

MEMORANDUM

To: Jeremy Gunn

From: Phil Golrick

Subject: "Leads" for Additional FBI Assassination Records Not Yet Reduced to Requests to FBI

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The purpose of this memorandum is to identify certain "leads" that we have not yet reduced to requests to the FBI. I may have to supplement this with other memoranda if I have missed noteworthy topics.

Organized Crime ELSUR: As we have discussed, I have drafted a memorandum to the FBI asking about the scope of HSCA requests on organized crime surveillance and the availability of a list of all ELSUR targeted on organized crime figures in effect in the early 1960's. This draft memorandum awaits your review. When we receive a response from the FBI, and possibly after consulting with Blakey, we will be able frame whatever specific requests are appropriate.

Leads from Hosty Interview: I hope to wrap up and clean up the database, and make appropriate referrals to the FBI, before my departure. This will involve a more thorough review of potential "leads" than I am in a position to provide now. However, it is my impression that the most significant lead coming out of the Hosty interview (not yet reduced to at least a draft request) concern the Walker-related files Hosty described.

Information received by FBI from NSA: This information was channelized into particular HQ files, some of the numbers of which remain classified and have been postponed by the Review Board. Even so, these files may contain the type of relevant post-assassination material that we hoped to find, but did not find, in the FBI's "NSA liaison file." Kevin should be able to find the appropriate numbers, based on Carl's explanations in his justifications for sustaining the postponements for the file numbers.

FBI Background Investigation of Joseph Ball (and possibly other Warren Commission staffers): While reviewing the files provided in response to our Redlich request, I observed a reference to Rankin's having requested that the FBI conduct a background investigation on Redlich *and Ball*.

Thus, there is quite probably a file on Ball's investigation. We may wish to broaden the request to other WC staffers. David may have some thoughts on this question.¹

Sergio Archacha Smith: I mentioned this to you this morning. I'd suggest asking for files from HQ, New Orleans, Houston, and Dallas offices.

DRE: Another subject we discussed this morning. We agreed to request files from HQ, Miami, New Orleans, Dallas, New York, and Tampa offices.

¹The Redlich file also shows that the Civil Service Commission had done a background investigation on Redlich before Redlich asked the FBI to do an investigation. In context, this suggests to me that the CSC had done background checks on other WC staffers, and that Rankin referred Redlich (and possibly other "hard cases") to the FBI for additional investigation.