

MEMORANDUM

August 17, 1995

To: Jeremy Gunn and David Marwell
cc: Phil Golrick

From: Joan Zimmerman

Re: Representations by John Machado (August 16, 1995) that are at best questionable:

a. Machado said that the boxes marked "John F. Kennedy Assassination" in the Secret Service Archives contained *newspaper clippings*. There are boxes of newspaper clippings in the SS Archives but these are separate from the boxes marked "John F. Kennedy Assassination." I described the contents in my July 25, 1995 memo (I enclose the first page).

b. Machado said he prepared and sent shift reports to the National Archives in December, 1992. He stated in the August 16, 1995 meeting that he had not taken *any postponements* on these shift reports. Steve Tilley sent us copies of these shift reports, and *they have redactions*. We have not received the originals from the Secret Service. Nor do we have any RIFs.

c. Machado stated that there is a folder on Andrews Air Force Base in the HSCA material. (We should ask for the agency file number and the date).

d. Machado said that his review of the boxes destroyed from Accession number 87-75-4 was meticulous--a document by document review. Later, after learning of his mistake in not viewing the appropriate HSCA materials, Machado stated that his examination of Boxes 1 and 6 had been a cursory review.

e. In our letter of August 7, 1995, we requested --among others--the folder labeled "New York 4-27-61." Machado stated that this was a *typo*. In fact, he said, the folder marked "New York 11-8-63" does exist, and it is in the Secret Service Historical Accession. (By the way, I had never heard of the Historical Accession before.) Since Machado apparently did not consult the 135 Forms before he made this comment, he was not aware of the fact that there was a folder marked "New York 4-27-61" which was missing from Box 3 when Jeremy examined the contents. Also, JFK made several trips to New York between 1961 and 1963. Machado seems to be cognizant of only one of those trips: the one he mentioned. Other trips to New York are just *typos*.

f. Machado stated that Boxes 2-5 of Accession number 87-75-4 were saved because they contained folders describing foreign trips by President Kennedy. Once NARA identifies the foreign trip folders, the rest of the protective files will be destroyed. In fact, Machado stated that this has

already been done, and the other files have been destroyed.

g. Machado said that he did not see the point of his reviewing Secret Service material if ARRB staff would also be reviewing Secret Service material. He felt that his review should be definitive. Ralph Basham also seemed to be confused about the Board's statutory authority to define which records are "assassination records." Both seemed to believe that the Secret Service had the final say over their own records.

h. We can perhaps infer that Ralph Basham's concern about the JFK Act's threat to his mission--protecting the President-- comes from John Machado. Basham began his remarks with this comment, and he added that the Secret Service was offended by our implication that they had not been truthful with us.