

# MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Issues Pertaining to Secret Service Material Delivered to ARRB November 13, 1995, and Considered by ARRB November 14, 1995

1. The list of November 9, 1995, contains agency file numbers. Some of these numbers refer to several documents on the same subject or as supplements to a report. The USSS has given ARRB part but not all of the material described by some agency file numbers. The status of some of these documents in an agency file number group is not clear because the USSS has not returned them to Legislative Archives or referred them to ARRB.

Examples:

1. 006262 President Kennedy's trip to Milford, PA (supplement not given to ARRB)
2. 006256 Protective Reports in Response to Warren Commission Recommendations (Most if not all of these remaining reports are open at Archives II.)
3. 008581 Reports on Thomas Auther Vallee. USSS only gave ARRB two reports. (A WC document indicated a discrepancy for his birthdate and a correction in the spelling of his middle name. Mary Ferrell database suggests a discrepancy over his date of death. David Marwell has established that Vallee died in 1988.)

2. Document on CIA-SS Relations. Agency file no. 015052. Per Phil: Barry Harrelson has no objection to the complete release of this document. Since the USSS stated "Refer to CIA" in the November 9, 1995 list, does the USSS wish to drop its request to postpone this entire document? Does the USSS wish to make specific redactions?

3. ARRB could photocopy documents listed in the October 20, 1995 letter that have been released per November 9, 1995 letter and provide them to Legislative Archives. Or ARRB could ask USSS to return their copies of these documents to Legislative Archives. When Kris Wilhelm receives them, she will release them to Archives II.

4. USSS has not come to Legislative Archives to stamp as open all the documents from the October 20, 1995 letter that were released as per November 9, 1995 letter. STEVE SAID THAT WHEN THE AGENCY STAMPS THE DOCUMENTS AS OPEN, ONLY THEN ARE THEY OPEN.

5. Re: Agency File No. 009399. 1801007810450. USSS did not include this document on its November 9, 1995 list. Because it has CIA equities, I contacted Barry Harrelson. He left a voice mail for me on November 22, 1995 indicating that the CIA needs to do more checking, and he will get back to me. Legislative Archives should not release this until I hear from CIA.

COMMENT:

ARRB could wait for Steve Tilley to call USSS regarding two controlling issues:

1. The USSS needs to return newly opened documents to Archives I.
  2. The USSS needs to send a representative to the Archives to **stamp** the opened material.
- If we wait until this process is complete, we can use the LIMBO documents (i.e. documents that are listed in the agency file no. but not given to ARRB to review or returned to Archives I) to open the rest of the postponed material on protective issues. See especially the reports on Thomas Vallee in the SCIF.
  - ARRB could establish that USSS has *completely* finished its review and processing of HSCA documents referred by Legislative Archives. That is, ARRB could confirm that the pile of documents presented to ARRB on November 13, 1995, is the final body of material the USSS has held for postponement issues--*and that all other HSCA-USSS material is OPEN IN FULL*. Then the Board can vote to release virtually all of the material from the November 9, 1995 list and the supplement letter of November 13.

OR

ARRB could alert USSS to discrepancies in its redactions, especially regarding protective issues, and allow them more time to re-examine their protective redactions. (Especially photographs and evaluations.) This would expand the number of documents containing redactions that USSS would ask to have postponed.

As always, it is not clear whether USSS is deliberately confusing its intentions or inadvertently providing ARRB with incomplete material and information. The USSS may be testing ARRB to see what is released in its first offering. USSS may come back later and insist on another opportunity to make more redactions in the LIMBO documents if we use them to demonstrate that protective issues are already out of the bag. The approach ARRB chooses depends on timing: *when* do we tell USSS that the items they have chosen to postpone in the documents they gave us are duplicated in other documents that are not marked for postponement, i.e. in the LIMBO documents.