

## MEMORANDUM

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To: Jeremy Gunn  
cc: Mary McAuliffe

From: Michelle Seguin

Subject: Research Project - Win Scott's Papers

As requested, I have been attempting to clarify the story surrounding James Angleton's trip to Mexico City at the time of Win Scott's death and to determine the exact contents of Win Scott's safe. I have primarily relied on Angleton's and Anne Goodpasture's HSCA testimonies and discussions with Mark Zaid, Mike Scott's attorney. I also checked several secondary sources but they did not contain any illuminating information.

My interpretation of the story follows: When Win Scott died in 1973, Anne Goodpasture contacted James Angleton to inform him of Scott's personal collection of classified documents that he had gathered during his term at CIA and kept in a safe at his home since his retirement. Angleton also had discovered, from whom is not clear, that Scott had been writing a biographical manuscript that contained classified information. In response, Angleton traveled to Mexico to attend the funeral and to talk with Mrs. Scott about allowing CIA personnel to look through Mr. Scott's papers.

When Angleton arrived in Mexico he requested the current station chief, John Horton, to accompany him to Mrs. Scott's home. Apparently, Mrs. Scott did not like Angleton much but was in good standing with Mr. Horton. Angleton did speak to Mrs. Scott and convinced her that the CIA must review Mr. Scott's papers for any classified material. When Angleton left Mexico, he took a copy of Scott's manuscript and asked Horton to assemble and log the remainder of Scott's classified materials and send them to headquarters.

I have attached the three "inventories" of the Win Scott papers; Mark Zaid gave us the first two and the third one comes from the microfilm of the HSCA segregated collection. I have not been able to review the microfilm copies because of logistical problems, but I hope to do so in the next month. The first two inventories seem to indicate the existence of many more "Win Scott documents" than are contained in the HSCA microfilm. This absence on the microfilm probably means that many documents were not designated assassination records.

I recommend that we request to review the files listed on the two inventories in order to ascertain their relevance to the assassination story. In addition, I recommend that we follow through on interviewing John Horton to confirm the story that I have just described. I do have his current

address and phone number, so we should not have a problem contacting him.

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