

MEMORANDUM

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From: Ronald G. Haron

Subject: Church Committee Testimony

This is a short status report regarding Church Committee transcripts that had not previously been sent to the JFK Collection.

Since the Summer of 1997, we have received approximately 90 transcripts (or interviews) from the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. We have reviewed these to determine which testimony is assassination-related and have referred those to the appropriate agencies for review.

To date, 14 transcripts and interviews have been released in full and have been transmitted to the National Archives for placement in the JFK Collection. These include interviews with McGeorge Bundy of NSC, William Sullivan of the FBI, and Santos Trafficante, the organized crime figure from Tampa, as well as the testimony of James Rowley, Chief of the Secret Service at the time of the assassination. In addition, we have had released the transcripts for several FBI officials with a role in the JFK investigation, including Gordon Shanklin, head of the FBI office in Dallas at the time of the assassination, Alex Rosen, Assistant FBI Director for the General Investigative Division, and Warren DeBrueys, who was the FBI agent who investigated the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (and Oswald) in the Summer of 1963. The June 20, 1975 testimony of William Colby regarding the Diem assassination and the February 11, 1976 testimony of the CIA case officer who met with AMLASH in Paris on the day of the assassination should be released shortly (after the Board votes on "green" issues).

In addition, about 40 other transcripts have been identified as assassination records and are in various stages of the referral and review process. This includes the testimony of former NSC advisor McGeorge Bundy, former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, and former CIA Directors John McCone and Richard Helms.

We still anticipate receiving additional transcripts from the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.