by Christopher Barger.

It is the opinion of this analyst that at this time, there are no boxes in the SF 135 collection given to us by DIA that ARRB should have DIA pull and review. This assessment is based on the titles of boxes and collections listed on the SF 135's. There are no titles or any other indicators which immediately suggest that any assassination records were deposited at Suitland by DIA.

One important factor in this review was the time factor. As ARRB is currently slated to cease operations in three months, time is a factor in any review conducted at this point. While current time limits preclude our looking at "background" type documents or collections, some of these SF 135's might be worth observing should additional time be allotted to the Board. These would include general topic headings like "Army Intelligence Reports, 1963" and/or damage assessments conducted after US military personnel are caught conducting espionage of some sort. The damage assessments for other soldiers could be studied to determine the usual procedures when an American defected or committed espionage; the yearly intelligence reports could be perused for mentions of related topics. However, given that we have on file a sworn affidavit from Rufus Taylor stating for the record that Lee Harvey Oswald was not ever an employee of ONI, and a corresponding affidavit from Secretary McNamara stating that Oswald was not an agent of the Department of Defense, and since time is a factor, no further reviews are necessary by ARRB personnel.