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Memo to File

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File of HSCA Correspondence with Secret Service

- *G. Robert Blakey, HSCA Chief Counsel and Director, on 11/13/78 wrote the Secret Service's Office of Legal Counsel, to request an explanation of functions and responsibilities listed in 1978 reorganization chart. Blakey requested that information should include only those divisions concerned with providing security for a Secret Service protectee.*
- *Blakey request on 11/3/78 to Secret Service Legal Counsel for reports and documents concerning Elmer Eugene Vaughn.*
- *Letter from HSCA Chairman Louis Stokes to H. Stuart Knight, Secret Service Director, dated 10/27/78, to request that Knight testify 12/11/78 before HSCA. Focus would not be on history of any Agency's performance in connection with JFK assassination; instead focus would be on how to prevent future assassinations or should they occur on how to effectively respond.*
- *Blakey request on 10/17/78 for Secret Service computer print-outs of all cases relating to Presidential protection for January-February 1964 period.*
- *Letter from Blakey to Director, Secret Service (9/8/78) requesting he*

testify at HSCA JFK public hearing on 9/19/78. Blakey says his testimony will primarily encompass effect JFK assassination had upon the Service. Cover letter had several topics attached such as excerpts from Warren Commission report on Presidential protection procedures and the inter-agency coordination of information.

- Select Committee request (8/29/78) for photographs of Quentin Pino Machado. Photos are in Secret Service File #CO-2-32,682.
- Select Committee request (8/25/78) for Service File CO-2-32,682 in re "a Cuban plot to assassinate" JFK. Also HSCA requested this be given priority over any still-pending requests or other matters brought by HSCA to the Secret Service's attention.
- Secret Service reply (8/8/78) to HSCA request (7/26/78) for two files from a private investigator, Fred Otash. One file concerned JFK, the other Judith Von Inmoor Campbell Exner. Service said search of files did not reveal any information concerning either Otash or Exner.
- Secret Service letter to HSCA (6/20/78) stating that they would have no objection to the HSCA reviewing Secret Service documents on several individuals located in FBI's files. Letter was in reply to HSCA ltr of (6/13/78) which noted that documents have been withheld from review by Committee personnel pursuant to Third Agency Rule.
- Secret Service reply (6/5/78) to HSCA request (5/24/78) to interview several Secret Service agents. Service provided their last known locations.

- *Secret Service reply (5/26/78) to HSCA follow-up request (5/4/78) for information on a John David Hurt. HSCA hoped additional data it provided would help Service locate material on Hurt.*
- *Secret Service reply (5/17/78) to HSCA request (5/11/78) of copy of any and all photos of Manuel Rodriguez-Orcarberro. Service said it did not presently maintain any file or photos on this person.*
- *Secret Service reply (5/17/78) to HSCA request (5/4/78) for files and index references on Homer Samuel Valdiera Echevarria and Thomas Nathaniel Mosley. Service said it would make available file on Echevarria but that it did not have any information on Mosley.*
- *Secret Service reply (5/17/78) to HSCA request (5/4/78) for information on Sergio Arcacha Smith-Headed New Orleans delegation of the Cuban Revolutionary Council in 1961. No information found in files.*
- *Secret Service reply (5/17/78) to HSCA request (5/4/78 -previous request dated 5/1/78) for Secret Service documents located in FBI file on Peter Paul Gregory. Documents have been withheld from review due to third-agency rule. Most reports titled Lee Harvey Oswald. Service reply that they had no objection to review of their files at FBI headquarters.*
- *Secret Service reply (4/27/78) to HSCA request (4/19/78) for Service information on threat to JFK reported in a Dallas paper on 4/2/61-was an AP article that discussed reported kidnap plot against daughter Caroline by "quartet of pro-Castro, anti Kennedy*

Cubans." Article ran before Bay of Pigs invasion of April 17, 1961. Service does have file and will make it available to HSCA.

- *HSCA priority request (4/14/78) for file of Pedro Diaz Lanz, born in Havana. Secret Service concerned re 11/18/63 JFK trip to Miami.*
- *Service letter (4/13/78) in response to HSCA request (4/10/78) for files on several individuals, including Lee Bowers.*
- *HSCA Secret Service reply (4/11/78) to HSCA request (3/22/78) for Service document in CIA file on a William A. Morgan. It was withheld from review due to third agency rule. Service did enclose it to HSCA on 4/11 but only thing enclosed here is correspondence on the file. Service did provide document with no deletions to the HSCA.*
- *Secret Service response (4/7/78) to HSCA request (3/28/78) for information on files and index references for several individuals. Service will provide access to files upon prior notice that HSCA staff intends to review the material.*
- *HSCA request (4/5/78) for files on several individuals.*
- *Secret Service letter to HSCA (3/14/78) regarding their letters of (3/2 and 3/1/78) on requests for files and file references concerning individuals and corporations listed in these letters. Letter noted that while the Service does not maintain files on the individuals or corporations HSCA requested in its letter, this does not necessarily mean that there are not references to these individuals or corporations in the John F. Kennedy file maintained by the Service.*

- HSCA outside contact report (3/8/78) regarding request for FBI documents in the Secret Service's Joseph A. Milteer file which had been withheld pursuant to the third agency rule.
- HSCA outside contact report (3/6/78) to speak with Secret Service official.
- HSCA request (3/2/78) for files from Service on myriad of organizations, papers and businesses in Dallas-Fort Worth and New Orleans. See (3/14/78) Service reply.
- HSCA request (3/1/78) for information in Secret Service files on various individuals including Howard Leslie Brennan, E. D. Brewer, and Amos Lee Euins. 109 names were listed in this letter from HSCA to the Secret Service. See Service (3/14/78).
- Secret Service reply (2/16/78) to HSCA request (2/10/78) for documents on certain Secret Service agents attached to the Protective Research Section. Secret Service staff members assigned to Chicago and Miami field offices in November, 1963 and communications between field office agents in cities JFK visited in '63, the White House detail and Service headquarters. Interest only in documents relating to Presidential protection and security from March-November, 1963. Also requested information on a threat to JFK by Joseph Adams Milteer, information relating to "Project Star" and information on Thomas Arthur Vallee. Service provided information in letter; staffers with clearances would be allowed to view classified information.

- HSCA request (2/7/78) to interview two Secret Service Special Agents, William H. Patterson and Roger Warner, who were in Dallas in 1963.
- HSCA request (1/17/78) to interview agents or former agents currently in Chicago as well as an individual named Harry Hall-informant for a former agent named Guy H. Spaman.
- HSCA letter (12/28/77) confirming agreement that staff attorney be given complete access to Service files on its investigation of JFK assassination. Files also requested on cancellation of 11/2/63 Chicago trip and request for Dillon report. Also request for information on Dallas Police Department tape.
- Secret Service reply (12/14/77) to HSCA request (12/1/77) that the Service make available for interview agents from the White House detail and field offices in Miami, Chicago and Dallas (second and third pages of 12/1 letter have date of November 29 but appear to fit in with first page dated 12/1). These agents were stationed in these locations in 1963. Also requested were the "Geographical Card File," the "Trip Index Files," and the "Album" for Chicago, Miami, Houston, Fort Worth and Dallas. Secret Service autopsy records on President Kennedy also requested and the Evaluation and Review Report by the Secret Service's Inspection Detail of the Dallas area office and the PRS for 1963. The Service provided information on addresses of agents and documents requested on the JFK autopsy. Evaluation and review report not able to be located by the Service.
- Secret Service reply to HSCA request (11/9/77) of original Service tapes of interviews done on 11/24/63 with Marina Oswald. Also

training and operating manuals requested concerning motorcade planning and execution along with reports on JFK planned trips in November 1963 to Miami and Chicago. Request was a priority one.

Service did provide original tapes and a translation copy. Some of the remaining information requested was unable to be provided.

- HSCA request to (11/1/77) interview Robert Inman Bouck, former head of Secret Service Protective Research Section. In testimony before the Warren Commission he discussed the issue of FBI failure to notify PRS about Oswald.
- HSCA outside contact report (10/27/77) on request for copies of certain documents relating to Jack Ruby and the shooting of Oswald. Service provided what HSCA staffer requested.
- HSCA request on (10/19/77) to Justice Department official to make discreet inquiries among Secret Service agents in the motorcade to determine current attitudes toward the assassination and willingness to assist in HSCA's inquiry.
- HSCA request to Service on (10/14/77) for address of a Service agent, access for staffer and assistant to Kennedy autopsy materials as well as information on Jack Ruby's connections with organized crime, his killing of Oswald and any material pertaining to connections Oswald may have had with organized crime.
- HSCA request on (10/4/77) for information on Air Force 1 communications from 12 Noon-midnight on November 22, 1963. Letter from the Service said they checked and could not find such information-recommended contacting the White House

Communications Agency and or the Air Force.

- *Letter from Senator Robert F. Kennedy (4/22/65) to Vice Admiral George G. Burkley authorizing him to release to his custody all of the material of President Kennedy of which he has personal knowledge and is as of that letter being held by the Secret Service. Senator Kennedy noted that he would appreciate it if the material was turned over for safekeeping to Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln at the National Archives. Among the items transferred was 1 stainless steel container 7" in diameter x 8" which contained "gross material." Other materials included in the transfer are enumerated. Also there is a 2/23/67 letter containing a statement from the Secret Service regarding the photographs of JFK's autopsy. This material was transferred to Mrs. Lincoln at the National Archives.*

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