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Assassination Records Review Board
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November 8, 1995

Mr. John Pereira
Director
Historical Review Group
Center for the Study of Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

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IN THIS DOCUMENT

Re: ARRB Request for Additional Information and Records No. CIA-7

Dear John:

Pursuant to its authority under the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, the Assassination Records Review Board requests that the Central Intelligence Agency provide access to any and all internal CIA histories or retrospective studies or reports on the following topics:

1. The JMWAVE Station;
2. The Mexico City Station;
3. CIA activities with respect to Cuba covering the period October 1, 1962 to January 1, 1964;
4. Two CIA stations whose identities will be conveyed to you orally;
5. John McCone as Director of Central Intelligence.

In addition, we would like to request:

6. All indices to CIA histories held by the history staff of the Center for the Study of Intelligence.

This request should be interpreted in its broadest reasonable sense. To the extent that you question whether a particular type of study or report is encompassed by our request, please let us know and we can advise you whether we seek to include it.

Mr. John Pereira
November 8, 1995
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Should any of these requests impose an unreasonable burden on you that we may not have anticipated, please advise us so that we can work with you to modify or amend the requests accordingly.

In requesting access to these materials, we are not designating them "assassination records" and we are not, at this time, requesting that copies be given to the Review Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



David G. Marwell
Executive Director

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CSI-0385/95
21 November 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR: Fred Wickham
DO Focal Point for
JFK Board Requests

FROM: John F. Pereira
Chief, Historical Review Group

SUBJECT: JFK Board Request No. CIA-7 (U)

1. The attached request from the Assassination Records Review Board is forwarded to you for appropriate action. The request--No. CIA-7, dated 9 November 1995--was received on 20 November. We plan to discuss the attached letter with our History Staff in view of the Board's interest in gaining access to CIA histories. (U)

2. We intend to ask the Board to refine the request, which in some respects is very broad. In any event, we would propose that the documents that are identified as responsive be made available at CIA for examination by a designated staff member of the Board. (FOUO)

3. The two stations referred to in item 4 of the letter are and Moscow. (S)

4. Please advise how you would like us to respond to the Board. (U)


John Pereira

Attachment

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SUBJECT: JFK Board Request No. CIA-7 (U)

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CENTER *for the* STUDY of INTELLIGENCE

5 December 1995

Mr. David G. Marwell
Executive Director
Assassination Records
Review Board
600 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20530

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Dear David:

This is in response to your letter of November 8, 1995 in which you conveyed the request of the Assassination Records Review Board to be provided access to "any and all internal CIA histories or retrospective studies or reports" on several topics.

We have begun to identify histories and other items that would meet the Board's request. The CIA Historian is assisting in this effort.

I suggest that we discuss with you or your staff the possibility of modifying the request somewhat. Several of the items mentioned in your letter cover a broad range of topics. It would be helpful, for example, if the pertinent historical time period for each item were specified, as well as what topics in the requested items would be of interest to the Board. This would assist us in excluding sensitive information that the Board would regard as non-relevant to the assassination or to the scope of the investigation.

Given the sensitivity of some of the materials requested, we would prefer that you designate one or two people to review the histories and other items in our offices.

Please let me know your views on the above suggestions. We appreciate the constructive efforts that you and your colleagues have made over the past year to work out reasonable, secure ways of handling documents. For our part, we are committed to being as responsive as possible to the Board's interests.

Sincerely,

John F. Pereira

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19 February 1997

MEMORANDM FOR: Fred C. Wickham, Jr.
DO Focal Point for JFK Board

FROM: J. Barry Harrelson
DCI/CSI/HRG-Senior Review Officer

SUBJECT: JMWAVE History -
ARRB Request CIA #7

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3. Thank you for your assistance on this. If you have any questions, please call me ((613-1825; 31825) or Gary Breneman ((613-1839; 31839)).



J. Barry Harrelson

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CSI-0307/95
20 February 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lee Strickland
DA Focal Point for
JFK Board Requests

FROM: Barry Harrelson
Historical Review Group

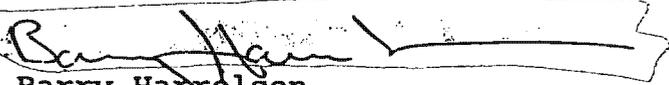
SUBJECT: ARRB request for access to
indices to CIA histories

Reference: JFK Board Request No. CIA-7,
dated 9 November 1995, item # 6

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2. We have advised the ARRB staff that access, if given, would be limited to a designated staff member and that the review would take place at CIA. Notes taken would be limited to JFK/assassination-related items and subject to Agency review.

3. We would appreciate your view by 26 February as to the granting access to the list, particularly regarding any equities that concern the Office of the DA. A copy of the list is available for review in CSI/HRG. If you have questions, you can contact me at extension 30292 (s).


Barry Harrelson

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20 February 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR: Becky Rant
DCI Focal Point for
JFK Board Requests

FROM: Barry Harrelson
Historical Review Group

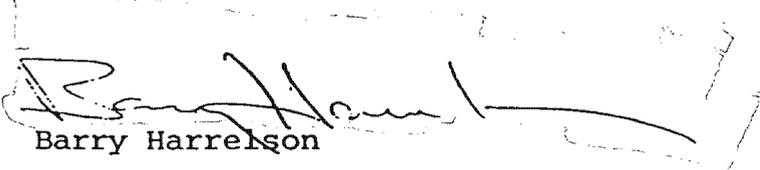
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20 February 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR:
DS&T Focal Point for
JFK Board Requests

FROM: Barry Harrelson
Historical Review Group

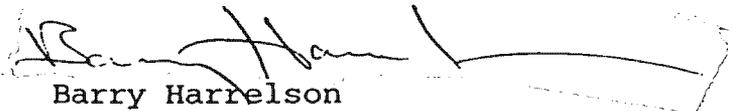
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Barry Harrelson

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CSI-0307/95
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JFK Board RequestsFROM: Barry Harrelson
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indices to CIA historiesReference: JFK Board Request No. CIA-7,
dated 9 November 1995, item # 6

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Barry Harrelson

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CIA-7

21 February 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR: J. Barry Harrelson

FROM: [redacted] @ DST

SUBJECT: ARRB Request for Access to Indices to CIA Histories

REFERENCE: CSI-0307/95

As we discussed today, the DS&T does not object to giving the Assassination Records Review Board access to the indices to CIA histories, provided the ARRB reviewer is cleared to the level of the classification of the material being reviewed. Please forward any notes or any other product generated by the ARRB reviewer to me for a classification review. I can be reached at (secure) 37284 if you have any questions.

CC: [redacted] C- @ DST

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19 February 1997

MEMORANDM FOR: Fred C. Wickham, Jr.
DO Focal Point for JFK Board

FROM: J. Barry Harrelson
DCI/CSI/HRG-Senior Review Officer

SUBJECT: JMWAVE History -
ARRB Request CIA #7

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HISTORY REVIEWED (NO. VOLS)	Date Rev.	Sheet COMPONENT	Rev. By Comp. Access OK / Restricted	Rev. By ARRB, Date
← DCI-2, Dulles 5 Vols	13/2/97 REL.	DCI	Not required; Uncl. versions available	'97 *
DCS-2, Hist. Defector Program 1 Vol	14/2/97 REL	DI / DO		
DCS-3, Op. LINCOLN, 1 VOL	18/2/97 NO REL	DI / DO		
- CHSP-282, Hist. 1 Vol	20/2/97 REL	DO	DO Approved	'97 *
DCI-7, Office of Insp. General 1 Vol	21/2/97 REL	DCI/OIG		
← CSHP-196, '67 Crisis CA OPS, Ramparts	24/2/97 REL ?	DO	DO Approved	'97
← CSHP-384; '67 CA/Katzenbach Comm.	24/2/97 REL ?	DO	DO Approved	'97
✓ CSHP-094; Dev. of CS Cryptic Rev. Sys.	24/2/97 REL ?	DO	DO Approved	✓ 18 APR '97
← DCI-8; Off. Hist. Bay of Pigs, 7 Vols	12/2/97 REL ?	DCI / DO	DO Approved	✓ '97
✓ d CHSP-57 Nov 63 Vietnam Coup	16.4.97 NOT REL	DO	DO Approved	✓ 18 Apr 97 *
e CHSP-194 POLICY AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCT OF PARA MILITARY ACTIVITY BY CIA	16.4.97 REL ?	DO/DCI	DO Approved	✓ 18 Apr 97
f DCS-5 Contacts Div. 1946-1965	16.4.97 REL ?	DO	DO Approved	'97 *
g CHSP-76 Formation of Org Sov Bloc Div	1.5.97 REL	DO	DO Approved	'97 *
h CHSP-098 ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSINGS	13.5.97 RES	DO	DO Approved	
i CHSP-324 WH DIVISION HISTORY				
i CHSP-153 The Legal Travel Program	13.5.97	DO	DO Approved	'97 *
k -JMWAVE/Station Hist. Series				'97
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* ARRB staff member has written memo.

~~My involvement ended per Bureau 1 April 97~~

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3 March 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR: (Directorate Focal Points for JFK Board)

FROM: J. Barry Harrelson
DCI/CSI/HRG/JFK Project Officer

SUBJECT: ARRB Request for Access to Selected
Agency Histories

REFERENCE: ARRB Request for Additional Information
and Records No. CIA-7, dtd 8 Nov 1995

I. Background

In August 1996 with the concurrence of the Directorate Focal Points for the JFK Board, Jeremy Gunn, ARRB General Counsel, was given access to an inventory of Agency histories (item # 6 of reference) held by the CSI History Staff. He made a list of 61 histories which might possibly contain information of interest to the Board in its search for additional records relevant to the JFK assassination.

II. Request

The ARRB's request is for access to the selected histories to determine their relevancy or non-relevancy to the JFK assassination story. It is not a request to review the material for release. Access by the Board's staff will be limited to one or two members with appropriate clearances. Access to particularly sensitive material will be limited to Mr. Gunn and/or Mr. David Marwell, Executive Director of ARRB. The Board, Mr. Marwell, Mr. Gunn and their staff "CIA team" have TS/SCI clearances.

III. Procedures

1. An HRG reviewer will screen the 61 selected histories to determine if they have some substantive relationship or connection to the JFK assassination story (locations, time-frames, events, individuals, etc.).

a. If so, HRG will contact the Directorate Focal Point for the JFK Board* and request that a responsible component official review the selected history to determine the level of access that may be given the ARRB: (1) access to the table of contents; (2) access to selected pages/chapters, or, (3) access to the full history. If the history is viewed as too sensitive to

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be reviewed by the ARRB staff, the issue will be discussed with the Executive Director of the Board and/or the Chairman.

b. If HRG concludes that the history is not related to the assassination story, Mr. Gunn will be asked to refine his request or drop that particular history from his list. A certification by the Agency that the history contains no JFK assassination-related information may be required.

2. After review by the appropriate Agency component, the Directorate Focal Point will advise HRG of the approved level of access.

3. HRG will then advise Mr. Gunn of the level of access and make arrangements for him or a member of his staff to review the history in designated Agency offices as appropriate.

4. Notes taken by any ARRB member are subject to review by the responsible Agency component. If the ARRB member identifies a history or any part of it as having relevancy to the JFK assassination story, HRG will again review it to confirm the relevancy. The identification of relevant information in a history does not automatically make the history an assassination record under the JFK Act. Further discussion with the ARRB staff would be required to determine how that information will be dealt with and its possible release.

5. If you have any questions regarding this request, please call me on extension 31825 or Gary Breneman, extension 31839.

/s/

J. Barry Harrelson

Attachment:

ARRB Request No. CIA-7

* If the history or a part of any history involves DO equities, HRG will advise the DO Focal Point and refer the history directly to the DO JFK team working with CSI/HRG.

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Kathryn Dyer
DCI Area-JFK Focal Point

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CIA-7 re
IG Report Access
to MRB
to ~~Barry~~ 6/15/98
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IG 98-0701
21 May 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR:

[Redacted]

DCI/IRO

FROM:

DCI/OIG/IMO

SUBJECT:

(U) Presidential Assassination Review Board (ARB) Request for Segments of The Office of the Inspector General, January 1952 - December 1971

REFERENCE:

Memo dtd 01 April 1998 from Barry Harrelson, JFK Project Leader

1. (AIUO) As requested in referenced memorandum, the OIG/IMO has reviewed subject segments the ARB has asked to read. In addition, Counsel to the Inspector General has also reviewed the material.

2. (AIUO) Both agree that there is no reason why the ARB can not be given access to the attached portions of subject report under the conditions of ref memorandum. OIG concurs with this request.

3. (C) If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call [Redacted] on secure X77081.

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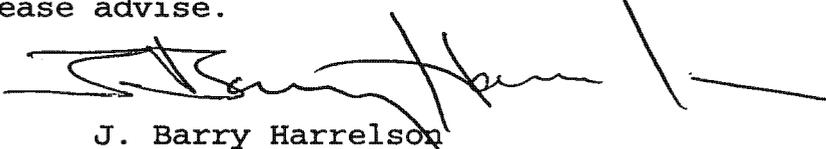
24 August 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Laura Denk
Executive Director, ARRB

FROM: J. Barry Harrelson
JFK Project Officer, HRP/OIM

SUBJECT: CIA-7, Request to Review Histories

1. This is in response to referent request.
2. The ARRB staff requested that it be permitted to review the histories of CIA activities and components which have been prepared over the years by, or under supervision of, the CIA History Staff for possible leads to Oswald/JFK assassination materials. CIA provided a list of all histories for review by the ARRB staff. From that list, certain histories were selected by the ARRB staff to be read either entirely or in part. Most of the selected histories turned out to have no information relating to the JFK assassination story. Those passages thought to have information related to the assassination were marked by ARRB staff for inclusion within the JFK collection and have been placed in the queue for processing and release to the National Archives.
3. This completes the Agency's action on this request. If you have any question, please advise.


J. Barry Harrelson

MEMORANDUM

September 12, 1998

To: Laura Denk
Executive Director**cc:** Bob Skwirot
CIA Team Leader**From:** Michelle Combs *Michelle Combs*
Associate Director for Research and Review**Subject:** CIA-7 Histories

The CIA History Staff has written or guided the writing of numerous histories on projects, offices, divisions, or special events within the history of the CIA. In response to the Review Board's Request for Additional Records and Information CIA-7, the CIA provided an index to all the histories in the collection. This index was reviewed by former Executive Director T. Jeremy Gunn and more than sixty histories which might have contained information relevant to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy were selected for review by the Review Board staff. Due to the sensitivity and breath of information contained in the CIA histories, access was limited to two members of the Review Board staff.

Most of the reviewed histories did not contain information relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy. Sections of five histories were designated as assassination records: DCI-8, CS HP-334, MISC-25, DDO HP 324, and CSHP 194. These sections will be reviewed, processed, and placed in the JFK Collection at the National Archives.

The Review Board staff also reviewed the just published classified history, *Fifty Years of the CIA* which was published in honor of the CIA's Fiftieth Anniversary. This history contained no information believed relevant to the assassination.

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25 September 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bob Skwirot

FROM: Charles A. Briggs-Y-

OFFICE: DCI/CSI/HRG

SUBJECT: Mexico City Station History

REFERENCE:

The Mexico City Station History contains at least 99 separate cryptonyms, for the most part concerning projects, but in some cases, individuals, covering the period 1947 to June 1969. In every case, there is identifying information included with the crypt, ranging from a brief parenthetical phrase to several pages of detail. Since the information far exceeds that thought relevant to the JFK story, both in time and substance, an approach designed to provide a maximum amount of information and guidance for historians concerned with the JFK assassination, with a minimum of gratuitously useable leads for curious or hostile FOIA requestors concerning CIA activities generally, was chosen and is reflected in the version the Board has for consideration.

The norm in handling cryptonyms when the entire crypt is not released is to protect the digraph - the location indicator. What I've done here, to avoid unraveling, in effect, the whole history of Station activity for subsequent curiosity seekers, is to reverse the process, releasing the digraph and protecting the root - specifically because the text identifies each crypt. The Board is familiar with the decision to release almost all LI-crypts in full - while protecting identifying information. The major relevant LI projects (LIENVOY, LITEMPO, LICALLA, etc.) have had both the full cryptonym and most of the details released. ^{N4}

Station and Operation Directorate division histories are among the most sensitive documents in the Agency. They are very tightly controlled within the area divisions - they are not available to cleared employees in other directorates or, traditionally, outside of the division within the Operations Directorate. Thus concern about the release of the Mexico City History pages that, viewed through the widest of lenses, do not appear to be relevant to the JFK story, is very great.

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New Memo\Standard

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September 28, 1998

Memorandum for the Record

Subject: ARRB Actions, September 28, 1998

1. The Board directed that the substitute language in the first of the two outstanding foreign documents be "an official service."
2. In the second foreign document, the Board accepted the release of the LHO paragraph in full and postponed the rest of the document.
3. The Board ordered the tax record documents referred to the IRS.
4. On the Brigade medical files, the Board directed Mr. Skwirot to attempt to reconstruct the "white-banded" version of the document.
5. On the Mexico City History, the Board intends to release the two surveillance operations (p. 229 and p. 296-298). Mr. Skwirot is to tag five or six other disputed issues for consideration by the Board on September 29.
6. On the CI History, the Board directed Dr. Combs to work for a green document with CIA [] CI) and report back by 10:00 a.m. Tuesday. If this is not possible, the Board will consider Dr. Combs' recommendations. (Note: [] advises that CI Staff hours commence at 0900.)
7. Elder document: No change.

Jim/Lee - my staff has gone as far as it can with the Mexico City History -- we have pushed the DO beyond what they wanted. If DO wants to appeal, I will support. The information under dispute is marginal at best. The papers mentioned above are attached.

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October 7, 1996

HAND DELIVERY

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IN THIS DOCUMENT

Re: Status of Assassination Records Review Board Requests to CIA for
Additional Information and Records

Dear Barry:

I am writing to memorialize our conversation of October 1 regarding the status of Assassination Records Review Board requests for information and records from the CIA.

We discussed the following formal requests:

CIA-1 (Organization materials)

CIA has made records available to the Review Board. The Review Board staff will continue its review and make recommendations to the Board and will request further information, if necessary, from CIA. CIA needs to do nothing further at this time.

CIA-2-5 Complete

CIA-6 (Cables and dispatches)

CIA originally informed the Review Board staff that these materials could be made available by December, 1995. CIA now agrees to make the records available (or to have a response) by the first of November, 1996.

CIA-7 (Histories)

Mexico City. CIA has shown the Mexico City history to Gunn. CIA will compile the portion of the history that was shown to G. Robert Blakey,

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October 7, 1996
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which will be processed as an assassination record. Gunn will then determine whether there are any additional portions of the history that should be added to the Blakey version. CIA will compile the "Blakey version" as soon as possible and Gunn will promptly thereafter review the documents.

Index. CIA has made an index available to Review Board staff and the staff has identified certain histories that may be appropriate for review. CIA will make available those histories that are of obvious relevance, and will raise with Review Board staff any questions regarding the requests where the basis for the request is unclear. CIA will begin to make histories available on a rolling basis. Review Board has agreed to review histories promptly once they are made available. Although it was not discussed at our meeting, we would very much appreciate it if you would, within the next two weeks, identify which histories you are prepared to make available and those that CIA believes should be subject to further discussions.

Cram's multi-volume counterintelligence history. Although Cram's history was not specifically discussed at our meeting, the Review Board staff understands that the history has been located and the Review Board staff awaits its being made available.

CIA-8 (Intelligence community staff)

CIA will provide a report to the Review Board staff within two weeks.

CIA-9 (Publications and analytical materials)

The Review Board staff provided CIA with a list of certain publications as they appear in an LBJ Library finding aid. CIA will report back on recommended action to the Review Board promptly.

CIA-10 (Interagency source register)

CIA has compiled information responsive to the request. CIA will make records available within two weeks.

CIA-11 (Duran's original statement)

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October 7, 1996
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CIA has been unable to identify to date Duran's original statement. CIA will make some further attempts to locate it.

CIA-12 (JMWAVE materials)

CIA will begin to make materials available on a rolling basis.

With respect to the informal requests, it is our understanding that:

CIA is inquiring into matters related to Spas Raikin. The Review Board staff will discuss issues with CIA once the pending research is completed.

CIA is locating a cable number IN 24738 (7 July 62), which is identified in record number 1993.07.20.10.18:29:650630 (Box 34, F 22), p. 2.

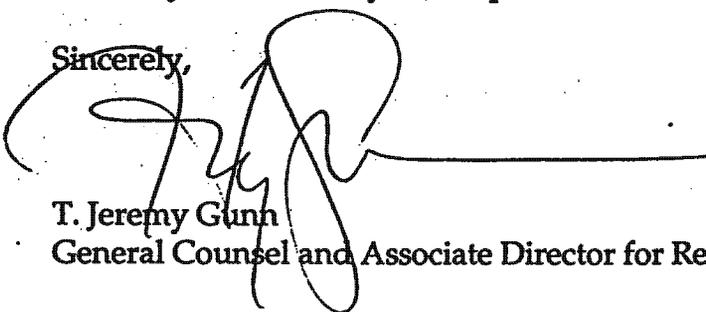
CIA is inquiring into matters related to Marilyn D. Murrett. The Review Board staff will discuss issues with CIA once the pending research is completed.

CIA is continuing to search for HTLINGUAL records, particularly those identified in Church Committee index that was provided to CIA by Review Board staff. CIA is prepared to provide oral briefing on HTLINGUAL.

Please let me know if you have any supplements or corrections. We would very much like to ensure that these matters are handled expeditiously.

As always, thanks for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,



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Re: Status of Assassination Records Review Board Requests to CIA for
Additional Information and Records

Dear Barry:

I am writing to follow-up on our letter of October 7, 1996, regarding the status of
Assassination Records Review Board requests for information and records from the
CIA.

Formal Requests:

CIA-1

Review Board staff review continues. No CIA action needed at this time.

CIA-6 (Cables and dispatches)

CIA has agreed to make records available (or to have a response) by
November 1, 1996.

CIA-7 (Histories)

Counterintelligence. CIA has made material available and Review Board
staff examination is ongoing.

Mexico City. The Review Board awaits CIA's compilation of the portion
of the Mexico Station history that was shown to G. Robert Blakey.

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Other Histories. No response has been received to our agreement that CIA identify within two weeks the histories that can be made available and those that should be subject to further discussions.

CIA-8 (Intelligence community staff)

CIA had promised to provide a report to the Review Board within two weeks. Nothing has been made available.

CIA-9 (Publications and analytical materials)

We have received no materials responsive to this request. Additionally, no response has been received from CIA regarding the list of publications that are identified in an LBJ Library finding aid that the Review Board staff provided.

CIA-10 (Interagency source register)

CIA has not yet made available the records that it had agreed to provide within two weeks. *(was Oswald on)*

CIA-11 (Duran's original statement)

CIA has agreed to make some further attempts to locate Duran's original statement.

CIA-12 (JMWAVE materials)

CIA has agreed to make materials available on a rolling basis.

Informal requests:

Spas Rankin. CIA has made the Spas Rankin file available to the Review Board. Review Board staff research continues. When research is complete, staff will discuss issues with CIA. *files from collection pulled / waiting*

ARRIS staff review
 IN 23738. CIA is searching for cable number IN 23738 (7 July 1962). *- copy sent*

Marilyn Murrett. CIA has made the Marilyn Murrett file available to the Review Board. Review Board staff research continues. When research is complete, staff

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will discuss issues with CIA.

HTLINGUAL. It is the Review Board staff's understanding that CIA continues its search for HTLINGUAL records and will provide an oral briefing on the subject. It is also our understanding that some HTLINGUAL records have been located, but that they have not yet been made available to the Review Board.

Recent and additional informal requests that we have discussed with you:

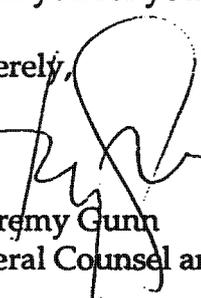
Operational Reports for Cuban Exile Groups. The Review Board staff has been unable to locate in the collection monthly operational reports for the DRE, CRC, or MRR for the period between March 1963 and March 1964. Please advise us whether these records exist and when we may review them.

Moscow. CIA has been asked to search for additional information regarding Mosco as discussed with Michelle Combs on October 24, 1996.

Tape. CIA has been asked to search for additional information regarding a tape as discussed with Irene Marr on October 24, 1996.

Please let me know of any inaccuracies in this letter or any suggestions that you have. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely,



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November 8, 1995

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Re: ARRB Request for Additional Information and Records No. CIA-7

Dear John:

Pursuant to its authority under the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, the Assassination Records Review Board requests that the Central Intelligence Agency provide access to any and all internal CIA histories or retrospective studies or reports on the following topics:

1. The JMWAVE Station;
2. The Mexico City Station;
- ✓ 3. CIA activities with respect to Cuba covering the period October 1, 1962 to January 1, 1964;
4. Two CIA stations whose identities will be conveyed to you orally;
- ✓ 5. John McCone as Director of Central Intelligence.

In addition, we would like to request:

6. All indices to CIA histories held by the history staff of the Center for the Study of Intelligence.

This request should be interpreted in its broadest reasonable sense. To the extent that you question whether a particular type of study or report is encompassed by our request, please let us know and we can advise you whether we seek to include it.

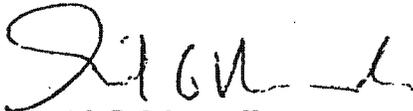
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Should any of these requests impose an unreasonable burden on you that we may not have anticipated, please advise us so that we can work with you to modify or amend the requests accordingly.

In requesting access to these materials, we are not designating them "assassination records" and we are not, at this time, requesting that copies be given to the Review Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



David G. Marwell
Executive Director