

Weekly Investigative Update for Week Ending September 8, 1995

To: David Marwell

From: Anne Buttimer

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Investigative

* Attended orientation meeting at FINCEN headquarters in Vienna, Virginia with David Marwell, Jeremy Gunn and David Montague for purpose of developing a better understanding of FINCEN's database capabilities and search techniques.

* Opened Gum Shoe issue 56, Rafael Arnarez Costea. Costea wrote two letter to J. Edgar Hoover, one in late June 1963, the second on November 23, 1963. The first letter complained about a young American who was passing out pro-Castro leaflets on Canal Street in New Orleans. The second letter included a newspaper photograph of LHO and identified LHO as the man on Canal Street. Phil brought this letter to my attention but has not found, to date, any indication that Hoover or the New Orleans office responded to Mr. Costea in any way. This issue was opened to identify and locate Mr. Costea, or members of his family in the event later contact is deemed appropriate.

* Opened Gum Shoe Issue 57, Dr. Vincent P. Guinn, Neutron Activation Analysis, based on comments I found in the ARRB Records Tracking Chart.

* Met with Dave and Tom to plan the Dallas media approach and to get Tom's suggestions and recommendations for the best method to use in approaching all print and electronic media outlets nationally and internationally, as appropriate, in the search for assassination records.

* Spent all day Friday at Archives II reviewing autopsy photographs, Warren Commission exhibits to determine what original LHO documents exist in the Collection, reviewing the Dictabelt accession folder, and determining the existence (or not) in the Collection of Federal Court documents related to the Clay Shaw prosecution.

* Analyzed results provided by FINCEN to Jeremy's request for information about three possible US Army officers, and requested additional information to more closely identify and locate the three individuals the Review Board is seeking. (Because we only have names to search by, FINCEN conducted a nation-wide surname search based in part on US Census records. This raw data required

analysis and additional searching to locate the correct three people.)

* I received another large batch of responses from FINCEN for Issue 23. I analyzed the raw data, entered the correct responses in the Public Contacts database, and requested additional information when needed to correctly identify the correct individual.

* Initiated contact via letters to Nanci Young of the Mudd Library and to William Blair, both in reference to Issue 52, Arthur Krock papers.

* Continued to review 139 page transcript of former FBI official William Sullivan's interview to a Congressional staffer for possible leads related to Issue 55, William Sullivan papers.

Administrative

* David Montague began work with the ARRB this week. Spent considerable time orienting him to the work I perform and introducing him to the investigative issues he will be responsible for.