

MEMORANDUM

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cc: Mary McAuliffe

From: Michelle Seguin

Subject: Suggested Change in System of Review

On March 6, 1996, Manuel and I went to CIA to take a cursory examination of the JFK collection. Our goal was to form some idea of the problems we may meet during the review process. After reviewing a limited amount of records, I would like to submit a proposal for changing our present system of review.

As Manuel and I discovered, the JFK collection consists of many records that have already been reviewed by the Board and many records containing issues that the Board and Agency has already released. With this in mind, I propose that we only "fully" review the redactions that the Board needs to address. This suggestion implies that the analysts would not be required to input the standard review track data for the redactions that the Board has already voted to release and those that the Agency has already consented to release. While I realize we have to account for the number of the released redactions, the analyst would simply have to count them and input the number. It is my impression that we do not use any of the other review track information for the released redactions in the current process and therefore could be eliminated. Presumably, Chet would be able to design a program that would pick up this number to fulfill the Board's obligations with the Final Determination Forms and the Federal Register Notices.

I strongly believe that this change would greatly expedite the review process for not only the analysts but also the Board members. I request that you consider my proposal. If you would like to discuss this further, please let me know.

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