

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Claudia Collins, National Security Agency
Lee Schroyer, National Security Agency

cc: Jeremy Gunn, Michelle Combs

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SUBJECT: 21 October 1997 Meeting Highlights

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to memorialize the discussions which took place at a meeting between representatives from the National Security Agency and the Assassination Records Review Board on 21 October 1997 at ARRB offices in Washington, DC. Discussed were matters related to the review of records pertaining to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. This memorandum will also serve as a point of reference for documents that have been pulled from the current schedule of review in order to facilitate an NSA reexamination of postponements. ARRB staffers had, upon their review of these records, felt that additional information could possibly be released without harm to national security concerns.

2. Please be advised that no classified material is contained in this document. Documents will only be referenced using the unclassified record identification number (RIF) and the general topic of the review issue discussed.

3. For NSA documents containing the names of military personnel that were protected for privacy reasons, ARRB agreed to take primary responsibility for referring this issue to the appropriate military service. NSA would have no objection to the release of these names if the appropriate military service felt that there was no need to protect.

This applies to the following documents:

#144-10001-10172

-10177
-10175
-10251
-10178
-10179
-10180
-10159
-10193

4. For NSA documents relating to information that may be subject to release based on another agency's equities, NSA stated that it would re-review the information and get back to ARRB.
This applies to: #144-10001-10025

-10195
-10211

5. For NSA documents that contain large blocks of redacted text, NSA agreed to re-review these issues with the specific goal of releasing information that could allow a reader to determine that the information is not related to the assassination without compromising other sensitive information contained in the document.

This applies to #144-10001-10127

-10191
-10202
-10205

6. ARRB will start a "paper trail" to initiate the review of two documents:

- The ARRB interview of an NSA employee who had knowledge of NSA's capabilities at the time of the assassination, and
- NSA responses to specific ARRB questions regarding the operational capabilities of the National Security Agency in 1963.

7. The following records will be referred to the FBI for an evaluation of its equities:

144-10001-10158

-10174
-10264
-10206

8. ARRB agreed to protect items that were not highlighted as a result of an NSA administrative error:
144-10001-10176
-10252

9. NSA indicated that it would process the following HSCA documents, as follows:
180-10096-10370 (dupes NSA 10259, an NSA consent release)
180-10075-10332 (dupes NSA 10186) (This record dupes, in part, #NSA 10186. The duplicated information has already been released, as such, NSA has no objection to the full release of this document.)
180-10078-10244 (one postponement taken by NSA staff)
180-10099-10488 (A copy of this document was taken back by NSA staff, they will make an evaluation and make a recommendation on their equities)

10. Ms. Collins stated that she is in the process of rectifying the discrepancy in the number of already-identified NSA assassination records as stated in NSA's compliance letter (267) and the number of assassination records already received and accounted for by ARRB staff (263).

11. ARRB staff advised Ms. Collins that they were still interested in attending a briefing for ARRB staffers similar to the one provided for members of the Review Board in 1995. Ms. Collins and Ms. Schroyer indicated that it will take a little time for them to make the arrangements, however, a briefing could be scheduled for a time as early as next month. ARRB staff also advised NSA officials that Review Board member Dr. Kermit Hall had indicated a desire to visit their facilities at Fort Meade and had several questions about JFK-related matters.