
STAFF NOTES

*Assassination Records Review Board
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Board Meeting in D.C. on February 9th-10th

The Review Board will be meeting in Washington on February 9th and 10th. An agenda will be faxed to members in advance of the meeting.

Assassination Record Definition Guidance To Be In Federal Register

The Review Board's draft assassination record definition guidance is scheduled to appear in the Federal Register during the week of February 6,

1995. The public will then have 30 days to comment on the draft.

A copy of the draft definition guidance will also be mailed directly to all members of the public and the research community who have corresponded with the Board, expressed an interest in our work or testified at a public hearing.

A news release on the publication of the draft guidance will be distributed to the media.

It is expected that the

Review Board will consider the draft guidance and public comments which are received at the early March Board meeting in Washington.

Tunheim Takes to Airwaves

Board Chair Jack Tunheim has taken to the airwaves to do two nationally syndicated live radio interviews in the last couple of weeks.

Jack was the guest on the Sun Radio Network to

discuss the ARRB on Tuesday, January 24th. He joined "Opinions" host Stan Anderson for an hour, answering questions about the Board from both the host and listeners. The show airs on 120 stations nationally.

This week, on Tuesday, Jack was a guest on the Talk American Radio Network's morning show called "The Washington Reality Check," co-hosted by Doug Stephan and Ellen Ratner. The show airs on 106 stations nationally. The producer has requested that Jack be a guest on the Network's evening talk show at a later date.

On February 14th, Jack will be a guest on the New England Public Radio Network. Their

Eric, Michelle, and Kevin have done some open source background research on agency filing systems. They have written memoranda on

afternoon talk show airs on eight public radio stations and covers seven states.

Boston Visit Planning Underway

David Marwell has had preliminary discussions with

Brad Gerratt, Director of the John F. Kennedy Library about a Board visit to Boston on March 23rd and 24th. Staff planning for the visit is continuing.

Analysts Travel to Federal Records Center

This week, Jeremy Gunn, Gene Burpoe, Kevin Tiernan, Phil Golrick, Michelle Seguin, and Eric Scheinkopf spent two days

several agencies, including the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Justice Department, the State Department and the CIA.

at the Federal Records Center (FRC) in Suitland, Maryland.

The FRC, which is operated by the National Archives, is a depository for federal agency records.

The Archives has physical, but not legal custody of agency records.

All records stored by the FRC are identified by accession forms. The analysts reviewed these forms which provide valuable information on agency filing systems and records under the control of the agencies. Several good leads were discovered for future inquiries into documents.

Analysis of Agency Filing Systems

Additional Staff Updates

Two more staffers have been hired and will be joining the Board over the course of the next

couple of months.

Dennis Quinn, a former litigation attorney with the United States Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corp, will be a senior analyst. He is a graduate of The National Law Center at George Washington University and received a bachelor of arts degree in speech communication from Montclair State College.

Eileen Sullivan has been hired as an administrative assistant. She is currently employed by the American Psychological Association as an administrative assistant. Eileen earned a bachelor of arts degree in public relations and French from The American University.

Construction Continues; Staff Move Coming Soon

The construction of the Board's new office space is well into its final phase. The staff is tentatively

scheduled to move into the offices during the week of February 13th.

Telephone Number Changes To Accompany Office Move

When the Board moves into the permanent offices, there will be new telephone numbers. Please note that the main number will still be (202) 724-0088. The fax number will remain (202) 724-0457. However, there will no longer be direct lines to senior staffers. They will have the following extensions:

- Jeremy Gunn.....226
- David Marwell.....232
- Tom Samoluk.....227
- Tracy Shycoff.....233
- Sheryl Walter.....231

Computer News

In case you missed them,

here are the ARRB E-MAIL addresses:

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Two Publications Note Senior Staffers in Place

The Washington Lawyer article on Jeremy Gunn, Tom Samoluk and Sheryl Walter is in the January/February 1995 issue.

The National Journal noted in the "People" column in its January 14, 1995 issue that Jeremy, Tom and Tracy Shycoff had joined the Board staff.

The Journal previously ran an item on Sheryl's departure from the National Security Archives and selection as general counsel for the Board.

O'Connor Staying at the FBI

Terry O'Connor, the Board's FBI liaison, has indicated that he will not be retiring from the Bureau. He has decided not to pursue other opportunities and will remain in his present position.

JFK Assassination-Related Court Cases Update

Lane Case Dismissed - A U.S. District Court judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed by JFK assassination author Mark Lane against Random House for allegedly defaming him.

Lane had sued after Random House used his photograph with those of others under a caption "Guilty of Misleading the

American Public," in an advertisement for Gerald Posner's book *Case Closed*.

Crenshaw/AMA Suit Reportedly Settled - Former Parkland Hospital surgeon Dr. Charles Crenshaw has agreed to settle a libel lawsuit he filed against the American Medical Association (AMA) and the *Dallas Morning News*, according to *The Washington Times*.

Crenshaw filed the suit after criticism of his 1992 book by the defendants, as well as former Warren Commission staff attorney David Belin.

Crenshaw will reportedly receive \$200,000 from the AMA and an opportunity to write a rebuttal article for publication in the *Dallas Morning News*. Belin indicated through his attorney that he would not be entering into any settlement of the case.