

Memo to DOJ

## Introduction

Mr. Richard Case Nagell is the principal subject of the book *The Man Who Knew Too Much*, by Dick Russell. In his book, Mr. Russell provides evidence and argument for the proposition that Mr. Nagell was an intelligence official of the United States Government and that he had in his possession many records related to Lee Harvey Oswald and to the assassination of President Kennedy. According to Mr. Russell, the records included previously unknown photographs of Oswald, tape recordings of Oswald, and communications about the assassination that were written prior to the assassination.

On October 31, 1995, the Assassination Records Review Board wrote a letter to Mr. Nagell, who was then living in Los Angeles County, California, requesting the opportunity to meet with him and discuss whatever information he possessed related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Review Board subsequently learned that Mr. Nagell was found dead in his California apartment on November 2, 1995. The Review Board understands that the Los Angeles County Coroner either has, or will, conduct an autopsy on Mr. Nagell to determine the cause of death.

Although the Review Board has been attempting to gather as much information as possible regarding the Estate of Mr. Nagell, the Executor of the Estate, the whereabouts of the Executor, and whether Mr. Nagell left a will, there is a great deal of uncertainty regarding the ownership of Mr. Nagell's effects and what will be their disposition. Through the good offices of the Justice Department, an administrative subpoena has been issued to the Executor of the Estate of Mr. Nagell on behalf of the Review Board. Service of photocopies of the subpoena have been sent by certified mail to the two known addresses of Mr. Nagell. The Review Board intends to serve the original subpoena once the name and location of the Executor are determined. Because of the public interest in Mr. Nagell's records, the Review Board seeks to ensure that his assassination-related records are properly identified and secured pending a decision on their ultimate disposition.