

MEMORANDUM

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To: Phil Golrick
cc: T. Jeremy Gunn

From: Tammi Long

Subject: Re: FBI Appeal--Rebuttal Information

In an effort to locate published examples of the FBI's methods in dealing with the Soviets, I have read the FBI section of the Attorney General Reports for 1961-1964. I photocopied all the information that might be helpful, however, there was very little that was specifically relevant. Most of the information focused on the American Communist Party and Americans who were involved in espionage. I searched the Legislative History of laws dealing with intelligence/surveillance. I found one reference to a memorandum from Director Hoover to the Deputy Attorney General dated May 4, 1961. The memorandum outlines the bureau's use of illegal microphone surveillance on Soviet intelligence agents. I didn't think the actual memorandum would be as helpful as the published account. The original memorandum would not have been accessible to the public.

I read two law review articles on foreign security and surveillance. They were not particularly helpful because they focused on a period of time much later than the assassination period and they examined court cases which did not involve much of the FBI's daily activity. I was able to find a newspaper article from June 19, 1960 in the New York Times which discussed a document prepared by Director Hoover about Soviet intelligence practices in the United States. I searched through 10 other references to the FBI and comments on intelligence security; I was unable to find additional helpful articles. Included in the file is a list of 8 references from the NY Times, primarily from 1963, which have not been reviewed.

The document designated by FBI RIF number 105-82555-7th nr 49 is a memorandum which reported that a letter from Lee Harvey Oswald to the Soviet Embassy had been intercepted by Washington Field Office Agents during a mail cover operation. I searched the FBI database for other references to mail cover and I found several documents from the Tampa and Miami Field Offices. These documents related to mail cover at the home of Santo Trafficante. They were unrelated to our inquiry.

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All the information I found is in a file folder labeled Phil (FBI Project). I will give Laura the file so that our inquiry can be continued. The other NY Times references may prove fruitful. I did not locate any FBI newsletters or law enforcement magazines from the Hoover era, however, those items may have some of the information we need.