

## MEMORANDUM

April 7, 1998

To: T. Jeremy Gunn  
Executive Director

From: Laura Denk  
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Subject: Need to Finalize Review Board Guidelines for Foreign Government Information in the FBI's "Segregated Collection"

At the Review Board's November 17, 1997 meeting, the Review Board staff recommended that the Review Board designate as not believed relevant, or "NBR," foreign government information in the FBI's "Segregated Collection." See, Memorandum from Laura Denk to T. Jeremy Gunn, *NBR Foreign Government Information in the FBI's "Segregated Collection,"* November 12, 1997, at 1 (attached).

In the November meeting, the Review Board did not disagree with the staff recommendation, but it decided to defer a final decision on the records. Since November, the FBI team members have been copying and bringing back to our SCIF those documents that contain foreign government information from FBI "Segregated Collection" subjects that they are negotiating. One Board member -- Anna Nelson -- reviewed a stack of these "Segregated Collection" records with foreign government information and remarked to me at the time that she believed that the information at issue was not relevant to the assassination and certainly not worth the resources that the Board might expend if it were to pursue release of the records through diplomatic channels.

Given that the Review Board has not finalized its decision on how to treat foreign government information in the FBI's "Segregated Collection," I would like to make all of the records that the FBI team has copied to date available to the Board members so that they will have the opportunity to review the records before their April 13, 1998 meeting. Then, during the meeting itself, I would like to present a sampling of the records to the Review Board and request that they finalize their decision on the issue. Kevin reports that, were the Review Board to make a determination on the foreign government information issue, the Review Board could immediately vote on approximately 850 records and the FBI could transfer the records to the JFK Collection.

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