

## MEMORANDUM

July 29, 1996

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To: David Marwell  
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From: Joan Zimmerman

Subject: ARRB Formal and Future Requests for Information from the US Secret Service

We have made ten formal requests for additional information from the Secret Service since October 27, 1995, as follows:

- **October 27, 1995 (SS-1): The complete correspondence of Chief James J. Rowley covering the period November 1, 1963 through December 30, 1964.**

John Machado responded on February 27, 1996, with a total of 708 documents. The Board designated some of these materials "assassination records" at the April 16-17, 1996 meeting and requested that the Secret Service prepare copies of postponed documents and disks by July 15, 1996. The Secret Service has delivered records to the Archives as we requested although these need to be checked against the copies originally given to us in February. John Machado has presented 5 documents with postponements, which the Board will consider at the August 5-6, 1996 meeting. On September 30, 1996, Jane Vezeris sent an additional 175 pages of material from Chief Rowley's files. At its November 13-14, 1996 meeting, the Review Board designated 65 pages of this latest delivery "assassination records" and asked the USSS to present evidence by, January 6, 1997.

- **February 21, 1996 (SS-2): All photographs, audiotapes, films, and videotapes in the possession of the Secret Service that are relevant to the Kennedy assassination.**

In his March 15, 1996 reply, John Machado indicated that all of this material is in the Archives. On April 15, 1996, we followed up with a letter from Les Waffan stating that two items in particular--the doctors' news conference at Parkland on November 22, 1963, and audio recordings of WHCA radio transmissions--are not in the Archives. In her June 4, 1996 reply, Jane Vezeris directed us to the White House Communications Agency and stated that the Secret Service did not have any material responsive to our request.

We might still follow up with additional requests for (1) training films that include footage of the 6th floor of the TSBD obtained by the Secret Service, and (2) an interview of Clint Hill conducted by Mike Wallace.

- **February 23, 1996 (SS-3): Two files as follows: (1) Presidential Protective Division Shift Reports of Unusual Incidents, 1960, 1963-1966 and (2) All Secret Service files on Richard Case Nagell.**

John Machado responded on April 5, 1996, with the shift reports, which the Board declared "assassination records" at its May 13-14, 1996 meeting. On May 6, 1996, I asked John Machado to deliver the Nagell file to our office by the close of business on May 10, 1996, and he did. The Board asked the Secret Service to present postponement requests by August 15, 1996. As of November 18, 1996, we are still waiting for third agency referrals from the Nagell file to be returned. We have set the Review Board's date for review as January 8, 1997.

- **April 3, 1996 (SS-4): Protective Survey Reports, USSS Archives Materials, and Newsclips.**

Jane Vezeris responded on July 10, 1996, with a cassette tape recording of an interview of Chief Rowley (August 1963) and several protective surveys (October-November 1963). The Board will be able to designate these materials "assassination records" at the August 5-6, 1996 meeting. [The Board's decision on the protective surveys will have implications for the four surviving boxes of protective surveys being held by Steve Tilley at the JFK Collection.] She requested an explanation for why we wanted some of the items and indicated that some of the other material is already in the Archives. It is not there. We will respond shortly. At its November 13-14, 1996 meeting, the Review Board designated "The Evolution of [Secret Service] Protective Policies, Practices and Procedures" an "assassination record" and requested evidence by January 6, 1997. The Board has proposed that **The Record** for the years 1960 through 1965 be placed in the Textual Reference Division. The Review Board voted to open the Miami and Tampa surveys. The Secret Service had already forwarded the other 6 surveys directly to the Archives. John Machado has indicated that he will forward newsclippings to the Archives. We will need to confirm this.

- **April 8, 1996 (SS-5): Closed Case Files for Roy Kellerman and Edward Tucker.**

On May 7, 1996, Jane Vezeris asked us to explain why we wanted these files, and we replied on June 7, 1996. See SS-8 below. As of November 13-14, 1996, the Secret Service has commented on these files but has not made them available for our inspection.

- **May 29, 1996 (SS-6): Seven Cross-referenced case files listed in Protect Subject Abstract of Lee Harvey Oswald.**

No response yet from John Machado. Update: On October 29, 1996, the Secret Service responded with 6 computer abstracts and materials from a "non-referred file." At the November 13-14, 1996 meeting, the Review Board designated 2 of the computer abstracts "assassination related" and requested evidence by January 6, 1997.

- **June 3, 1996 (SS-7): All files and information on six individuals.**

No response yet from John Machado. Update: On October 29, 1996, the Secret Service provided one computer abstract for Lauchli, and a portion of Abraham Bolden's file. The Service had no record of David Ferrie or Larrie Schmidt; the other two files await referred documents from the FBI. Board declared materials assassination records at the November 13-14, 1996 meeting; requested evidence by January 6, 1997.

- **July 19, 1996 (SS-8): Personnel Files and Internal Review Files for three more Secret Service employees in addition to Kellerman and Tucker.**

On July 23, 1996, John Machado called to say that he would need to get these materials at Suitland. On November 6, 1996, Jane Vezeris referred us to her July 24, 1996 letter pertaining to our request for files on Tucker and Kellerman, and Vezeris summarized the Service's response to our request for files on Kelley, Greer and Fox: they will not make the files available to us. Vezeris said personnel files are in St. Louis: Dave is going to St. Louis to obtain files (Dec. 19-20, 1996)

- **October 10, 1996 (SS-9): Letters of Understanding, PRS-WHD Notes, and COS Records.**

We requested an update of the Service search on October 29, 1996, and John Machado came to our office to explain that he had not been able thus far to locate any of this material. We requested a written response by November 10, 1996. As of November 18, 1996, we have received no response to this request. Received USSS response December 11, 1996 [letter dated December 5, 1996.] No materials directly responsive to our request.

- **November 8, 1996 (SS-10): Files on Individuals Requested by the HSCA.**

We requested a response by January 7, 1997, for these 109 files.

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In addition to the formal requests and responses, the Secret Service has delivered other materials for the Board's review. On April 5, 1996, John Machado brought records from Secret Service files categorized as "The President-General," "Protective Research-General," survey reports, Warren Commission material, HSCA correspondence, and miscellaneous items totalling over 1400 pages. He also brought a "Director's Briefing Book," which omitted pp. 145-151 [National Security Agency agreement with USSS], which we have requested. In our letter of June 18, 1996, we asked the Secret Service to prepare postponements and deliver disks for this material by September 13, 1996.

In our June 17, 1996 letter, we asked the Secret Service to prepare the Eileen Dinneen materials by September 16, 1996.

In a telephone conversation with John Machado on July 3, 1996, I asked him to find material from the White House Detail--especially the PRS packet for the Texas trip. Robert Bouck directed our attention to this item in his April 30, 1996 interview. If Machado does not respond within the next couple of weeks, I will formalize this request in writing. This was formalized in the SS-9 request.

Our major pending issue with the Secret Service is their impending appeal of the Board's decisions regarding two memos by Eileen Dinneen and the 413 threat sheets.

We have asked the Secret Service to respond with evidence by September 23, 1996. [The way this issue is resolved will affect future requests for USSS PRS files.] The Service responded on November 13, 1996.

On July 24, 1996, we asked the Secret Service to review pages 1-53 of Chief Rowley's deposition with the House Select Committee and submit postponements by October 15, 1996. The Service decided not to take any postponements.

### **Future Requests**

Future requests for Secret Service information will focus on the following:

1. Materials requested by the House Select Committee (especially Eileen Dinneen) which were viewed by but not received by the HSCA. This will include several (probably hundreds of) PRS files. We might wait for the resolution of the US Secret Service appeal before embarking on this request.

2. Another source of requests lies in the protective material and other general records included in the Rowley delivery. Some of the memos in this group refer to items, such as photographs, that were not included with the copies we received from the Service.
3. A third area will develop out of our pursuit of autopsy materials/photograph information beyond what already exists in the Official Case File. Specifically, I can now identify exactly what is in the Case File by reviewing the green forms prepared by the college interns.
4. Our upcoming interviews with Floyd Boring and Winston Lawson should produce additional areas for requests.
5. The LaFontaines and Dick Russell have suggested names of at least ten or fifteen more individuals whose files we can request. None of these names appears on the HSCA lists.
6. Church Committee records should contain information on an interview with Secret Service agent Elmer Moore, who was invited to participate in the investigation by Inspector Thomas Kelley. Once we are able to view Moore's testimony, we can invite him for an interview. Requested from the Church committee the last week in October 1996.
7. Church Committee records should also contain information supplied by Chief Rowley, which may require further investigation for records. The Service's delivery of the Rowley records did not include a "Chron" file, which we requested.

For additional details on Secret Service deadlines, see sepdates, which itemizes our ongoing correspondence with the Service.