

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Walsh

DATE: 12/11/75

FROM : J. J. McDermott

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
ARCHIVES DOCUMENTS
1975 FIVE YEAR DOCUMENT REVIEW

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As set up by law, the Archives documents furnished to the Warren Commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy were to be reviewed every five years to determine which of them in possession of Archives could be made public.

During the interim of the review of 1970 and this current year, the amendments to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) have become effective and are interpreted to take precedent in this review.

Archives has referred to the FBI a list of documents in their possession, furnished to the Warren Commission by the FBI which are up for review in 1975. These documents are being reviewed under the purview of the amended FOIA, with the results of this review to be furnished to Archives.

There are approximately 300 documents, consisting of approximately 1,600 pages, which are the subject of this review. In late October, 1975, representatives of the Committee on Government Operations, Government Information and Individual Rights Subcommittee were advised all efforts would be made by the FBI to finish review and processing these documents by 12/15/75, and the results thereof made known to Archives on that date. This informal deadline was agreed upon by the representatives of the Subcommittee.

At the time this date was chosen the complete Project Unit of the FOIPA Section was involved in the Rosenberg, et al., case with a U. S. District Court imposed deadline of 11/15/75 and therefore, 12/15/75 appeared to be a quite reasonable date. However, the personnel commitment to the see references review associated with the Rosenberg case simply took more time to complete than was originally contemplated.

- 1 - Mr. Walsh
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Re: Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

Our commitment in the Rosenberg case now necessitates that certain clerical support personnel work overtime hours if we are to meet the 12/15/75 deadline in the President Kennedy Assassination case.

This overtime will be followed closely to insure that it is absolutely necessary and only essential personnel necessary to complete the project will be utilized.

RECOMMENDATION:

That authorization be granted to the FOIPA Section, Files and Communications Division, for that overtime necessary to comply with the release date agreed upon in this case.

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