

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: US Secret Service Records and Issues at the March 13-14, 1997 Review
Board Meeting

This memo supplements information in my February 4, 1997 memo, which listed documents for the February 13-14, 1997 Review Board meeting.

Designation of Assassination Records.

1. PRS Files on Individuals. On February 19, 1997, ARRB staff obtained copies of records that the Secret Service had referred to the FBI for third agency review.

On August 1, 1996, John Machado of the Secret Service had sent documents with FBI equities from the Secret Service files of Raymond Broshears and Pedro Diaz Lanz to the FBI. On October 16, 1996, Machado sent records from the Abraham Bolden file to the FBI.

The staff recommends that the Lanz records are "assassination records." Debbie Beatty advises that the FBI will consider its equities in the USSS Lanz file when the FBI reviews its own Lanz file. We have no estimated date for completion.

The Broshears material is "not believed to be related" to the assassination. *The staff recommends* that the Service be advised of the NBR status of the Broshears material and that the Service should provide the rest of its Broshears file to ARRB for review.

The staff recommends that the documents from the Abraham Bolden file are "assassination records."

2. Testimony by Chief James J. Rowley and Assistant Director Thomas J. Kelley, National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence (October 3, 1968) from the LBJ Library. 132 pages. Rowley summarized the duties of the Secret Service and quoted from the Warren Commission. Kelley listed more specific changes instituted at the Secret Service as a result of the

Warren Commission. One of the panel members, Albert Jenner, asked Kelley very direct questions about whether the Service's new measures would turn up someone such as Oswald as a target for investigation. Kelley discussed, among other topics, the type of information that had been provided to the Secret Service by other government agencies before the assassination. *Staff recommendation:* the entire testimony is an assassination record. This testimony should be added to the JFK Collection's holdings from the LBJ Library. (Steve Tilley advises that this testimony is not currently in the JFK Collection.)

Other Secret Service Issues

3. The Richard Case Nagell file. On February 18, 1997, the Bureau of Prisons sent us a letter stating their objection to the release of BOP records in the Secret Service Nagell file. The Bureau of Prisons has indicated a "Section 6" postponement for all of the medical reports and cited the privacy interests of Nagell's children. The Bureau of Prisons is quite likely to appeal the release of their records in the Secret Service file. On March 5, 1997, ARRB staff presented the FBI portion of the Army's file on Nagell to Debby Beatty for review. On March 6, 1997, the staff requested a priority review of the most relevant portions of the Army file on Nagell.

4. Third Agency Referrals by the Secret Service. John Machado's letters to the FBI, which accompanied Secret Service referred documents, stated a Service policy that has resulted in delays in our receipt of these materials. In his letter of August 1, 1996, Machado referred to an agreement the Service has with the FBI not to provide ARRB with referred documents until after the entire referral process is complete. Since the FBI provided ARRB with unreviewed referred materials (and the letter by Machado), it appears that this policy of withholding was initiated and observed only by the Secret Service. Recently, ARRB has begun to request our access to Secret Service files *before* the records are referred to third agencies.

5. Additional Records. On March 10, 1997, John Machado advised that he had sent material to ARRB by U.S. Mail on March 7, 1997. This material might arrive in time for the Board to review it.

UPDATE: March 12, 1997: We received additional records from the Secret Service. The Board will be able to designate these records--mostly correspondence between the Service and the Church Committee --"assassination records."

