

## MEMORANDUM

January 28, 1997

To: David Marwell

From: Joan Zimmerman

Subject: Richard Case Nagell file

This is a brief account of ARRB's encounter with the Secret Service file on Richard Case Nagell and an explanation for why the Board might wish to examine the file once again.

ARRB asked the US Secret Service to bring the Nagell file to our office by May 10, 1996. At the May 1996 meeting, the Review Board designated the entire file an "assassination record" and asked the Secret Service to make its postponement requests by August 15, 1996. On August 9, 1996, Jane Vezeris indicated that the Secret Service would not request postponements on its own material, but three agencies still had not responded to referrals. These agencies were the FBI, the VA, and the Bureau of Prisons.

In response to a request from a researcher and in the interest of seeking further information, ARRB staff contacted these three agencies directly. We have received responses from the FBI and the VA stating that they have no objection to release of their information in the Nagell file. We have contacted the Bureau of Prisons with a telephone call and two letters (see enclosed correspondence). The Bureau of Prisons has not responded and apparently does not intend to respond to our request that they review the prison medical record in Nagell's file.

Nagell's prison medical file contains very detailed medical and psychiatric evaluations that the Board may wish to review again before releasing the entire file to the public. This section of the Nagell file is flagged with a yellow post-it note.

Zimmerman e:\wp-docs\jan28nagell  
4.5.2.9