

June 25, 1997

Ms. Jane E. Vezeris
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Office of Administration
United States Secret Service
1800 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20223

Re: Request for Review of HSCA Records and Files on Individuals

Dear Jane:

This letter constitutes a request that you locate and review under the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994) ("the Act") Secret Service files on individuals requested by the House Select Committee on Assassinations in 1978. This request is in two parts.

I. Files Reviewed By the House Select Committee on Assassinations

Files that were reviewed by the House Select Committee on Assassinations are defined as assassination records under the Act. Names of individuals whose files were reviewed appear in letters by Robert Blakey dated April 5, 1978, April 10, 1978, and May 4, 1978. The Secret Service responses to these requests, written by Glen Bennett and Robert Goff, are dated April 14, 1978, April 13, 1978, and May 17, 1978. I have enclosed copies of this correspondence.

In addition, I am including a March 2, 1978 memo by Glen Bennett that lists several files and computer records in the possession of the Secret Service in response to a February 28, 1978 request from the HSCA. We are not able to locate a copy of the February 28, 1978 letter, but we ask that you review the files and records that were provided to the HSCA according to the March 2, 1978 memo. Please note that we have already requested the files of William Somerset and Joseph Milteer in our February 12, 1997 letter (SS-13), and we note that the Richard Case Nagell file is already at NARA.

Finally, I am including a list of 6 individuals with file numbers, which Eileen Dinneen recorded on the back of her "Secret Service Report Form--Boston" [agency file number 0006852, RIF #

180-10087-10302], and whose files she reviewed.

I have enclosed a list of names of those individuals described above whose files were reviewed by the HSCA. We ask that you review these files in accordance with the procedures outlined in our May 29, 1996 letter and that you complete this process by August 1, 1997, so that the Review Board can make its final determinations.

II. Files Requested by the House Select Committee on Assassinations

In the correspondence cited above, Robert Blakey requested several files, but the responses from the Secret Service indicated that not all of Blakey's requests could be fulfilled. I have enclosed a second list of names of individuals whose files could not be located in 1978. Because the HSCA expressed interest in these individuals, we ask that you re-check the names on the second list. We are interested in any information from your records you may be able to find on these individuals, including dates of the destruction of any files.

We ask that you provide us with your information from the second list by August 8, 1997, so that the Assassination Records Review Board can determine whether any additional records should be designated "assassination records."

To the extent that this request presents logistical or other difficulties that we may not have anticipated, or to the extent that these records may be located in the National Archives at a place other than the JFK Collection, we will be happy to discuss with you ways in which the request might be amended.

We appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Donald Personette

Enclosures