

MEMORANDUM

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To: Jeremy Gunn

cc: Mary S. McAuliffe, Joseph Freeman

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Subject: HSCA Security Classified files

For the past week we have examined the contents of the six boxes of security classified HSCA files which were brought over from the National Archives by Joseph Freeman. Our findings can be summarized as follows:

- The contents of the boxes are not organized in any fashion. Joe has theorized that these six boxes contain items which the HSCA staff could not or did not refer to other agencies when they closed up shop. Therefore, a confusing mishmash of documents, ranging from telephone conversation summaries, written correspondence, notes and copies of depositions, makes up this collection.
- There is no consistency in the classification of the contents. Some of the documents are redacted copies of original files, while others are highly classified. Only a few have RIFs attached (most of those with RIFs have already been opened in full).
- Many of the documents carry CIA equities. (We have come up with a preliminary list of these documents, which we can present to you if you deem it necessary.) Since most of these items do not have RIFs attached to them, it is impossible to tell if they are already in the JFK collection in redacted form. We did not find any copies of CIA cables or files in these boxes.

Due to the irregular nature of this collection, our recommendation is that the contents of these six boxes need to be rectified with other collections before they can be "review tracked" by the staff. While there may be some documents which may be easily releasable, it is probably a better idea to try to place these items in some kind of order, so as to make sure that they are treated in a manner which is consistent with copies elsewhere in the JFK collection at NARA.

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