

MEMORANDUM

June 26, 1997

To: File

From: T. Jeremy Gunn and David Montague

Subject: Report on Miami-Area JFK Records

Anne Buttimer visited Miami on _____ and Jeremy Gunn and David Montague visited Miami on June 23-25, 1997. This memorandum identifies the files reviewed and the records received from these visits.

Metro-Dade Police Department

Homicide Bureau

*Johnny Roselli [sic] homicide file, case no. 191088-V.*¹ On June 23-24, we were provided access to the entire file, which consisted of three full-size brown cardboard boxes. The documents and files appeared not to be arranged in any particular order. We requested copies of selected documents of interest and have attempted to arrange them in a more meaningful order. The documents that appeared to be the principal case file are enclosed as Rosselli (Metro-Dade) A. The documents included in the Medical Examiner's file are Rosselli (Metro-Dade) B. Documents relating to the murder investigation of Sam Giancana (which apparently were obtained by Metro-Dade) are Rosselli (Metro-Dade) C. Other documents from the files are enclosed as Rosselli (Metro-Dade) D.

Rolando Masferrer homicide case, no. 256479. On June 23-24, we were provided access to the entire file, which consisted of three full-size cardboard boxes and one box containing information related to other bombing investigations. We found little of use for understanding the JFK assassination. We did, however, find some documents of interest and had them photocopied. They are in the folder labeled Masferrer (Metro-Dade).

¹Johnny Rosselli is an assumed name for Fillipe Sacco. Although his name is generally spelled as "Roselli" (with one "s"), he himself consistently spelled his name as "Rosselli."

Intelligence Division Files [is this the right name?]

We identified several files of possible interest from an intelligence file index for records that are now in storage: 1) alleged plot to assassinate the President of the United States, 2) security detail of JFK, 3) William Augustus Somerset as bombing suspect, 4) alleged ship bombing & cuban activities, 5) Jerry Patrick Hemming as possible ship bomber. Detective John King, Homicide Bureau, agreed to request the files, copy them, and forward them to our office. **[to be placed in files upon receipt]**

City of Miami Police Department

Homicide Division [Dave--wasn't this the Crimes Against Persons Division?]

Eladio Del Valle homicide file, case no. 490528. On June 24, we were provided access to the entire file and requested copies of selected documents. Those documents are enclosed in Del Valle (Miami Police).

Special Investigations Section

Santo Trafficante (unnumbered). The file was approximately 2-3 inches thick and contained general background information about Trafficante. Although the review revealed no information closely related to the JFK assassination, it did contain some information of marginal use about Trafficante. We recommend that an official request be made to the Miami Police Department to donate the file to the JFK Collection.

Scott Nugent and Karen Baroni performed searches for files referencing: jfk, sam giancana, john roselli, rolando masferrer, jerry hemming, atonio veciana, judith exner, santo trafficante, frank sturgis, david phillips & maurice bishop; -they provided access to a master jfk file for review; -they no longer retained the their roselli & masferrer files. Mr. Nugent believed that most records from that era no longer exist. He stated that he believed the files of Metro-Date would be more complete.

University of Miami

Special Collections

Possible Zenith Technologies Inc., JMWA VE, or CIA files. On June 25, 1997, we met with Esperanza B. de Varona, Assistant Head, Archives/Special Collections. We discussed with her the question whether the University of Miami possessed any records related to JMWA VE or CIA-related activities during the 1960s. She said that she had conducted a search through University records, but had failed to locate any records. Although she is willing to continue the search or look elsewhere, she was not optimistic.

Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil. According to Ms. de Varona, Manuel Savat Roque donated to the University 30 boxes of records related to DRE activities. The donor requested no restrictions on the documents. The documents will be made available in full to the public once they have been processed. Jeremy Gunn conducted a brief review of 12 boxes (boxes 1-12). The spot review disclosed that: most of the records are in Spanish; there is a great deal of information about DRE activities; a significant number of records (30-50%) were dated after 1964; there are only a few references to the assassination of JFK

Dave--please continue the format from above and add Anne Buttimer info..

Dade County Circuit & County Courts Records Center

Criminal Records Team

Court files for organized crime & cuban figures June 25, 1997 -met w/John Suarez & Ruth Wheatley-Austin who provided access to & copies (in full) of appx 8 files for the Collection

Dade County Courthouse

Civil Records Division

Court files for organized crime & cuban figures June 25, 1997 met w/Iliana Vega (over the phone) who said files were destroyed for: Artime & Veciana

Gordon Winslow of Dade County Records Center. Court files for organized crime & cuban figures June 25, 1997. -he said he has some raw intelligence files which he can provide that are not part of the current files & he saved them from being purged

-he told me of an individual who he thought was from the Review Board & visited Miami about 1 month ago asking for files; we don't know who this person is.