

MEMORANDUM

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cc: David Marwell, T. Jeremy Gunn, Douglas P. Horne

FROM: Manuel E. Legaspi

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM: Current Status of JFK Assassination Records at the National Security Agency (NSA)

This memorandum is an addendum to/clarification of the 1 August 1997 memorandum regarding the current status of NSA records transferred to the ARRB for processing under P.L. 102-526 (copy attached for your reference, see attachment(A)), specifically, to indicate that the heretofore "missing" 28 NSA documents (as cited in page one, paragraph four) have been located.

At the 25 July 1997 meeting at Ft. Meade, NSA had stated that it had sent to the ARRB 28 documents in December 1996. These documents were records originated by other agencies that had been retained in NSA files. The 1 August 1997 memorandum stated that ARRB staff members had conducted a search of ARRB files and were unable to locate the 28 documents, and staff could not find any record of their delivery to ARRB offices.

ARRB staff members' methodology in searching for the documents and records pertaining to their delivery was as follows:

- 1) assuming that the NSA materials were classified "Top Secret-SCI," a check of the top secret log (which contains all records of deliveries of T.S. material) was checked by Christopher Barger the week of 28 July 1997, with negative results.
- 2) assuming that the NSA materials were classified "Top Secret-SCI," a full check of all materials residing in the top secret safe was conducted on 30 July 1997 by Barger and Manuel E. Legaspi with negative results.
- 3) A full check of all call and contact reports for any possible reference to the 28 documents was conducted by Legaspi during the week of 04 August 1997, with negative results.
- 4) A review of NSA paper correspondence in the relevant file folders in the SCIF was checked by Legaspi on 11 August 1997 with negative results.

However, upon review of the shelves in the SCIF for an unrelated matter on 11 August 1997, Legaspi found a folder containing the 28 documents and (seemingly) all correspondence from NSA regarding the transfer and status of these records. The 28 documents are classified SECRET or lower and were therefore never entered into the T.S. log.

The only record of the receipt of the documents (internal ARRB E-mail from Cathy Rodriguez) is attached for your reference (attachment (B)).

Since these documents were originated by agencies other than the NSA (these are third-agency records NSA found in its files), ARRB will accept responsibility for the referral and further handling of these documents. NSA representatives, at above-referenced 25 July 1997 meeting, had insisted that former ARRB Military Team Chief Tim Wray had informed them that the ARRB would handle this task.