

PERFORMANCE ON REQUESTS

Request #1: 9/27/76 -- Fred Folson, head of the King Assassination task force called Bob Andrews (OGC) to check on possible DoD information of interest to the Committee.

Status: RESPONSE COMPLETED. Informal discussions indicated no relevant DoD information.

Request #2: 6/6/77 -- Chairman Stokes wrote to Commandant Wilson requesting all information relevant to the Kennedy assassination in the possession of the Marine Corps.

Status: RESPONSE COMPLETED. On July 26, 1977, Woolsey forwarded to ISA the Oswald file and other materials gathered as a result of the search. These materials were forwarded to the Committee under cover of a letter from Slocombe dated August 4, 1977.

Request #3: 8/2/77 -- Committee staff member wrote to ASD (ISA) requesting information with respect to Oswald and the Kennedy assassination investigation in the possession of ONI.

Status: RESPONSE COMPLETED. On October 31, 1977, ONI forwarded to ISA 384 pages of materials located in response to the request and this was forwarded to the Committee (cover letter not in the file).

Request #4: 9/22/77 -- Committee staff member called LCDR Broach (Navy, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery) requesting a copy of the letter containing the order to naval personnel not to discuss any aspect of the autopsy.

Status: RESPONSE COMPLETED. A copy of the letter was sent to the Committee under cover of a letter from CAPT Miller dated September 22, 1977.

Request #5: 10/4/77 -- Letter from Blakey to ADM Kinnear requesting that the order not to discuss the autopsy be lifted.

Status: COMPROMISE REACHED. On November 2, 1977, Chairman Stokes wrote to SecNav renewing the request. On November 3, 1977, the General Counsel wrote explaining why the order would not be withdrawn. On November 8,

1977, Mr. Blakey, the Committee's staff director, met with the General Counsel and worked out a compromise:

1. The Committee would inform DoD of the persons it wished to interview.
2. DoD would arrange to have these persons brought to the Pentagon (provided they were willing) where they would be interviewed informally by the Committee staff.
3. The Committee staff would make a judgment whether each person had any knowledge that needed to be made a part of the record through formal testimony.
4. At that time, the Committee's staff director and the General Counsel would discuss whether this could be done by affidavit or whether the gag order issue would have to be revisited to permit oral testimony.

OGC has located most of the people the Committee wants to interview and is prepared to make them available. The Committee staff director said he would prefer to wait until they were all available and do all the interviews in a few days. The remaining arrangements are being made by OGC.

This arrangement was confirmed in telephone calls between the staff director and the General Counsel on December 6, 1977, December 16, 1977, and December 21, 1977, and progress reports were made.

Request #6: 11/7/77 -- Phone call from Blakey to Bob Andrews requesting personnel file on James Earl Ray.

Status: RESPONSE COMPLETED. The Committee was informed that Ray's military records were destroyed in the fire in the St. Louis Record Center in 1973.

Request #7: 11/10/77 -- Letter from Blakey to OGC requesting photographs and negatives of Dealey Plaza in Dallas.

Status: RESPONSE COMPLETED. By letter dated December 20, 1977, the General Counsel reported that the Department of Defense did not have the requested photographs or negatives.

Request #8: 11/16/77 -- Letter from Blakey to Andricos requesting personnel record on Webster.

Status: RESPONSE COMPLETED. On January 16, 1978, COL Harrick (LA) delivered the file to the Committee staff director.

Request #9: 12/6/77 -- Letter from Blakey to OGC requesting photographs taken by and information about Powell.

Status: RESPONSE COMPLETED. By letter dated December 20, 1977, the General Counsel reported what information was known about Powell and on January 16, 1978, COL Harrick delivered a copy of the personnel file on Powell to the Committee's staff director.

Request #10: 12/7/77 -- Letter from Blakey requesting camera used at autopsy.

Status: RESPONSE COMPLETED. By letter dated January 18, 1978, Bob Andrews reported that the camera had been located and was available for inspection at the Pentagon.

Request #11: 12/20/77 -- Letter from Stokes to Inman requesting signals intelligence information on Cuban intelligence network.

Status: RESPONSE PENDING. We have not decided under what conditions this information can be made available. This determination has been held up pending resolution of ADM Inman's request for a policy determination with respect to all non-oversight committees. This options paper is in the coordination process.

Request #12: 12/27/77 -- Letter from Blakey to OGC requesting personnel records on seven individuals.

Status: RESPONSE PENDING. On January 16, 1978, COL Harrick (LA) and LTC Webb visited Blakey with a computer printout listing the records on the individuals named. Blakey identified the files the Committee wished to examine. Two individuals could not be identified. The Committee undertook to provide further identifying information. These files take some time to review because they contain FBI documents. The FBI will not waive the "third agency" rule, therefore all FBI material must be removed before the files can be turned over.

Request #13: 12/28/77 -- Letter from Blakey to OGC requesting expert assistance in the area of wound ballistics.

Status: RESPONSE PENDING. The proposed expert has been identified and the materials requested have been retrieved. OGC asked the staff to meet and discuss the scope of this request and the purpose for which the expert would be used.

Request #14: 1/19/78 -- Letter from Blakey to OGC requesting personnel records on 16 individuals.

Status: RESPONSE PENDING. The files are being located.

Request #15: 1/26/78 -- Letter from Blakey to OGC requesting personnel files on 35 persons and requesting six particular documents and one broad category of documents.

Status: RESPONSE PENDING. The files and documents are being located.

CHRONOLOGY OF COMMUNICATIONS

- 9/27/76 Fred Folson, head of King Assassination Task Force called Bob Andrews to check on possible DoD involvement. Informal discussion indicated in DoD sources.
- 6/6/77 Letter from Stokes to Wilson requesting all information for the possession of the Marine Corps relevance to the Kennedy assassination.
- 6/27/77 Letter from Wilson to Stokes referring inquiry to OASD (ISA) as focal point.
- 7/26/77 Memo from Woolsey to ISA forwarding Oswald file & other results of search pursuant to Stokes' request.
- 8/2/77 Letter from Purdy (staff counsel) to ISA requesting information from ONI files.
- 8/4/77 Letter from Slocombe to Stokes forwarding material from Marines.
- 8/ /77 Phone call from Purdy to Horgan (Navy Medical) requesting assistance in getting gag order lifted.
- 9/22/77 Phone call from Purdy to Broach (Navy Medical) requesting copy of letter containing gag order.
- 9/22/77 Letter from Miller (Navy Medical) to Purdy enclosing copy of letter.
- 10/31/77 ONI forwarded to ISA results of search pursuant to Purdy request (384 pp).
- 10/4/77 Letter from Blakey to Kinnear requesting gag order be lifted and reiterating requests for other information from Navy.
- 10/26/77 Blakey meeting with Andricos to request military intelligence information on informal basis.
- 10/ /77 Letter from _____ to _____ forwarding material from ONI.

11/2/77 Letter from Stokes to Claytor on gag order.

11/3/77 Letter from Siemer to Blakey on gag order.

11/7/77 Phone call from Blakey (staff director) to Bob Andrews requesting military records of James Earl Ray.

11/8/77 Blakey meeting w/Siemer to discuss procedure for interviewing persons subject to gag order.

11/9/77 Letter from Kimear to Blakey responding to request on gag order.

11/10/77 Letter from Blakey to Siemer requesting photographs taken in Dallas on Nov. 22-24, 1963.

11/16/77 Letter from Blakey to Andricos requesting military record on Webster.

11/23/77 Memo from Stempler establishing OATSD(LA) as focal point for responding to Assassinations Committee and requesting search for information requested by Blakey on 10/26/77 meeting.

11/29/77 Letter from Godby (Marine records) to Blakey reporting no record on Webster.

12/6/77 Letter from Blakey to Siemer requesting Powell photographs.

12/7/77 Letter from Blakey to Siemer requesting camera.

12/20/77 Letter from Siemer to Blakey responding to requests for photographs taken in Dallas on November 22-24, 1963 and request for Powell photographs.

12/20/77 Letter from Stokes to Inman requesting information on Cuban intelligence network.

12/27/77 Letter from Blakey to Siemer requesting military records on seven persons.

12/28/77 Letter from Blakey to Siemer requesting assistance in area of wound ballistics.

1/6/78 Memorandum from Lartsch to Andricos indicating Webster service record has been located.

1/6/78 Harrick visit to Blakey. Delivered Powell and Webster files. Conferred about more precise identification of other files requested.

1/18/78 Letter from Andrews to Blakey responding to request for camera.

1/19/78 Letter from Blakey to Siemer requesting DoD records on 16 persons.

1/24/78 Letter from Andrews to Blakey -- interim response on 1/19/78 request.

1/26/78 Letter from Blakey to Siemer requesting military records on 35 persons and 7 documents requests.

2/1/78 Letter from Siemer to Blakey asking for Privacy Act confirmation.

2/8/78 Letter from Siemer to Blakey on camera and 1/26 request for records and documents.

2/10/78 Letter from Blakey to SecDef.

2/10/78 Second letter from Blakey to SecDef.