

MEMORANDUM

June 5, 1996

To: R&A Staff
cc: David G. Marwell
From: T. Jeremy Gunn
Subject: Staff Guidelines on Green/Yellow/Red Issues

This memorandum outlines the current staff understanding of the review categories of green, yellow, and red.

Green documents

A "green" document is one in which all of the postponement and release issues have previously been addressed and decided by the Board.

Section 6(3) -- Privacy

Social security numbers.

Section 6(4) -- Informants

Informant-specific part of informant symbol number.

Informant-specific part of informant file number.

Informant name, where negative contact and informant confirmed as still living by sufficiently specific identifying information (*e.g.*, name + SSN; name + date of birth; name + exact address).

Section 6(1)(B) -- Intelligence Source or Method

Entire symbol number for electronic surveillance in foreign counterintelligence context.

SUGGESTED CATEGORIES -- ROUTINE RELEASES IN FBI RECORDS

Section 6(4) -- Informants

Name and any accompanying identifying information for informants who are dead or whose present status is unestablished. [This includes symbol numbers and informant file numbers in documents containing other information that unambiguously identifies the informant.]

Section 6(1)(B), 6(1)(C) -- Intelligence Source or Method/Foreign Relations

Postponements that reveal only an investigative interest in "hostile" foreign establishments or personnel, without revealing any "source or method." [This category includes technical "postponements" with a release date of August 1996.]

1. Crypts (except for sensitive Mexico City crypts)
2. Sluglines

3. File numbers
4. Stations within the current windows (Mexico City, Oswald file, and Sequestered Collection)
5. Prefixes (cable, dispatch, field report), where stations are releasable (see #4)
6. Surveillance methods (except where politically or operationally sensitive)
7. Names and pseudonyms of CIA officers
8. Names of foreign agents, assets, informers
9. Job titles and descriptions (except where station not releasable)