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III. PROCEDURES UNDERTAKEN BY THE DALLAS  
FIELD OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S  
FOIA REQUEST

A. Initial Search

5. By letter to the Dallas Field Office dated December 25, 1977, plaintiff's attorney requested "all records on or pertaining to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy," including "all records on or pertaining to persons or organizations who figured in the investigation into President Kennedy's murder that are not contained within the file(s) on that assassination, as well as those that are." Also requested were "all records on or pertaining to Lee Harvey Oswald regardless of date or connection with the investigation into President Kennedy's assassination." (A copy of this letter is attached to plaintiff's complaint in Case No. 78-322).

6. Because many of the Dallas documents had been previously processed pursuant to a separate FOIA request by plaintiff for FBIHQ records on the JFK assassination, plaintiff's request was forwarded to FBIHQ. Upon review of this latest request by plaintiff, Special Agent Thomas H. Bresson, then Assistant Chief of the FOIPA Branch, determined that four "main" files in the Dallas Field Office were responsive to plaintiff's FOIA request:

- 89-43 - "Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, November 22, 1963." This file consists generally of allegations about individuals (other than Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby) or groups involved in the assassination, and other miscellaneous information.
- 100-10461 - "Lee Harvey Oswald." This file consists of information developed about Lee Harvey Oswald before and after the assassination.
- 44-1639 - "Jack Ruby, Lee Harvey Oswald-Victim." This file concerns the killing of Oswald by Ruby.
- 62-3588 - "President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy." This file consists of material concerning the Warren Commission and the report it issued.

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10. Subsequently, in August 1980, the FBI further agreed, pursuant to a request by plaintiff, to search for any "lead cards" in Dallas which related to the JFK assassination. "Lead cards" are prepared by a Supervising Agent to maintain administrative control over the investigative activities of agents assigned to assist the Case Agent in an investigation. In September 1980, James A. Abbott, Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Field Office, advised that any lead cards related to the JFK assassination had been destroyed in accordance with FBI regulations. Plaintiff, in turn, was so informed by Special Agent Bresson in October 1980.

III. PROCEDURES UNDERTAKEN BY THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S FOIA REQUEST.

A. Initial Search.

11. By letter to the New Orleans Field Office dated December 25, 1977, plaintiff's attorney requested "all records on or pertaining to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy," including "all records on or pertaining to persons or organizations who figured in the investigation . . . that are not contained with the file(s) on the assassination, as well as those that are." Also requested were "all records on or pertaining to Lee Harvey Oswald regardless of date or connection with the investigation into President Kennedy's assassination," as well as "all records on or pertaining to Clay Shaw, David Ferrie and any other persons or organizations who figured in District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation . . ." (A copy of this letter is attached to plaintiff's complaint in Case No. 78-420).

12. After forwarding the request to FBIHQ for review, the New Orleans Office conducted, under the direction of Special Agent Clifford H. Anderson, a search of its general indices and determined that a group of files were potentially responsive to plaintiff's request. Those files were sent to FBIHQ in August 1978, and included the following "main files" on the JFK assassination:

89-69 - "Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, November 22, 1963." This file consists generally of allegations about individuals (other than Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby) or groups involved in the assassination, and other miscellaneous information.

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With respect to the Dallas Field Office, the Bureau will now conduct an all-reference search on the assassination itself, on Lee Harvey and Marina Oswald, on Jack Ruby and on the Warren Commission. All hitherto unprocessed records on these subjects, whether contained in main files or see references, will be carefully screened and those which pertain to the assassination in any way will be processed. In addition, as a matter of agency discretion, the Bureau will conduct all-reference searches on George De Mohrenschildt and former Special Agent James P. Hosty, and will also attempt to determine whether there are any official or unofficial administrative files which pertain to the Kennedy case, with particular emphasis on seeking files on "critics" or "criticism" of the F.B.I.'s assassination investigation. Any records located as the result of these searches will also be carefully screened and, if appropriate, processed for possible release to your client. With respect to the New Orleans Field Office, the Bureau will undertake a further search for a possible main file on David Ferrie, and will forward to Headquarters for screening and possible processing those portions of another file which pertain to Ferrie, Jim Garrison and Jack Ruby. In addition, as a matter of discretion, the F.B.I. will conduct a new search in New Orleans for any existing official or unofficial administrative files which pertain to the Kennedy case.

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Lastly, there are various films and tapes in these files which were not processed for possible release to Mr. Weisberg. The Bureau will now consult with him regarding these materials and will process any which are of interest to him.

See Exhibit A(3) attached to the Defendant's Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to the Motion Concerning the Adjudication of Certain Exemption Claims, pp. 3-4.

A. Searches Undertaken In Dallas As A Result Of The Administrative Appeal

18. Pursuant to the Associate Attorney General's decision, the Dallas Field Office conducted, under the direction of Special Agent Udo H. Specht, all reference indices searches in an attempt to locate material on the topics listed in that decision. Indices searches, using standard search procedures (see paragraph 4, supra.), were thus made for material on Jack Ruby, Lee Harvey Oswald, Marina Oswald, James Hosty, George DeMohrenschildt, and on the Warren Commission. Moreover, efforts were made to locate any official or unofficial administrative files on the Kennedy case, including files on "critics" or "criticism" of the FBI's investigation. In February 1981, the Dallas Office forwarded to

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FBIHQ the material located as a result of the searches conducted pursuant to the administrative appeal. That material was as follows:

a) Lee Harvey Oswald

1 "main" file: 9-1984 - "Unknown Subject; Lee Harvey Oswald, Victim Extortion." This file concerned an investigation to determine the writer of a letter, postmarked November 23, 1963, Pasadena, California, threatening Mr. Oswald's life.

1 "see" reference: 105-976 - the caption is classified, as well as all information in the document.

b) Jack Ruby

11 "see" references in the following files:

Informant file - Jack Ruby (2 "see references; the remainder of this file was processed pursuant to plaintiff's separate FOIA request for FBIHQ documents).

105-1280 - "Minutemen" (2 "see" references).

94-190 - "Gambling Activities Dallas Division" (1 "see" reference).

91-0 - Unsubs, aka., Lollipop Magazine; Unsub, aka, Jack Ruby, Home Trust Company, South Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri Bank-Robbery (2 "see" references).

Three files on confidential informants who furnished information regarding Ruby (4 "see" references).

c) Marina Oswald

1 "main" file: 66-1313 A. This file contains material on the technical and microphone surveillances of Mrs. Oswald.

3 "main" files pertaining to the technical surveillance of Mrs. Oswald.

3 "main" files pertaining to the microphone surveillance of Mrs. Oswald.

5 "see" references in file 66-1313: consist of cards prepared on individuals overheard on technical or microphone surveillances.