

MEMORANDUM

March 26, 1998

To: Laura Denk

From: Ronald G. Haron

Cc: File 4.16.4 (FBI-41)

Subject: Review of Edward Becker Files (Follow-Up to FBI-41)

A. Introduction

The FBI Headquarters file on Edward Becker (HQ No. 92-9927) is being processed as an HSCA subject. It contains 1967 memoranda relating to Becker's allegation that Carlos Marcello threatened the life of President Kennedy in September 1962. Based on our review of the HQ file, we requested the LA field office file (LA No. 92-2675) relating to Becker, as well as the LA informant file for the informant who, in 1967, discredited Becker (LA File 137 series file). This request was made under FBI No. 41. On March 24, 1988, I reviewed the LA field office file and the LA informant file made available pursuant to FBI request no. 41.

B. Designation of Assassination Records

1. LA Field Office File No. 92-2675 on Edward Becker

There are two assassination records in this file, although I believe they duplicate similar records in the HQ file on Becker. The two documents are:

- Serial 92-2675-1. This is a May 17, 1967 Memorandum from the SAC, Los Angeles, to the FBI Director regarding the allegations of Edward Becker as to Marcello and the Kennedy assassination.
- Serial 92-2675-2. This is a June 5, 1967 Memorandum from the SAC, Los Angeles, to the FBI Director regarding a source who discredits Becker (we need to decide whether the

identity of the source should be released).

2. Informant File from Los Angeles Field Office

Pursuant to FBI request no. 41, the FBI made available the informant file for the source that discredited Becker in 1967. I reviewed the entire informant file. The file contained copies of the documents serialized as 92-2675-1 and 92-2675-2 (described above). However, the informant file contained another document which is not replicated in either the HQ or LA files on Becker and should be designated as an assassination record. That document is a May 11, 1967 Memorandum from the SAC, Los Angeles, to the FBI Director regarding Marcello's alleged threat against President Kennedy, as reported by an author, Mr. Reid, in a book manuscript. There were no other assassination records in this informant file.