

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Potential Requests for Material from USSS (in no particular order)

1. In his interview with HSCA, SA Robert J. Jamison mentioned the names of several USSS SAs in the Miami office. This list included an individual named McCord (FNU). We could ask USSS to provide us with identifying information/or the personnel file on McCord.

2. In his interview with HSCA, Ernest Aragon (SA Miami) was asked about Cuban activists. Among them was one Manuel O. Rodriguez, who was connected with Miami and Dallas. We could ask USSS to supply us with his file. Aragon said if he had worked on Rodriguez, "the records of his interview would be on file at Secret Service in Washington, D.C." (According to the Mary Ferrell database, FBI Special Agent Wallace R. Heitman wrote a report on Rodriguez.)

3. In her interview with HSCA, Charlotte Klappowski mentioned the clerk's notebook in reference to the Chicago office. Maybe there are surviving clerk's notebooks from other offices. We could ask the USSS to make specific requests of all field offices--and especially the Chicago office--for any clerk's notebooks from 1961-1964.

4. In his interview with HSCA investigators, Maurice Martineau described how the Secret Service filing system worked. (See attached pages.) We could make a specific request for all presidential threat files (1961-1964) from Chicago (CO# 2-1 or COS 2-1#)

4a. We could request the threat files on which Eileen Dineen based her reports. We should wait until the Board has made a determination on Dineen's reports.

5. In the Tim McIntyre interview the HSCA questioner asked this agent about the USSS ID books each one had--he referred to them as "Agents' Commission books"--being recalled. The interviewer apparently hinted that these ID books had been called in and new ones issued after the assassination. We could ask USSS to provide us with ID books for each of the agents who submitted a special report for November 22, 1963, to see if they are dated anew beginning in November, 1963. Such redating--if it happened-- might suggest some suspicion at headquarters about misuse of USSS identification during the day of the assassination.

6. We could ask USSS to document their command post operations for November, 1963. That is, we

want specific information about who was listening to various channels from the motorcade. We know that the pilots at Love Field heard about the shooting almost instantly. Were any transmissions recorded via White House Communications or through the USSS command post set up at the Sheridan Hotel in Dallas. There were at least two channels that have not been documented: the walkie-talkie system inside the motorcade and the communications between the motorcade (Lawson in the lead car?) and the command post and the pilots at the airport. We want tapes/transcripts.

7. In his interview with the HSCA, Lubert deFreese mentioned that Ernest Aragon had written a "report on the Miami Cuban Affairs." This was mentioned in the Final Survey Report for JFK's 1963 Miami trip and in the supplement to this report (12-30-63). De Freese had written his Final Survey of the Miami trip on 12-11-63. We could ask for the Final Survey and the supplement and the Aragon report.

8. William Greer mentioned his personal "trip books" in his attic during his interview with HSCA. Greer promised to send them to Washington. (I looked for these in the HSCA collection but did not find them.)

8a. Greer submitted a voucher for his time for the month of November. See attached. We could request vouchers for all agents who wrote shift reports in November, 1963, regarding JFK protection. Presumably, Greer was with JFK almost all of the time. His itinerary is useful since the trip files have been destroyed.

9. Abraham Bolden mentioned that his notebook describing events of Oct 30-Nov 2, 1963, had been taken away from him by USSS agents when he was arrested. Bolden said he had leads in Chicago in November, 1963. We could ask for Bolden's notebook. Bolden also stated that the USSS used a "COS" designation to hide files and deny having them: "Bolden recalls that James Rowley called from Washington and suggested that Martineau use a COS file number. Bolden explained that a CO (for Central Office) number was issued only in or from Washington Headquarters and an "S" for Secret or Sensitive was given when they wanted to sequester information contained in the file. He explained that these files were kept separate from all others and that SS could say they had nothing in their files on a subject when in fact a "COS" file existed. He said as far as he knew, these were never destroyed (underscoring ours). In addition to the COS file number, Bolden said that all agents who were involved in this surveillance activity were told by ATSAIC Martineau to turn in their notebooks." Martineau was referring to surveillance of Cubans in Chicago. We could ask for all COS files for November, 1963.

10. Bonnie Curtin's report on USSS Record keeping for NARA suggests the following areas for requests:

- p. 18: "Inactive still photographs are maintained by the Office of Government Liaison and Public Affairs, Historian's Unit."

p. 33 "USSS has...still photographic records that collectively contain approximately 22,000 images as well as textual and audiotapes."

- p. 32: "Currently, VIB [Visual Information Branch] maintains approximately 10 cubic feet of unscheduled videotapes that were created for internal training and informational purposes. Past practice has been for VIB to retain videotapes for 2 years after the last request for copies. In response to the NARA evaluation visit, MNO issued a memorandum to cease destruction of videotapes pending NARA approved disposition."

p. 33: "Audiovisual records, which span from 1880 to 1965, complement textual records already accessioned by NARA."

- See attached list of potentially permanent records (page 34 of Curtin's Report).
- Since HSCA interviewers of Maurice Martineau bemoaned the paucity of records pertaining to threats when President Kennedy was scheduled to visit Chicago in November 1963, we might just ask about USSS holdings at National Archives-Great Lakes Region (Chicago) **1 cubic foot** referenced on page 37 of Curtin Report. Or perhaps these are in some COS file at USSS Headquarters that HSCA could not get from USSS.

The above supplements my memo on my visit to the Secret Service Archives, which contained potential requests such as the Agents Field Manual in use in 1963.

11. We could request audiotapes and film/videotapes of the doctors' news conference from November 22, 1963.