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Re Question raised at 18 March meeting
(these notes rec'd from Michelle)

Mr. J. Barry Harrelson
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(IR 15 & 18 topics for discussion at
July 29 review session)

~~CIA-IR-14 Breckinridge files.~~

~~CIA (OGC) will determine the disposition of the files of Scott D. Breckinridge.~~

*CIA-IR-15 Electronic "take" from Mexico City Station.

The Review Board has for some time been attempting to determine whether it has had access to all of CIA's surveillance "take" from the Cuban and Soviet facilities in Mexico City at the time of the Oswald visit and in the immediate wake of the assassination. On numerous occasions, the Review Board has asked whether there was any surveillance take in addition to what is currently in the collection.

On March 18, 1997, the Review Board provided additional leads to CIA to assist it in answering these questions. The DO has agreed to check Headquarters records for the file referenced in HMMW 12454, to search for the crypts cited in this document, and to search for HMMA 20307 and other cables or dispatches cited in this document. The DS&T will query its offices for possible records on Mexico City and Cuba and for the present location of Staff D records. Regardless of the outcome of these particular searches, the Review Board continues to seek a full accounting for all surveillance conducted during the relevant time periods.

~~CIA-IR-16 U-2 files.~~

~~DS&T will provide a folder title print out of U-2 materials for Review Board examination, check for records filed under Richard Bissell's name, and search for OSP files. DS&T has also contacted Lockheed for assistance.~~

~~CIA-IR-17 DS&T Records on Castro assassination plots.~~

~~HRG will furnish the 1967 IG Report to provide possible search query suggestions for DS&T follow-up.~~

~~CIA-IR-18 DO Office.~~

~~The Review Board has requested orally information about a particular DO office. We understand that you are collecting the relevant information.~~

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December 18, 1997

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 DECLASSIFICATION AND/OR
 RELEASE OF CIA INFORMATION
 IN THIS DOCUMENT

Re: Status of CIA Responses to Assassination Records Review Board's Requests for
 Additional Information and Records

Dear John:

I am writing to follow-up on our telephone call earlier today and to convey my serious concern about the status of CIA's responses to the Review Board's requests for additional information and records. Although CIA has completed its responses to several requests, and many others have been answered in part, a significant number of requests have not been answered — including some that were made more than two years ago. On many occasions we have been assured that responses would be forthcoming, only to have promised dates come and go without answers. It is now extremely important that these requests be answered promptly so that we may conduct a proper follow-up if necessary. The issues that we can now identify as being of the highest priority are identified in the text below by double asterisks (**)¹ and we request that they be answered within the next month. We request that the remaining requests be answered by April 1, 1998.

The remainder of this letter is divided into two parts: first, a listing of the formal requests for information and records, and second, a listing of the informal requests for information and records. Please let me know if your understanding of any of the following points differs from ours so that we can resolve any potential discrepancies.

¹As identified more fully below, the issues are: CIA-1 Organizational Material, CIA-6 Cables and Dispatches, CIA-13 Backchannel Communications, CIA-IR-03 HTLINGUAL Documents, CIA-IR-04 Disposition of Angleton Files, CIA-IR-07 Claude Barnes Capehart, CIA-IR-15 Electronic "take" from Mexico City, CIA-IR-21 DRE Monthly Operational Reports, CIA-IR-22 "A" Files on Clay Shaw and Jim Garrison.

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outcome of these particular searches, the Review Board continues to seek a full accounting for all surveillance conducted during the relevant time periods.

CIA-IR-16 U-2 Files.

DS&T has provided a folder title printout of U-2 materials for Review Board examination and has checked for records filed under Richard Bissell's name. The Review Board staff continues to review these indexes. The DS&T should continue to search for OSP files.

CIA-IR-17 DS&T Records on Castro Assassination Plots.

The DS&T records should be searched for any records on Castro assassination plots. The Review Board will provide possible search query suggestions from the 1967 IG Report.

~~CIA-IR-18 DO Office:~~

The Review Board has requested orally information about a particular DO office. Since January 1997, CIA has had no response and no time frame for a response.

CIA-IR-19 Computer Searches.

The Review Board has requested that full computer searches be conducted on all of the following people and organizations. The results of the searches should be documented. Once formal documentation of the completed searches has been provided, the request is complete.

Name	Results/Comments
1. Spas Raikin	This request is complete.
2. Leo Cherne	ARRB awaits documentation.
3. Hunter Leake	ARRB awaits documentation. HRG is checking for a DCD file.
4. Marilyn Dutz Murret	This request is complete.
5. John McVickar	ARRB awaits documentation.
6. Andy Anderson	ARRB awaits documentation.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, JFK Declassification
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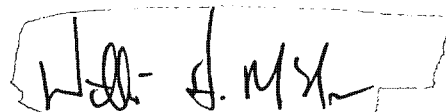
FROM: William McNair, DO/IRO

SUBJECT: (U) DO Response to CIA IR 18

REFERENCE: ARRB Request for Additional
Information and Records CIA IR 18

1. (U) This memorandum is in response to informal request number 18 (CIA IR 18) from the staff of the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB). "The Review Board has made oral requests from CIA for information about a particular DO office."

2. (U) The CIA cannot answer the oral request in an unclassified manner. A classified answer will be provided.



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SUBJECT: DO Response to CIA IR 18

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17 September 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Ms. Laura Denk
Executive Director, ARRB

FROM: J. Barry Harrelson
JFK Project Officer, HRP/OIM

SUBJECT: CIA-IR-18, Request for Information on
a Particular DO Office

1. This is in response to subject request.
2. The Directorate of Operations (DO) previously responded to this request with a classified memorandum for review by ARRB staff members. Following that review, it was requested that the Agency provide an unclassified response with as much data as possible.
3. The DO has now provided an unclassified response and it is attached hereto.
4. This concludes the Agency's action on this request. If you have any questions, please advise.



J. Barry Harrelson

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26 August 1998

MEMORANDUM For: Chief, JFK Declassification
Project/HRP/OIM/DA

FROM: William McNair, DO/IRO

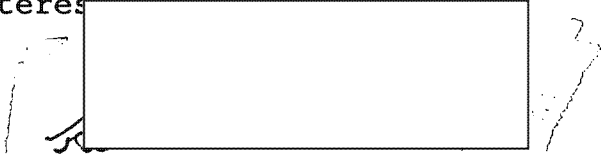
SUBJECT: (U) DO Response to CIA IR 18

1. (U) This memorandum is an unclassified response to informal request number 18 (CIA IR 18) from the staff of the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB). "The Review Board has made oral requests from CIA for information about a particular DO office."

2. (U) The "Defector Staff" listed in CSN 5-50 revised October 1959 and revised October 1963 had the symbol DDP/CDC, CIA Defector Coordinator (CDC) under the DDP. Only Soviet cases were handled by the DDP/CDC.

3. (U) The "Defector and Contract Personnel Branch" had the symbol SR/OS/D. Only Soviet Bloc (that is former Warsaw Pact countries) defector cases were handled by this branch.

4. (U) The staff and the branch identified in paragraph 2 and 3 above, among their other duties, were responsible for identifying, debriefing, and resettling foreign defectors of intelligence interest.


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SUBJECT: (U) DO Response to CIA IR 18

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6 August 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, JFK Declassification
Project/HRP/OIM/DA

FROM: William McNair, DO/IRO

SUBJECT: (U) Classified DO Response to CIA IR 18

REFERENCE: 1. ARRB Request for Additional
Information and Records CIA IR 18

2. Unclassified Response to CIA IR 18

1. (U) This memorandum is the classified response to informal request number 18 (CIA IR 18) from the staff of the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB). "The Review Board has made oral requests from CIA for information about a particular DO office." The CIA cannot answer the oral requests in an unclassified manner.

2. (S) The "Defector Staff" listed in CSN 5-50 revised October 1959 and revised October 1963 had the symbol DDP/CDC, CIA Defector Coordinator (CDC) under the DDP. Only Soviet cases were handled by the DDP/CDC. This group was the predecessor of the present group, the Defector Program Group.

3. (S) The "Defector and Contract Personnel Branch" had the symbol SR/OS/D. Only Soviet Bloc (that is former Warsaw Pact countries) defector cases were handled by this branch.

4. (S) The present group, The Defector Program Group, is the focal point in the DO and in the Intelligence Community for the conduct of the US Defector Program in accordance with DCID 4/1-1. The Program includes the identification, exploitation, movement, handling, and resettlement of aliens of interest to the Intelligence Community. With respect to the DO, DPG represents the DDO and provides staff guidance, advice, supervision, and coordination for DO efforts regarding walk-ins and other volunteers, Public Law (PL-110)

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defectors, refugees, and asylum seekers of intelligence interests. DPG also chairs and serves as the Secretariat for the DCI's Interagency Defector Committee (IDC), which is composed of ten members of the Intelligence Community as well as other agencies, and the Defector Resettlement Review Panel (DRRP), an intra-agency committee.


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17 August 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Laura Denk
Executive Director, ARRB

FROM: J. Barry Harrelson
JFK Project Officer, HRP/OIM

SUBJECT: CIA-IR-18, Request for Information on
a Particular DO Office

1. (U) This is in response to referent request.

2. (S) This request involved the so-called "Defector Staff." The DO has advised that only a classified response is possible with respect to this staff and advised as follows:

A. That staff is listed in Clandestine Services Notice 5-50, revised October 1959 and 1963 and carried the symbol DDP/CDC (CIA Defector Coordinator). Only soviet cases were handled by the staff. The staff was a predecessor of the present group, the Defector Program Group (DPG).

B. The "Defector and Contract Personnel Branch" was designated SR/OS/D. This branch handled only Soviet Bloc defector cases (countries of the former Warsaw Pact).

C. The Defector Program Group noted above is the focal point within the DO and Intelligence Community for the conduct of the US defector program in accordance with DCID 4/1-1. The program encompasses the identification, exploitation, movement, handling and resettlement of aliens of interest to the Intelligence Community. (The DPG represents the Deputy Director of Operations providing advice, supervision, and coordination within the DO regarding walk-ins and other, Public Law, Section 110 defector refugees, and asylum seekers of intelligence interest. The DPG chairs the DCI's ten member Interagency Defector Committee, the members being drawn from both the intelligence community and other government agencies.)

3. (U) The Agency believes that the above is fully responsive to subject request and in thus closing its action on it. If you have any questions, please advise.

J. Barry Harrelson

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