

Assassination Records Review Board

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Re: Status of Secret Service Identification and Review
of JFK Assassination Records under 44 U.S.C. § 2107

Dear Mr. Machado:

Thank you for your June 16, 1995, response regarding the status of Secret Service compliance with the John F. Kennedy Records Collection Act. I appreciate your stated willingness to cooperate in the process of identifying and reviewing assassination records. I am writing to seek clarification of some of the information you provided in your response and in our subsequent meeting.

Searches for additional records. Your response states that you "have turned over to NARA all JFK records as defined under the initial issuance of the JFK Act." We are seriously concerned, however, that the Secret Service has in fact not turned over all of these core files. Let me suggest that the following materials appear to fall squarely within the types of records defined by the JFK Act and within the current possession of the Secret Service:

- JFK assassination records contained in the Secret Service Archives;
- Items identified on the "Inventory of President John F. Kennedy Records" that you attached to your statement;
- Newspaper clippings about the assassination that are kept both in your Archives and at the

Federal Records Center (see RG 87, Accession No. 66A 1312, Boxes 1-10);

- Accession no. 087-75-0004 (especially 602.111 Other Places Folder #6-July-Nov 1963) (see Item G of your response).

The task of undertaking the initial search and review and preparing electronic identification aids lies with the Secret Service. After this review, if you wish to postpone any of the material, it should be made available to the ARRB. If you do not need to take any postponements under section 6 of the JFK Act, the records and electronic identification aids should be transported directly to the National Archives.

It also appears that there is a striking absence of records that we would have assumed would contain information related to the assassination including, for example:

- the correspondence file of Chief James Rowley
- correspondence between the Secret Service and the Secretary of the Treasury;
- correspondence between the Secret Service and other government agencies;
- internal Secret Service memoranda analyzing the performance of the Secret Service on November 22, 1963 (including proposals for changes and discussion of the appropriateness of disciplinary actions);
- other pertinent correspondence, logs of correspondence, reports, and briefing papers circulated among the Chief, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Chief Inspector, the head of the Protective Research Section, the head of the Communications Office and other senior staff members for the period 1961-1965;
- records contained in the "Official File" (to which we have seen references made but from which we have seen no documents);
- Secret Service documents relating to the House Select Committee on Assassinations, the Church Committee, and the Abzug Committee (which investigated the destruction of the "Hosty note");
- internal records on former Secretary of the Treasury Connolly's request to review all

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assassination material.¹

The absence of such obviously pertinent records causes us concern that all appropriate files have not been searched.² We would appreciate an explanation as to whether such materials have been searched, where they are located, and when you anticipate that such a search will be completed.

Other Items. Under item A. of the "Additional Materials" category, you indicated that Latita Roseboro would be unable to provide hard copies of referred documents. In a meeting on March 27, 1995, attended by Phil Golrick, Jeremy Gunn, you, and Latita Roseboro, Ms. Roseboro agreed to provide copies of her cover memos for referred documents. We would like to have these copies.

You explain that OGL & PA has old training manuals (1950-1974). Does this collection include the *Field Manual* used by Secret Service agents in 1963? You also explain that "PARS has inventories (SF258, Centre Pointe, WNRC)." Are you in the process of examining these inventories in order to locate additional assassination records? Does the Secret Service have additional materials in its downtown offices? We would like to have copies of these inventories. We would also like to have a description of your file codes and a current organizational chart for the Secret Service.

With regard to materials documenting liaison between the Secret Service, local law enforcement, military personnel, or any other governmental agency assisting in protection of the President, you

¹See his book, *In History's Shadow: An American Odyssey*, page 187, where he requested that all assassination records be assembled and taken to him. We have seen no Secret Service documentation reflecting such a request--nor any memoranda recording that request or what action was taken in response to it.

²There also appear to be fewer materials referring to the arrangements for the autopsy, the autopsy itself, communications between Dallas and Washington on November 22, 1963, or the actual handling of the President's body than we have observed in your Official Case Materials at the Archives.

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stated that you do not possess any such materials (see Item D of your response). Yet in the Official Case File at the National Archives, Box SS01 contains documentation of these relationships. (I will provide you with a more precise citation if you need it.) We would like to determine whether there is correspondence or written confirmation of these relationships and arrangements that can illuminate the full profile of protection for President Kennedy both before and on November 22, 1963.

We appreciate your offer (see Item F of your response) to make available materials from Centre Pointe at your office at 1310 L Street. The preliminary search for assassination records should be undertaken by the Secret Service. After you have completed your search and if you have postponements, please notify Dr. Joan Zimmerman, Senior Analyst, at my office and she will make arrangements for their review. On March 28, 1995, John Machado called Jeremy Gunn to say that he had located eight boxes at Centre Pointe. The "Inventory of President John F. Kennedy Records" lists only five boxes. Would you clarify the apparent discrepancy and please provide a complete inventory of records stored at Centre Pointe?

In your meeting with Phil Golrick and Jeremy Gunn on March 27, 1995, Latita Roseboro said that she had found a briefing book that contains documents that had been referred. Please advise us as to the status of your review of this material.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, Jeremy Gunn, or Joan Zimmerman if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Director

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