

QUESTIONS FOR RUSS HOLMES INTERVIEW

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General Background

When did you first join the agency.

When did you leave.

What areas did you work in.

What were your responsibilities at the time of the assassination.

When did you first have any responsibilities regarding the assassination.

Brief chronological overview of your JFK responsibilities.

JFK Assassination General

How did you come to have responsibilities for JFK issues.

Personal interest.

Did Angleton ask you.

When?

When did you take over?

1976?

Where were the files when you took over.

CI?

During your tenure at the agency, what roles did you have regarding the assassination and agency records. What were your principal responsibilities/tasks?

From whom did you take over?

Church committee?

HSCA requests

Surveying/collecting Oswald 201

Surveying/collecting JFK

Creating your "own" collection--Holmes collection.

Reviewing/analyzing Angleton's files?

FOIA

Creating indices/finding aids?

Show index as example.

Internal CIA investigation/analysis of assassination?

Anything else?

Holmes interests/conclusions

Were there any areas regarding the assassination of Oswald that particularly interested you or that you particularly investigated.

Opening of Oswald's 201

Whether Oswald's pre-assassination 201 is complete (any missing records)

Oswald and USSR
while in USSR
departure
HTLINGUAL

Why CI maintained the Oswald 201 file

Why SI/SIG

Why a soft file

Angleton

Did Angleton run agents in Moscow

Did you ever consider whether Angleton ran Oswald

Was McVickar an agency officer in 1959.

Who in Moscow was an agency officer at time of Oswald's visit.

Mexico City
photo operations
any questions
telephone intercepts
any questions
Post assassination investigation

Did you ever talk about assassination with
Angleton
Ray Rocca
Jane Roman
Anyone else in CI particularly interested in assass?

Any alteration of documents or disinformation.

Garrison

Did you ever consider the question whether Oswald may have had any
connection with the Agency?

Church Committee

Who at CIA handled JFK issues during Church committee?
Breckinridge?

HSCA

What was your area of responsibility during HSCA.

Who else was responsible?
Breckinridge
What was his role.

How did you get the assignment of dealing with the HSCA requests?

Disposition/handling of HSCA era records after end of HSCA?

**Post HSCA
FOIA**

How did you get FOIA responsibility.

Holmes Collection

How did your collection begin?

What was the purpose of your collection?

How did you go about collecting records from elements within CIA?

DO

CI

Did Angleton have any JFK assassination files not part of 201.

OS

Why OS

RID/Central Records

Any other entity that had records.

Any entity that had records that wouldn't give them to you.

Were there any requests that you made that were not answered.

Any divisions of CIA where we should now go to find additional records.

Why did you chose to organize the collection alphabetically by subject when the rest of the JFK Collection is not? How were the subjects chosen? When did you decide on alphabetical/subject organization?

How complete or how representative is your collection when compared to information in the rest of the JFK Collection on particular subjects?

How did you obtain documents from organizations other than the CIA?

How did you obtain documents from congressional investigating committees? (Warren, HSCA, Schweiker subcommittee)

How did you obtain original documents?

How did you obtain pre-publication excerpts or copies of books?

What was your selection criteria for documents?

How much of the Holmes collection is material not included in the JFK Collection?

Did you come to any conclusions on the material? Are these conclusions all recorded on the personal memos scattered throughout the collection?

What was the attitude of people in the agency towards your collection.

What puzzles you most about CIA records?