

Insert to Vezeris letter re: assassination record designations

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It is now the responsibility of the Secret Service to determine whether any of the designated assassination records contain information that it wishes to postpone under Section 6 of the JFK Act. Because of the public nature of the newsclippings, news conference transcripts, and suggestions from the public, we do not anticipate that you would seek postponements in those categories of records. The 88 pages of Manchester material appear to duplicate information identified as to be opened in full on the list accompanying your delivery of records on April 5, 1996. Thus, it is only with regard to the numbered Secret Service documents that we anticipate you may wish to assert postponements.

We request that you follow these procedures for processing the above-identified records under the JFK Act:

Records containing no claimed postponements: The Secret Service should prepare an electronic identification aid for each record, and attach a printed copy of the corresponding identification aid to each record. The records, attached identification aids, and computer disks containing the electronic identification aids should be forwarded to Steve Tilley at the JFK Collection at the NARA II facility in College Park. Copies of the computer disks should be sent to us as well, so that we may update our databases.

Records containing information the Secret Service wishes to postpone: You will have to prepare electronic identification aids for each of these records as well. You will also have to prepare two photocopies of each record with the material you wish to postpone redacted (you may wish to keep a third redacted photocopy for your records). A printed copy of the corresponding identification aid should be attached to both redacted copies of each record. One set of the redacted copies, with printed identification aids attached, should be forwarded to Steve Tilley at NARA II. You should also send to Steve Tilley the electronic identification aids on computer disks. The second set of redacted copies, also with printed identification aids attached, and copies of the electronic identification aids on computer disks, should be sent to us so that the Review Board can vote on the postponements you assert. You also should provide to the Review Board written justifications in support of the postponements claimed in each record. In the absence of clear and convincing evidence in support of the claimed postponements, a record will be opened in full. See JFK Act, §§ 6 and 9(c)(1)(B).

We request that this process be completed by July 15, 1996. If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please call me.