

MEMORANDUM

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Subject:

Three Types of Documents

- I. Assassination-Related Records and Information (includes core files and any records in the HSCA subjects that are obviously assassination-related)
 - A. Strategy
 1. allow the FBI to approach the Legats and ask them to request the foreign governments to release the information
 - a. packets to the Legats will contain:
 - i. letter from Freeh
 - ii. letter from us
 - iii. documents
 2. if the Legats are unsuccessful in getting the information released, we will determine whether to approach the State Department and the country's embassy here in the U.S. and try to get the information released through diplomatic channels
- II. Records that shed at least some light on issues that the HSCA explored as potentially relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy (includes almost all of the records in the HSCA subjects)
 - A. threshold:
 1. the *redacted information* does not meaningfully contribute to the understanding of the assassination of President Kennedy, but the *record as a whole* bears to some extent on an assassination related issue
 - B. examples of issues that we encounter

1. a foreign government *that still exists* (or one of their officials) shares its information with the FBI
 - a. recommendation: Release information received through liaison channels, while protecting direct acknowledgement of the source of the information.
 - b. OLIA will not sign off on this approach
 - c. window?
2. a foreign government that *no longer exists* (or one of its officials) shares information with the FBI
 - a. recommendation: Release the information.
 - b. problem: some governments have changed hands (e.g. Spanish)
3. informants of the Legats
 - a. types
 - i. individual members of a still-existing foreign government share information with the FBI and it is not clear whether the government would approve
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 - ii. liaison between the Legats and local law enforcement
 - iii. regular informants
 - b. legal/illegal activity in the foreign government
 - i. had an agreement with Mexico
 - ii. many other countries don't know

III. NBR Records

- A. The existing "NBR" Guidelines will allow us to remove from further consideration those *records or files* that truly have no apparent relevance

to the assassination.