

Update on the Declassification of the Records of the 9/11 Commission

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NARA Review Progress

- We are continuing to process the records and have begun redacting information and establishing parallel files for public use.
- The table on the next two slides details the progress made on each portion of the collection.

<u>Series</u>	<u># of Boxes</u>	<u>Initial Review</u>	<u>2nd Review</u>	<u>Redaction</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Memorandums for the Record	7	Completed	Completed	In progress	
Files of the New York City Office	24	Completed	In progress	In progress	
Team 1 Files	17	Completed			
Team 1A Files	21	Completed			
Team 2 Files	9	Completed			
Team 3 Files	8	Completed			
Team 4 Files	8	In progress			
Team 5 Files	32	Completed	In progress	In progress	
Team 6 Files	15	In progress			
Team 7 Files	14	Completed	In progress	In progress	
Team 8 Files	8	Completed	In progress	In progress	

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Dan Marcus' Files	3	Completed	In progress		
Steve Dunne's Files	2	Completed			
Stephanie Kaplan's Files	4	Completed			
Dana Hyde's Files	3	Completed			
Front Office Files	2	Completed	In progress		
Press Clippings	LTA-S, 7	Completed	Completed	Completed	
Constituent Mail	19				
Files of the GSA Building Office	141	In progress			
Master File	174				
Interviews	1				all special media
Hearings	1				primarily special media

Memoranda For the Record Pilot

- On February 21, 2007, NARA invited the seven major equity holders to a meeting to discuss declassification of the 9/11 Commission records as requested by the Commission Chair.
- The agencies involved were:

FBI	Defense
CIA	Homeland Security
State	National Security Council
Justice	
- While the agencies were concerned that these records were too recent and could not be declassified, they agreed to a pilot project to determine the feasibility of performing declassification review.

MFR Pilot (cont'd.)

- The first step in the declassification pilot project was to perform a survey of the seven cubic feet of the MFRs to determine if declassification review would result in the release of a significant portion of the collection.
- CIA and State reviewers completed the survey on behalf of the seven and recommended going forward with declassification review.
- NARA used the feedback from the survey to develop procedures for coordinating review of the MFRs. A memo was sent to the seven agencies on April 12th outlining the results of the survey and notifying agencies that we would be sending them copies documents for declassification review.

MFR Pilot (cont'd.)

- Substantial NARA staff time has been devoted to making copies and sending out referrals in response to the pilot project.
- Copies of the MFRs were sent to six of the seven primary equity agencies by May 23rd (565 documents totaling 4,001 pages). In addition to the seven participating agencies, Treasury, the National Security Agency, and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency had equities in a total of 37 MFRs (246 pages).
- The FBI agreed to review the documents at NARA.

MFR Pilot (cont'd.)

- NARA has requested agencies to return review decisions by Sept. 15.
- Declassification review of the remaining 572 cubic feet in the collection is dependent upon the results of the pilot.

FBI Review of MFRs

- The FBI is the primary equity holder for the largest number of MFRs.
- A senior reviewer visited our classified research room to complete her initial review of the 402 MFRs (1,848 pages) for which FBI is the primary equity holder.

FBI Decisions:

- Declassified: 98 documents (241 pages)
- Declassified, but needs referral elsewhere: 31 documents (132 pages)
- Sanitized: 100 documents (400 pages)
- Sanitized and needs referral elsewhere: 170 documents (1,067 pages)
- Withheld in full: 4 documents (15 pages)

FBI Review of MFRs (cont'd.)

- FBI reviewers have copies of the MFRs requiring redactions. They plan to return the bracketed documents to us by July 4.
- Thanks to the FBI's efforts FBI documents that were declassified, but needed referral to other agencies were included in the referrals to those agencies.

Agency Review?

- The CIA, the agency with the second highest number of pages in this pilot, has indicated that they have “made no decision regarding how and when it will apply any resources to this request.”
- Other than FBI, we have received no official response from the other referral agencies.

Next Step

- After receiving and acting on the equity agency decisions for the MFRs, NARA will reconvene the seven major agencies involved in the pilot to discuss the most expeditious means of addressing the remaining classified records.

New SCIF

- Construction of the new SCIF is complete.
- The SCI redaction system equipment was purchased and installation is ongoing.
- The newly-certified SCIF will house the staff and equipment for declassification of special media holdings. In addition to the 9/11 Commission materials, these holdings include records of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs and records of independent counsels.