

MEMORANDUM

October 8, 1997

To: T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

From: Laura Denk

Subject: Assassination Records of the United States Customs Service and the
Internal Revenue Service

In response to your e-mail requesting my best reasonable estimate of the number of assassination records from your agencies that are awaiting Board Review:

Customs Service

1. Number of assassination records from your agency at ARRB awaiting ARRB staff review: 0

Quality of the estimate: reasonably confident estimate

Description: The Customs Service has identified the assassination records in its possession (this universe included all of the old Customs records in the Federal Records Center at Suitland and, based on documentation Customs provided to me, a very good search of field office records). According to Bruce Miller at Customs, the Customs Service has processed the records.

2. Number of records that have been identified as "assassination records" that are not yet at ARRB but that are being processed by the agency before being forwarded to ARRB: 0

Quality of the estimate: reasonably confident estimate.

Description: As I understand it, the Customs Service is not claiming any postponements, so none of their records require Board review. We did encounter one glitch early on where Customs tried to postpone information on the RIFs of some of the HSCA records, but Joe Freeman was able to clear up the confusion.

3. Additional Information: My answers to the above questions are "reasonably

confident" and not "accurate" because, as a final act in my capacity as person-responsible-for-Customs, I intend to go to NARA II to verify that what Customs has told us about the records is, in fact, accurate.

Internal Revenue Service

1. Number of assassination records from your agency at ARRB awaiting ARRB staff review: No idea, but includes at least a couple of file folders from litigation involving the Ruby family, 400-500 pages of records referred from Steve Tilley at Archives to IRS from the Congressional Committees and a very large number of records referred from FBI to IRS.

Quality of the estimate: Other than the information I have provided, I do not have any information on which to base a guess.

2. Number of records that have been identified as "assassination records" that are not yet at ARRB but that are being processed by the agency before being forwarded to ARRB: 0

I have described above the universe of records of which I am aware, but I do not think that IRS has begun to process any of the records.

Quality of the estimate: reasonably confident estimate.