

Meeting began with them explaining a little bit about their branch and the Secret Service's current organization. They explained the "Investigative Support Division" and the "Intelligence Division." They also told me about the "Government Liaison and Public Affairs" office. Mike Sampson (the historian) works within this office and maintains *THE RECORD* there.

Explained that at Center Point (in Landover) they keep records that haven't been scheduled, or are being stored. Half of what's out there is now scheduled. The Records Centers won't accept records unless they are scheduled. there. Heade division1.

1. SS-1 Files of Chief James Rowley

John stated that he believes Mike Sampson had recorded an oral history with James Rowley. John said he would contact Mike Sampson about this. Machado explained that Sampson was in charge of their "archivist office." A lot of the Rowley materials which they ultimately forwarded were located in Rowley's office.

John and Ann didn't think that Rowley maintained a central file. Even today, the Director does not maintain a clean set of files. Most of his speeches are kept. According to John, there's no one central place that they're going to find director's correspondences. The Secret Service is very "current-day" operational.

Field offices will open up files and they'll end up at headquarters. This organization is very centralized.

They thought that Chief Rowley's right-hand person was Tom Kelly. (He headed up PRS for a long period of time)

Back then, administrative files would be thrown out after three years or so.

Today, there is a segregation of program records and administrative records. [Program records are maintained by each of the "core" areas]

"Oral History Program"

John believes that NARA started this. There will probably be problems with this if we ask for the records. The people who agreed to do this thought that there would be confidentiality. Most of these were done through a "deed of trust." Conceived by George Chaloutte. It probably fell under the Records Act.

With regard to Rowley, Mike Sampson probably went out with a couple of agents and talked

with him. "He's probably done this with other people as well."

The photos from the limousine came out of Mike Sampson's office.

Prior to Mike Sampson, there was Dottie Jacobson(mid 70's to approx. 1985); Joe Kohler (not there very long).

Mike Sampson probably uses the verbage of "cataloguing" Mike also did a card atalogue type thing. He maintains copies of The Service Star (was not in print during 1960's). The Record stopped in 1975.

If there were tapes generated as a result of the Rowley interview, they'd probably be in Mike Sampson's office. In the 1960's PRS would be the place to keep tapes. (Now - Visual Information Branch (Forensic Services))Photos from limousine were retrieved from Mike's Office. During the 1977 era - probably retrieved from PRS.

SS-3 PPD Shift Reports (Unusual Incidents 1960, 1963-66; Richard Nagell)

With regard to the "Other Places File" John stated, "I can only presume that these files were created at the beginning of the year." All that's in that first part of the year are local trips in town (Washington). We're assuming that is the same scenario for the July - November file. John's conclusion, we don't have that file, but we can't think of anything else of importance to the assassination that would be in there."

John talked about the "Mastrovito Memo" which dealt with efforts to purge the files relating to the Kennedy administration. Rowley was actually the one who wanted to save a lot of this. Because of this memorandum and others like it, John surmised that many of the files had been destroyed.

John also mentioned that Thomas Kelly had generated several memoranda of this nature.

Regarding the Berlin file - John said at first that he was still trying to find this. There is no paper trail of people who could have seen this file. Sometimes, Presidents will ask for a file, and then it will never be returned. Years later, a Presidential library will call them and notify them that they have found a file which actually belonged to the Secret Service. NOTE: After we were done, John was looking through his notebook, and discovered the inventory on the PSR's. His notes reflected that he had gone out to NARA on (10-25-96) and had reviewed all of the PSR's at that time. He had notations next to all of the files - either N/N (no names) or Names (which he then copied down for purposes of claiming postponements). Based on

his notes, John thinks that the Berlin file was at NARA when he went out there in October.

Later, John pulled out some notes that he had regarding the PSR's and his notes reflected that he had examined the Berlin file in 1995, and that it was in Box 5 at that time.

We also discussed the issue of PPD Shift Reports. According to Ann and John, the only permanent records kept were for the campaign years. (Otherwise, the White House Dairies detailed the movements of the president). They did keep the Shift reports in the Kennedy era. (Speculated that this was because of the historical significance). John said that they had turned Shift reports over to us for the month of November, 1963.

We didn't have any for the VP - except for some around the Dallas trip (because the VP suddenly became President.) The White House detail and PPD would have maintained these.

SS-4 (Protective Survey Reports, USSS Archive Materials, News Clips)

The Record - John explained the schedule they have in place with NARA. In the year 2007, these issues will be going to the National Archives. There is a signed document which places these documents there in the year 2007. The only vehicle which exists for formally transferring these documents is the SF-115. (Plus - there are no guarantees that the National Archives will even want these records in the year 2007). There is no formal way to do what the ARRB is proposing. John and Ann stated that they need these volumes now. As far as letting the General Public view the records, this didn't seem too feasible, because there was no where for the public to sit and view them.

When I proposed copying them, they said they would need to have someone do it and pay (?) for it. (Too voluminous and difficult to copy).

With regard to the Protective Survey Reports - John stated that he didn't think they would have a problem with them. (Said he could get back to me on these only after discussing the issue with Jane Vezeris. That meeting is going to occur on January 13, 1998 - so it will be some time after that).

SS-5 (Files of Kellerman and Tucker)

Fine - we can inspect them. Let him know when and where. (He still has the files.

SS-6 (Cross-Referenced cases in Lee Harvey Oswald file)

John commented that the way the SS keeps these files is by groups, and not by individuals.

This request is complete. The Gilberto Lopez file sent to us on 5-9-97, and designated by ARRB as assassination record. John stated that they have sent this to NARA. RIF No. 154-1003-10066.

SS-7 (Files on Individuals)

On June 7, 1997, everything was sent to NARA.

SS-8 (Personnel and Internal Review Files on Kelly, Greer, Fox & General Internal \ Review Documents)

John said we can come inspect these. Write a letter. Combine them with other requests.

With regard to the Internal Review Files: They said they went through the boxes and found the "special" files. Bolden's was the only one they found that was related in any way. "Special" were investigations conducted by the Office of Inspection (like Internal Affairs). We were looking for "Specials" on anybody.

They said they sent the entire Bolden file to the Board and then to NARA. In fact, they sent more than what was designated.

When I pushed further about the Internal Review issue, and talked about comments that Rowley had made, John stated that there was suspicion that there was internal discipline - but they had not found any evidence of this. Kelly conducted the investigation itself. John believes that they have turned over the document which states why Rowley put Kelly in charge of this investigation. WE looked for this, and whatever we found we turned over. We explained this in a November, 1996 letter.

SS-9 (Letters of Understanding, Protective Research Packet; COS Records)

We discussed the Knight briefing book issue. There is a letter which documents their efforts to look for this (See Sept. 9, 1996 letter to David Marwell from Jane Vezeris). John thinks that these pages (145-151) were taken out when Stuart Knight went to testify. John has looked in the Foreign Intelligence Branch of the Intelligence Division - to no avail.

Also, there were other Protection Agreements located (went through the process of reviewing these all with FBI). I NEED TO FIND OUT MORE RE THIS.

SS-10 (Files on Individuals)

Done.

SS-11 (Bouck)

With regard to the PRS - a lot of this stuff was Bouck's materials. John: We're not looking for any more stuff. I told him we needed to look through the Bouck materials and decide what additional requests, if any, we had regarding PRS.

John said they had sent sixteen documents to the archives (which were designated by the Board in July, 1997.). He referred to a letter dated May 9, 1997 regarding SS-11. John said that they had pulled everything with Bouck's name. In July, 1997, we sent back everything that we designated. John thinks all Bouck materials have been taken care of (Our understanding is that we were done with this.)

Joan had concerns that there were notes by the White House Detail that should have been kept. (We had discussion re: police officers and notes, etc.)

John explained what goes in a Trip file today (check list) No more, no less.

SS-13 (HSCA Records and Files on Individuals)

We're to get back to them.

SS-14 (Secret Service Correspondence with Congressional and Presidential Committees)

March 7, 1997 (stuff went to archives)

Project STAR - ARPA (Army and Research Planning Agency) "Project Star refers to a research project prepared by the military in 1964 regarding more effective protection for the President.

This will be a dicey issue. Their contact at DARPA is Fred Kothur. He has documents relating to Project Star. The Service is still using some of the recommendations of Project Star. The SS has one issue with Project Star which they will dispose of and refer to us. (It has to do with something we're doing today). A lot of concern that this get out. Kothur has to send the remaining materials up to the Office of the Secretary of Defense. They will review these and get back to us.

Re: Counsel

We pulled the documents we had (Wallach and McBrien) there were eighteen

documents. We may have turned these over straight to the archives without sending them over to us. John was looking for the letter he sent regarding the list of records pertaining to attorney stuff. (Note: I need to check with Steve Tilley for this and possibly others)

SS-15 (Files on Individuals)

We discussed Fonden issue. (File is actually at the archives). We need to take up the issue of the Air Force's requested postponements.

SS-16 (Classified Log Books)

Regarding this log book (PPD found it one day last year or early this year). Somebody called and said "we have this logbook." John doesn't remember who it was. The whole issue came up after they sent around the last request for documents. "The problem with the logbook is that it was a "pass through" kind of thing. " There was one I.D. logbook (see SS-17) that we no longer keep. These are the only two log books that we have found. John doesn't know when the Service stopped using the logbooks. (Thinks early 1970's) computers replaced them.

SS-17 (Records on Cuban Activities)

The actual log book is over in Identification.

SS-18/SS-19/SS-20

John said that they were getting these responses ready for us. John said there wasn't much stuff in there.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Time Cards (This was in response to SS-12) (1587)

Tells how much of how many activities they were doing a more formalized shift. They did give us some. There are more of these that the Secret Service needs to give us. According to them, "We're at the point where it needs to go to investigations and then it will be returned to us. John gave us all of these records at the July 31, 1997 meeting. As a result, Joan came out to look at the material.

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JOHN: "At one point, we were appealing this to the President. His feeling was that the President didn't want to be bothered with this. The issue for the Service is the fact that they want the names to be separated from the evaluations. NOTE: These weren't the subject of an AARB request (they came earlier). See correspondence from 9-20-96 (responded to a 6-17 and 7-11 letter from us).

The Service made a compromise offer: Separate names from the evals. This was made to David Marwell over the phone. David was supposed to get back to us, but he didn't.