

MEMORANDUM

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To: Laura Denk
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From: Carrie Fletcher

Subject: FBI See Reference File on Joseph W. Shimon

Joseph W. Shimon was an associate of Sam Giancana and an inspector in the Washington, DC, Police Force. Shimon testified before the Church Committee, appeared as "Dr. Peters" in Anthony Summers' "What We Know Now That We Didn't Know Then" and also appeared on Jack Anderson's special on the Mafia and the Kennedy Assassination. Volume 2 of Joseph W. Shimon's See Reference contains several documents withheld almost entirely due to a classified operational detail.¹ Among 85 pages of classified material Shimon's name appears on only 13 pages.

Shimon is mentioned in the document because he attended a party hosted by an individual under investigation by the FBI and Shimon also investigated this individual's concern that his phone was being tapped by the FBI. The material that does not mention Shimon does not appear to be relevant to the assassination.

The sensitive nature of the information and the length of the document will make negotiation of the file difficult and time consuming. The pages which do not mention Shimon meet the Not Believed Relevant standards as well as the requirements for postponement. Under section 6 subsection 1 C, these documents contain information that if released might threaten national security. Because the information is not relevant and is of a sensitive nature, ARRB proposes that only the pages directly related to the HSCA subject be negotiated fully and the information on the other pages be declared Not Believed Relevant.

¹ These documents are 105-20814-79 dated 10/10/58, 105-20814-78 dated 9/17/58, 105-20814-63 dated 8/22/58, 105-20814-63 dated 8/22/58, 105-20814-137 dated 8/22/58, and 105-20814-136 dated 8/1/59.