

MEMORANDUM

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To: David Marwell, Jeremy Gunn, Phil Golrick

From: Joan Zimmerman

Subject: USSS Threat Sheet Names and Dinneen Report

This memo will supplement my memo from yesterday, which discussed privacy issues in USSS documents. I have found that the Secret Service released names in November 1995, that it now wishes to protect in another document.

The Secret Service has indicated its objections to the release of names in the following documents:

1. Threat Sheets (Individuals Listed by Protective Research) 180-10065-10379. In Box 161 of the Numbered Files, there are three file folders containing threat sheets on 413 people prepared by Eileen Dinneen. These threat sheets on individuals were the basis for Dinneen's reports for the HSCA. The Secret Service opened the first of the three folders last Fall by virtue of Jane Vezeris's letter of November 9, 1995. The second and third folders contain the names of 273 individuals, some of which are in the public domain. The Secret Service has not offered any explanation for why the first folder was released last November, but the second and third folders were not.

2. Memorandum from Eileen Dinneen to Dick Billings with Attachments (October 19, 1978) 180-10103-10465. Dinneen's nineteen page memorandum contains names of threatening people whose privacy the Secret Service wishes to protect. Some of these names also appear in the first folder of Eileen Dinneen's threat sheets. The first folder of the three discussed in #1 above contained 139 names which are now in the public domain, and some of which are listed on pages nine through thirteen of Dinneen's memo to Billings. The Secret Service wishes to protect these names of people that the Secret Service released last November. Dinneen's list of names continues through page nineteen of her memo, and those are taken from the second and third folders of the threat sheets. Some of those names such as Richard Case Nagell, John Warrington, Thomas Vallee, and Lee Harvey Oswald are already in the public domain. Approximately 36 names remain to be checked for previous release in other documents that are open. The 54 names listed on pp. 9-13 of Dinneen's memo can be released.

The Secret Service needs to distinguish between the names in folder one and the names in folders two and three. Why do names in the second two folders merit more privacy protection than the names in the first folder?

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