

May 12, 1997

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Re: Records of the Metropolitan Crime Commission

Dear Mr. Goyeneche:

I am writing to confirm what I told Mr. Anthony Radosti of your office and Mr. Warren DeBrueys last week about the Assassination Records Review Board's handling of our copies of files maintained by Mr. W. Guy Banister ("the Banister records").

In Philip Golrick's September 16, 1996, letter to you (attached hereto), he noted that many of the Banister records that we copied from the MCC files relate to Mr. Banister's work in the New Orleans Police Department in the 1950's, but that other of these records post-date Mr. Banister's tenure with the New Orleans Police Department. We have now completed our review of all of the Banister files that we obtained from the MCC and can confirm that only 4 of the 339 folders that were in the MCC's "Guy Banister" boxes (less than two percent) contain material that appears on its face to be assassination related.¹

Twelve of the folders (approximately three and half percent of the total) were empty. The remaining 323 file folders relate to the internal affairs of the New Orleans Police Department during the 1950's. Approximately eighty percent of these folders contain documentation of specific allegations of police misconduct in the New Orleans Police Department in the 1950s. Another fifteen percent of the folders are labeled by subject (e.g. "Gambling General," "Rank Structure," "Dismissals/Graft," "Crime and Entertainment Industry") and contain both general information on the subject (news articles, book excerpts) as well as specific information that would fall within the subject area such as informant reports, citizen complaints, and police

¹The four files are labeled as follows: 5-34 (information relating to Guy Bannister and Associates investigative agency); 5-37 (information relating to Jack Martin, news clippings on Carlos Marcello); 5-100 (information relating to G. Wray Gill and to David Ferrie); and 9-1 (information relating to Guy Bannister and Associates investigative agency).

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reports.. All of these internal affairs files date back to the 1950's. The remaining folders (three and a half percent of the total) were empty.

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Materials relating to law enforcement investigations of individuals or organizations, to proposed appoint