

MEMORANDUM

July 24, 2017

TO: John Pereira and Barry Harrelson

FROM: Jeremy Gunn

SUBJECT: Questions for DO Briefing

This memo is in response to concerns expressed at our meeting on March 17, 1997 that ARRB questions submitted, at your request, as topics for discussion at a DO follow up briefing were of questionable relevance to the JFK assassination and posed an unjustifiable research burden on the directorate. These questions were not intended as research queries but rather as topical talking points for discussion. They represent issues we wish to explore in our quest for additional information and records to facilitate the completion of the ARRB's responsibilities under the JFK Act.

While we recognize that the ARRB is under no obligation to justify these talking points, in order to facilitate and coordinate our efforts we offer the following additional explication of the questions deemed too broad or far reaching. Please see the attached documents for additional background.

Question # 5:

Question # 6:

Question # 9:

Question # 10:

We hope that this additional explication may help you and the DO understand our approach to the issues broached by our questions. Should any of our requests impose an unreasonable burden on you or your staff that we may not have anticipated, please advise us so that we can work with you to

modify or amend the requests accordingly.

Further, in requesting access to these materials, we are not designating them “assassination records” and we are not, at this time, requesting that copies of documents be given to the Review Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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for Research and Analysis