

INTRASERVICE MEMORANDUM AND ENDORSEMENT

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

FROM GPP TO RM DATE AND MESSAGE

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.

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.

The select committee's records fall within the limitation on access applicable to all unpublished records of the House of Representatives under its rules.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.

To ensure that there shall not be any breach of security of 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.

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1 NNFN 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

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