

## MEMORANDUM

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To: David Marwell  
cc: Phil Golrick

From: Joan Zimmerman

Subject: **FBI-HSCA Files: Priority Lists and Schedule for Processing**

I have created two lists containing potentially high priority files for the FBI to process by the end of September 1997. The first is a revised version of the priority files marked in yellow on the master list of HSCA files. The revised yellow list now includes a total of 97 items with 47 marked as highest priority. The yellow list reflects the collective wisdom of several members of the staff.

The second is based on a closer reading of Peter Dale Scott, *Deep Politics and the Death of JFK* and to a more limited extent, the LaFontaines' *Oswald Talked*. Peter Dale Scott emphasizes the pervasive context of organized crime and its penetration of the drug trade, prostitution, politics, and labor--especially the Teamsters. Scott links these activities through individual connections. His critique of the HSCA focuses on the narrow and superficial approach taken by the Committee's leaders. That approach, which was constrained by the FBI's definition of the so-called La Cosa Nostra, failed to probe the "deep politics" of corruption emanating from the world of organized crime and the close relationship between criminals and government agencies. The second list reflects Scott's painstaking linkages among various figures known to Oswald and Jack Ruby or to people they knew: Jimmy Hoffa and various Teamster officials; Cubans involved with casinos or drugs; underworld characters involved in gun running, drugs, and prostitution; and plotters from the CIA. In some cases this group overlaps with individuals mentioned by the La Fontaines. The original yellow list did not fully incorporate Scott's world of intrigue, which the Kennedy brothers--Jack and Robert--violated. I have marked in yellow those people mentioned by Scott who might merit closer attention. The Scott list contains a total of 47 items of which 20 have the highest priority.

The highest priority items from both lists total 67 items. If you wish, I could design a schedule for LuAnn that would specify which files should be processed within given time frames. I will need to examine the high priority files at the FBI to see how many pages are in each one in order to create a reasonable schedule given the pace of her review.

Our emphasis could be either on the Scott list or on a combination of both since the yellow list ranges more broadly beyond the world of organized crime and its links to the CIA.

