

June 12, 1995

Telephone call from Peggy Grafeld.

Peggy called on Friday, June 9, requesting a memorandum from our office indicating the records that we hoped to locate in various foreign countries. Peggy indicated that the current plan was to send a cable from the department directly to the ambassadors of the countries in question and asked that we provide as much detail as possible about what we hope to locate in the various countries.

Memo on Senior Staff Meeting, June 12, 1995

1. New Orleans - Tom Samoluk reviewed the witness list for the New Orleans hearing. Steve Tilley, Cynthia Wegman (the daughter of Clay Shaw's defense attorney), Steven Tyler (documentary film maker and researcher) and Michael Kurtz have all agreed to provide testimony at the hearing. We have not yet heard from the following individuals: Lyon Garrison, Harry Connick, the Director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, and the New Orleans Archivist. I have set Wednesday, June 14, 1995 as the deadline for the final decision on witness list for the hearing in New Orleans.
2. Federal Register Notice: Jeremy will prepare an appropriate notice for our hearing and Board meetings in New Orleans.
3. We agreed that it would be appropriate to set up a meeting with the National Archives to discuss the mechanics for the donation of records by private individuals. It is my view that Jeremy, Anne, and myself should be involved in this meeting.
4. It was agreed that efforts should be made to have the so-called Brilab trial materials transferred from the records center in Fort Worth to the courthouse in New Orleans for review by a member of our staff during the New Orleans hearing week. The purpose of this review would be twofold:
 1. To determine whether the trial records should be considered assassination records;
 2. To determine the details surrounding the sealing of certain tapes by the court.
5. The question of a stenographic or verbatim record of the Board's open meeting in New Orleans was raised. We must reach a decision in general about the records kept during open Board meetings. In any case, it was decided that a tape recording of the closed meeting would be made using a hand-held tape recorder.
6. I indicated that the issue of our security program would be a priority for the coming week. It is my intention to issue appropriate security directives and to ensure that our physical and procedural security plans and program are complete and in place.

Memo regarding a meeting with Max Holland.

I met with Max Holland on June 12, 1995. Among other things, Max referred to a memorandum in the Arthur Krock papers dated 25 November 1963 involving a meeting between Krock, McCone, and Robert Kennedy. This memo, and several others, are missing from the Krock papers and Max suggested that this memo would be of interest to us. In addition, Max drew my attention to a receipt in the Robert Kennedy papers at the Kennedy Library relating to top secret CIA memoranda that had been in Robert Kennedy's possession and had been returned to the CIA on the June 17, 1963. The receipt lists several score top secret memoranda. Max also referred to an article in Frontier Magazine by Jacob Cohen and recommended that I read it.

Memo to Jeremy Gunn re Joe Freeman's memo on documents received from the Center for Legislative Archives. ... in Joe's memo that the letter from Chairman Rose to the Archivist of the United States, Don Wilson, indicates that the Committee wishes to review all records that contain information that the Archives believes should be postponed. This statement by Chairman Rose is clearly at odds with the procedures that we believe the Archives has followed. It is also at odds with the statements made by the Archive staff during our recent meeting. What do you think we should do?