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The Archives has finally sent me the bulk of this material, which I saw in Washington this June. As I discussed with some people then, I decided to order it myself and make copies for any interested researcher.

Marion Johnson compiled a 9-page list of this material, which he sent to a number of people. If you do not have it, write me for a copy. I will gladly provide individual items at 5¢ a page plus postage.

Some of the listed CD's were released as a result of Bob Smith's requests under the Freedom of Information Act. The Incoming Mail Log and Jackie Kennedy's testimony were released, apparently as a result of my requests, in 1972. I asked for and got the first 6 'Correspondence' items routinely earlier this year; they may have never been withheld but just in unscreened files.

I have not yet read this material carefully; I received it on 11/24 and wanted to get this notice out right away. Some items, such as those relating to the unidentified man photo and "D", may be of considerable importance. Many items are quite routine; they were withheld only because of the general topic or (e.g.) mention of CIA names. Some should not have been withheld at all; a couple were made available to me in 1970 and I didn't even suspect they were supposed to be withheld. Most of the material deals with foreign (CIA) and Presidential Protection (SS) matters; there is not much from the FBI.

As indicated below, I did not get a few items and would recommend that you not get a few others, unless they are in areas of special interest. I did this 'screening' only for the many-page items. I have notes on tape concerning the omitted items and, in some cases, telling if the copies I saw at the Archives were originals, carbons with handwritten comments, etc.

There are 108 items in all: 12 CD's, 63 'Correspondence' (R73-COR.), 28 'Internal Memoranda' (R73-I.M.), and 5 'Miscellaneous Records' (R73-M.R.). The page count is as follows:

	CD	COR	I.M.	M.R.	TOTAL
Archives count	184	268	84	303	839
Archives count, corrected (a)	197	264	85	313	859
Not ordered by PLH (b)	116	72	0	59	247
In my possession (c)	81	192	85	254	612
Surely should be omitted (d)	30	21	0	0	51
Recommended maximum order	51	171	85	254	561
'Optional' items (e)	0	60	0	239	299
Recommended minimum order	51	111	85	15	262

(a): CD 880 is 23 not 2 pp.; CD 1000 is 17 not 25 (the other 8 are blank tabs); COR.18 is 2 not 4 pp.; COR.20 is 3 not 5 pp.; I.M.15 is 4 not 3 pp.; M.R.2 is 239 not 231 pp.; to M.R.3 I have added 2 pp. of notes.

(b): CD 1479a and c (CE's; counted as 1 page in Archives tally?); CD 692, 115 pp. (all but the cover letter and routing slip. Mostly routine; I have taped notes and will order about 62 pages); COR.15 (got the first 3 of 20 pp); COR.46 (got 2 of 48); COR.47 (got 3 of 12); omitted M.R.4.

(c): I actually have only 187 pages of COR., since items 56-59 were inadvertently not sent. I will get them.

(d): CD 880=CE 1162-4 (cover letter not sent); CD 1479B=CE 2762 (4 pp.); CD 1545=CE 3152 (3 pp.); 6 pp. of COR.40 are duplicates; 1 p. of COR.47 is an illegible copy of a USN&WR article; 14 pp. of COR.48 are a general article on 'Hypnosis in Interrogation'.

(e): COR.31 (15 pp.) is a CIA roundup of world press reaction to the assassination; interesting for its considerable biases but hardly withholdable.

COR.40 (45 pp.) is a miscellaneous collection of reports on the Minutemen; quite interesting but not directly related to the assassination.

M.R.2 (239 pp.) is a basic research tool, comparable to the list of CD's; it has some good leads in it. It is not a complete list of incoming mail; I have annotated it to indicate CD's (many are included). Ask for a sample page, if you are interested; it won't be worth the money for most people.

Many of the originals are carbons, some poor; the copies sent me are generally acceptable. I will be very careful with additional copies.

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