

April 8, 1980

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Chief, NNFN

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GEORGE P. PERROS
Legislative and Natural Resources Branch
Civil Archives Division

June 10, 1980

NNFM

Audiovisual materials in the records of the Ervin and Assassination Committees

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NNFM would like to transfer to NNV certain audiovisual records of the Ervin and Assassination Committees and to consult with NNV on appropriate preservation methods on certain other materials of the Assassination Committee. The materials that we would like to transfer include:

- (1) Audio tapes produced by the Assassination Committee.
- (2) Audio and video tapes obtained by the Assassination Committee during its investigatory phase.
- (3) Sound recordings produced by the Ervin Committee.

Together these amount to not more than 10-12 linear feet. The materials on which we seek preservation advice but not transfer are still photographs and x-rays related to the autopsy of President John F. Kennedy.

All these materials are restricted from public disclosure and should be maintained in a limited access area. At present they are stored in the security stack 6-W-3, and they can be viewed only when escorted by a staff member with a Top Secret clearance.

We would like to transfer these as soon as possible. Please contact me to arrange to review the materials.


TRUDY HUSKAMP PETERSON
Chief
Legislative and Natural Resources Branch
Civil Archives Division

Honorable James B. Rhoads
Archivist of the United States
National Archives
7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20408

This will acknowledge the transmittal of 848
boxes of Records of the U.S. House of Representatives to
(Number)
the National Archives of the United States of America.

Specifically, these 95th Records have been
(Year/Congress)
received by the Clerk of the House of Representatives from

Select Committee on Assassinations
(Committee/Office)
for transmittal pursuant to Rule XXXVI of the Rules of the
House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

EDMUND L. HENSHAW, JR., Clerk
U.S. House of Representatives

Transmitted by:

(Clerk's Representative)

Date _____

4/2/79

Received by:

(Archivist's Representative)

Date _____

4/2/79

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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

April 2, 1979

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 U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SUMMARY OF FILE RECORDS

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| 1) Box No. 1 - 70 | Administrative |
| 2) Box No. 71 - 379 | MLK Files |
| 3) Box No. 380 - 430 | Classified Material |
| Box No. 431 - 438 | MLK - Executive Session Hearings |
| Box No. 439 - 872 | JFK Files |
| 4) Box No. 873 - 889 | Administrative |
| Box No. 890 | Tapes of MLK Hearings |
| Box No. 891 - 892 | Administrative |
| Box No. 893 | Tapes of MLK Hearings |
| Box No. 894 | Administrative |
| Box No. 895 - 912 | JFK Bulky Files |
| Box No. 913 | JFK - Cuban Interviews |
| Box No. 914 - 916 | JFK Bulky Files |

- 1) Box No. 24 retained by Committee
- ~~2)~~ Box No. 362 - 377 retained by Committee
- 3) Box No. 380 - 430 classified material already transferred
- ~~4)~~ Box No. 888 classified material to be added to other classified

Location

Box No. 1 - 438	Room 3370
Box No. 439 - 916	Room 3374

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INTRASERVICE MEMORANDUM AND ENDORSEMENT

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SUBJECT OR TRANSACTION Security of the records of the House Select Committee on Assassinations,
95th Congress

FROM	TO	DATE AND MESSAGE
GPP	RM	<p>October 31, 1979: From the beginning, I have been concerned about the security of the more than 800 NA legal-size boxes of the politically sensitive records of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, 95th Congress, stored in Stack Area 3E-2A. That area is widely used as a thoroughfare by persons in the building; consequently, unauthorized access to the files is an easy matter.</p> <p>My concern has mounted since I learned that the F. B. I. is investigating the National Archives because of the disappearance of certain sensitive documents.</p> <p>The select committee's records fall within the limitation on access applicable to all unpublished records of the House of Representatives under its rules. Further, the select committee itself recommended, in its protocol on access to its files, that they be withheld from use for 50 years.</p> <p>To ensure that there shall not be any breach of security of the the select committee's files, I recommend that they be transferred to the Security Area (6W-3), where there is space for them, and where they will complement the Warren Commission files. Or, alternately at the least, the select committee's files should be moved to a more secure area than Stack 3E-2A.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>George P. Perros</i> George P. Perros</p>
RM	NNFN	<p>11-1-79 Mr. Perros reported to me yesterday, October 31, his concern about security on these records and I asked him to prepare a memo stating the problem and reasons for his</p>

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FROM	TO	DATE AND MESSAGE (Continuation)
		<p>concern. I agree that these records should be transferred to the Security Area, or if that is not possible to a more secure area, one that is not open to unauthorized access.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Richard Maxwell</i> Richard Maxwell</p>
NNFM	NNF	<p>11-1-79. I believe that these records do warrant more secure storage space. 6W-3 would seem to be a logical security area.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>H.T. Pinkett</i></p>
NNFS	NNF	<p>11-2-79 I agree with NNFM's suggestion to move the HSCA records from 3E-2A to our security area. We have agreed for the record that since NNFM I would like NNFM to provide me with the name of persons authorized to have access to them and other NNFM records in the security area. Those persons must have Top Secret clearance or be accompanied by a staff member with such a clearance.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Clay J. Long</i></p>
NNF	NNFM	<p>11-5-79. I agree that the HSCA records should probably be moved from 3E-2A to 6W-3 for the reasons cited above. Please furnish NNF of the requested information regarding access to NNFM records stored in the security area.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Gene F. Smith</i></p>

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SUBJECT OR TRANSACTION

Access to records of the House Select Committee on Assassinations (6W3)

FROM TO DATE AND MESSAGE

NNFN NNFJ 11-5-79 The only person who will be authorized by NNFN to have access to the Select Committee records when they are stored in 6W3 will be George P. Perros. Mr. Perros has a Secret security clearance so it will be necessary for him to be accompanied by a staff member with Top Secret clearance. NNFN has, at this time, only one staff member with Top Secret clearance, Ms. Edith Prise who is not familiar with House Select Committee records and will not be working with them.

On some reference inquiries involving other record groups belonging to NNFN in 6W3, Mr. Richard Maxwell, secret clearance, Mr. Robert Kvasnicka, secret clearance and Mr. Darryl Munsey, secret clearance, will be authorized to search NNFN's record groups in 6W3. When these searches are necessary we will call NNFJ in advance to make arrangements to do those searches.

Richard Maxwell

Richard Maxwell
NNFN

RM NNFN 11-6-79 MR. PERROS REPORTED THAT ALL OF THE RECORDS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE NOW STORED IN 6W3.

RICHARD MAXWELL NNFN

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