

Joan Zimmerman Notes on Meeting with USSS (David Marwell, Jane Vezeris and Donald Personette)
1800 G Street, N.W.

December 6, 1995
4:30-5:20 PM

1. David brought the documents that the Board voted to open at the November 14, 1995 meeting and showed them to Jane and Donald. David had also made copies of the RIFs and the first page of each document so the USSS could identify them. David explained that the USSS needed to use NARA RIF numbers and that NARA will be happy to supply them. David suggested that USSS obtain the RIF numbers from NARA, and he specifically indicated that John Machado should have obtained the RIF numbers from NARA. David hinted that the documents voted open by the Board might not reflect the Secret Service's bottom line interests and that the appeal--should there be one--would go to the highest levels at the White House. David hinted that the USSS should consider any appeal very carefully since the White House counsel is mindful of the presumption of disclosure in the JFK Act.

2. Jane and Donald wanted the date of notification postponed because they did not understand the RIF numbers. David explained that the seven day deadline for appeals was set by the White House; it is not of our choosing but we abide by it.

3. David hand delivered the letter of December 6, 1995, which asks for specific information about addresses that the USSS wants to postpone. The letter also requested specific information about the document referred to the CIA which the CIA is not going to contest.

4. David mentioned that some of the items on the list of 27 documents are already open. He suggested that the Secret Service had given us open documents to review, and he said that the Board should not be put into a position where it is considering postponements in material that is in the public domain. Donald and Jane wanted specifics, and we told them that two of the addresses they wanted to postpone as well as the protective reports are open. We told them exactly where these documents are at College Park. We asked them to check to see what is open before sending materials to the Board for review.

Jane Vezeris left the room to join a conference call and did not return to our meeting.

5. Donald expressed puzzlement about records. He did not understand why NARA had sent HSCA documents to the USSS. David explained that NARA sent HSCA records to several third agencies for their review. Donald said that the USSS was expecting to review material from the Warren Commission that would be sent to USSS by Steve Tilley.

6. David explained that there seemed to be a discrepancy between what USSS had returned to Legislative Archives and what we had received from USSS. That is, there are limbo documents checked out to ARRB that USSS did not give to us. We told Donald that Kris Wilhelm at Legislative

Archives has the list of documents that USSS still needs to return.

7. Donald said Jane was concerned about possible media attention focused on the destruction of records. David assured Donald that the story remained local--only a Columbus, Ohio radio station mentioned it--and David indicated that he did not think the story merited any further attention. ARRB would not be publicizing it.