

Developments in July -- RGH Report to Eileen

1. Church Committee -- We recently received permission from the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence to inspect the original Church Committee files. The Review Board plans to do this next week to ensure that all relevant Church Committee materials have been identified under the JFK Act. Although the originals were inspected by staff of the Senate Intelligence Committee several years ago to identify materials to be released under the JFK Act, no member of the Review Board or the National Archives has had access to inspect the originals.

Last week, we transferred to the JFK Collection additional transcripts of witnesses who testified before the Church Committee, including former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara and former DCI Richard Helms. See Letter attached.

2. CIA -- The CIA recently transferred to the JFK Collection the original of a multi-volume Office of Security file that it had maintained on Lee Harvey Oswald.

We have met with the CIA, and have memorialized in a letter to the General Counsel of CIA, the outstanding items to be completed by the CIA under the JFK Act before September 30

At the Review Board's request, CIA Director George Tenet has issued a CIA-wide directive requesting that a final check be done for any records relating to Oswald or the assassination.

3. HUAC -- We are still working with the House Judiciary Committee to obtain access to inspect certain HUAC [House on Un-American Activities] records.

4. Sheridan Litigation [Have we reported on this before to Burton? If not, then let's not include this] -- The Department of Justice, NBC, Mrs. Walter Sheridan, and the Review Board have reached a settlement agreement in the Sheridan litigation providing for a procedure to inspect and possibly designate, as assassination records, certain records of Walter Sheridan. Walter Sheridan did investigative work regarding the Garrison investigation and prosecution.