

Assassination Records Review Board

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June 22, 1995

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Re: Status of Secret Service Identification and Review
of JFK Assassination Records under 44 U.S.C. Sect. 2107

Dear Mr. Machado:

Thank you for your response of June 16, 1995, regarding the status of Secret Service compliance with the John F. Kennedy Records Collection Act. I appreciate your stated willingness to cooperate in the identification and review process. I am writing to seek clarification of the information you provided on the form and in our subsequent meeting. I will be referring to the items in the same numerical order as our earlier communications.

1. Status of Search for Records. Your response states that you "have turned over to NARA all JFK records as defined under the initial issuance of the JFK Act." We are seriously concerned, however, that the Secret Service has in fact not turned over all of these core files. Let me suggest that the following materials appear to fall squarely within the types of records defined by the act:

Under the "Additional Materials" category, items F and G --boxes from Centre Pointe and accessions from the Records Center-- suggest that you have additional material to review and transfer to the National Archives. The "Inventory of President John F. Kennedy Records," which you

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attached to your statement, describes material at these two storage sites that appears quite clearly to fall within the statutory definition of "assassination record." The task of undertaking the initial search and review and preparing electronic identification aids lies with the Secret Service. After this review, if you wish to postpone any of the material, it should be made available to the Assassination Records Review Board. If you do not need to take any postponements under section 6 of the JFK Records Collection Act, the records and electronic identification aids should be transported directly to the National Archives.

Under #3, you indicated that OGL & PA has old training manuals (1950-1974). Does this collection include the Field Manual used by Secret Service agents in 1963?

Also under item #3, "Anticipated Additional Searches for Records," you stated "PARS has inventories (SF258, Centre Pointe, WNRC)." Are you in the process of examining these inventories in order to locate additional assassination records? Does the Secret Service have additional materials in its downtown offices? We would like to have copies of these inventories. We would also like to have a description of your file codes and a current organizational chart for the Secret Service.

Under #5, "Summary results of records review," you stated that "very few records" have been postponed. Please be more specific: approximately what percentage have you "opened in full," postponed (i.e., redacted in whole or in part), or are awaiting return from Third Agencies?

Under item A. of the "Additional Materials" category, you indicated that Latita Roseboro would be unable to provide hard copies of referred documents. In a meeting on March 27, 1995, attended by Phil Golrick, Jeremy Gunn, John Machado, and Latita Roseboro, Ms. Roseboro agreed to provide copies of her cover memos for referred documents. We would like to have these copies.

(Jeremy: you have an option in this next paragraph. How petty (and/or specific) do you want to be? Our compliance letter of May 24 requested Secret Service Form 258. John Machado's response is as follows:

"Copy of the SF258 was given to Jeremy Gunn, and one is enclosed in this response."

One option is to ignore this response. The petty/specific response is to say: Your comment regarding

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the 258 Form is unclear. Jeremy Gunn did not receive the 258 Form before June 16 when you brought it to our office.)

Item C. In our meeting on June 16, you indicated that you have requested each USSS field office to conduct a search based on the new definition of "assassination record." We would like to have a copy of this request as well as the replies you receive from each office.

Item D. With regard to materials documenting liaison between the Secret Service, local law enforcement, military personnel, or any other governmental agency assisting in protection of the President, you indicate that you do not have any of this. Yet in the Official Case File at the National Archives, Box SS01 contains documentation of these relationships. See agency file no. *DO-21-15, (October 1964)*. Surely there is correspondence or written confirmation of these relationships and arrangements that can illuminate the full profile of protection for President Kennedy both before and on November 22, 1963.

Item E. You have indicated that OGL&PA has newspaper clippings that are kept in your Archives. A more extensive collection of clippings and publications is in RG 87, Accession No. 66A 1312, Boxes 1-10. These clearly contain "assassination records" and should be transported to the National Archives.

Item F. We appreciate your offer to make available materials from Centre Pointe in your office at 1310 L Street. The preliminary search for assassination records should be undertaken by the Secret Service. After you have completed your search and if you have postponements, please notify me. I will make arrangements for review by the Assassination Records Review Board. On March 28, 1995, John Machado called Jeremy Gunn to say that he had located eight boxes at Centre Pointe. The "Inventory of President John F. Kennedy Records" lists only five boxes. Please provide a complete inventory of records stored at Centre Pointe.

Item G. Accession no. 087-75-0004, which is now in your office, should be promptly reviewed by the Secret Service as required by the JFK Act. Please ensure that file no. 602.111 Other Places Folder #6-July-Nov 1963 is included.

Also, in your meeting with Phil Golrick and Jeremy Gunn on March 27, 1995, Latita Roseboro indicated that she had found a briefing book, which contained documents that had been referred.

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Please advise us as to the status of your review of this material.

We are concerned that a thorough search of Secret Service records has not yet been undertaken. The Secret Service's contribution to the JFK Assassination Records Collection collection at the National Archives should contain pertinent correspondence, logs of correspondence, reports, briefing papers, memos, etc. circulated among the Chief, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Chief Inspector, the head of the Protective Research Section, the head of the Communications Office and other senior staff members for the period 1961-1965. Similarly, in his book, In History's Shadow: An American Odyssey (page 187), former Secretary of the Treasury Connally reported that at the time he became Secretary, he requested that all assassination records be assembled and taken to him. We have seen no Secret Service documentation reflecting such a request--nor any memoranda recording that request or what action was taken in response to it. We are interested in Secret Service documents relating to the House Select Committee on Assassinations, the Church Committee, and the Pike Committee. Finally, any materials referring to the arrangements for the autopsy, the autopsy itself, communications between Dallas and Washington on November 22, 1963, or the actual handling of the President's body that are not already in your Official Case File at the Archives should be included. These few examples, I trust, will suggest to you our concern that a comprehensive search has not been undertaken.

As you identify items you wish to postpone in these materials, please notify me. When you have completed your search for assassination records, please confirm that fact in writing.

I appreciate your offer to describe the U.S. Secret Service Records Management Program. Dr. Zimmerman, Senior Analyst, will be in touch with you to arrange for a meeting.

Thank you. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 724-0088, ext. 232, if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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File no. 4.5.3

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