

- Mr. Langelles said he had no contact with or instructions from Counterintelligence Chief James Angleton either before or during his tour of duty regarding any Moscow related operations.
- Asked about the U-2 flights, Mr. Langelles said he had no knowledge of the U-2 development or flights until after he had returned from Moscow.

CENTER *for the* STUDY of INTELLIGENCE

24 October 1995

Ms. Ann L. Goodpasture  


Dear Ms. Goodpasture:

This is to confirm our two recent phone conversations concerning the JFK assassination records. I am writing this letter in my capacity as the DCI's liaison with the Assassination Records Review Board.

The Review Board requests the opportunity to interview you as part of its mandate to identify information relevant to President Kennedy's assassination that may be released to the public. The Board members were appointed by President Clinton under authorization of the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992.

Mr. Jeremy Gunn, the Board's General Counsel, will contact you to make arrangements for the interview. You are authorized to discuss with Board members or staff information pertaining to the assassination, Lee Harvey Oswald's activities in Mexico City, and any US Government investigations into either.

The Board members and staff have been cleared for classified information up to Top Secret, including compartmented information. They have had complete access to all pertinent CIA files. Mr. Gunn has an SCI clearance from the Agency. Therefore, you may answer questions candidly and completely, including with classified information. Disclosures to the members and staff of the Board will not violate your secrecy agreement.

This letter has been prepared in consultation with CIA's Office of General Counsel. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call me on 703-351-2802.

Sincerely,

John F. Pereira  
Chief, Historical Review Group



March 25, 1996

Mr. John Horton



Dear Mr. Horton:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal Agency established pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The Review Board, whose members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is charged with collecting records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Review Board is not seeking to reach any conclusions regarding the assassination, but is primarily concerned with identifying, clarifying, locating, and making available assassination records. I am enclosing some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

As part of our mandate, we have been reviewing records that originated with the Central Intelligence Agency. Several of the records relate to the investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald's trip to Mexico City and his alleged association with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and anti-Castro organizations. We have some questions about these subjects as well as a related event that involved James Angleton traveling to Mexico City in 1971 to acquire Win Scott's papers. We hope that you may be able to assist us in determining the existence of various assassination records connected with the events described above.

We would like to request a meeting to discuss the aforementioned issues. We invite you to come to our offices in Washington, but we would be more than willing to meet you at your home or another convenient location. We will be contacting you in the near future to arrange for a convenient time for you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. Jeremy Gunn".

T. Jeremy Gunn

General Counsel and Associate Director for Research & Analysis

Enclosures

cc: Mr. John Pereira



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March 25, 1996

Mr. Robert Shaw

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal Agency established pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The Review Board, whose members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is charged with collecting records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Review Board is not seeking to reach any conclusions regarding the assassination, but is primarily concerned with identifying, clarifying, locating, and making available assassination records. I am enclosing some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

As part of our mandate, we have been reviewing records that originated with the Central Intelligence Agency. Several of these records relate to the investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald's trip to Mexico City and his alleged association with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and anti-Castro organizations. In addition, we have reviewed your testimony to the House Select Committee on Assassinations and have concluded that you may be able to answer some questions related to certain Cuban matters of the case. You also may be able to assist us in determining the existence of various assassination records connected with the events described above.

We would like to request a preliminary telephone interview to discuss the aforementioned issues. We will be contacting you in the near future to arrange for a convenient time for you.

Sincerely yours,

T. Jeremy Gunn

General Counsel and Associate Director for Research & Analysis

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cc: Mr. John Pereira



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July 10, 1996

Ms. Jane Roman



Dear Ms. Roman:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal Agency established pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The Review Board, whose members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is charged with collecting records related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Review Board is not seeking to reach any conclusions regarding the assassination, but is primarily concerned with identifying, clarifying, locating, and making available assassination records. I am enclosing some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

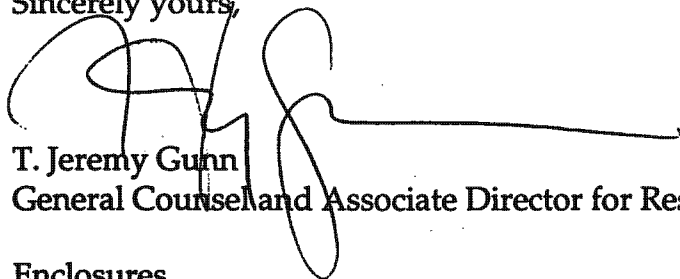
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We would like to request a meeting to discuss the aforementioned issues. We invite you to come to our offices in Washington, but we would be more than willing to meet you at your home or another convenient location. Because your telephone number is not listed, we would like you to contact us in the near future to arrange for a convenient

Ms. Jane Roman  
July 10, 1996  
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time for you. For your information, we also have sent a copy of this letter to your other address.

Sincerely yours,

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T. Jeremy Gunn  
General Counsel and Associate Director for Research & Analysis

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cc: Mr. John Pereira  
Historical Review Group  
Central Intelligence Agency

July 20, 1996

Mr. T. Jeremy Gunn  
Assassination Records Review Board  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Gunn:

I am sorry that you had such difficulty locating me and it's a wonder that your letter ever did reach me since it is a weird and wonderful combination of two of my addresses. I have never received the other copy of the letter which I assume was sent to [redacted] is

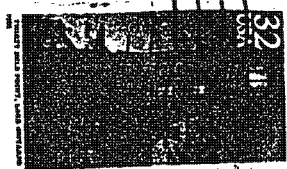
The above address [redacted] is my summer address and I will be here until the middle of October. As of April 30 I sold the [redacted] house. My permanent legal address is now: [redacted]

Heather number is unlisted but the listing is in the name of Howard Roman (my deceased husband). The D.C. number would refer you to the MB number.

I would, of course, be more than happy to assist you in any way

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possible and recognize that it is your assigned mission to cover any leads available to you. I do, however, feel that I can add absolutely nothing of value to the information already available to you.

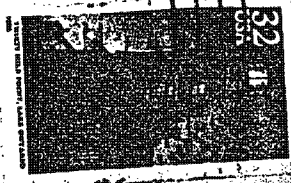
It would be extremely difficult and expensive for me to get to Washington at this point. I also feel it would be a great waste of your Board's time and energy to meet with me here. I also travel a great deal visiting my New England relatives and friends.

I am more than happy to get together upon my return to [redacted] in October if you still feel it would be necessary.

I understand that your Board was established to put to rest once and for all the rumors of plots, conspiracies, etc., as sparked by the Oliver Stone movie, "Jfk" and various other financially lucrative books and articles. What a blessing that would be. As far as I am concerned the Warren Commission did a thorough and accurate job.

I assume that you are aware that I was interviewed last winter by an editor from the op-ed page of the Washington Post - against my better judgement. The article published was sensationalist, scurrilous, tendentious, words taken out of context, implication of CIA duplicity and involvement. I was so upset that I wrote a letter to the Post right off, but it was much too long to send and I couldn't seem to write a

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short enough one. At the advice of colleagues, I checked in with the Public Affairs Officer at CIA. He was very soothing and said that anyone who knew me would realize what happened, and the whole thing would soon sink into oblivion which it soon did. The editor was accompanied by a man who was writing a book on Lee Harvey Oswald, and left with me a copy of his previous book, "Vietnam and JFK" which I didn't read, except for the cover which said the author (whose name I can't recall) had been an adviser to Oliver Stone on the JFK movie.

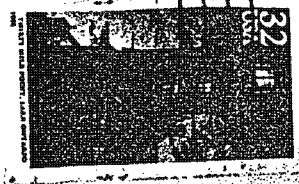
Good luck with your task.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Roman

cc: Mr. John Pereira  
Historical Review Group  
Central Intelligence Agency

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June 3, 1997

Mr. Russell A. Langelles



Dear Mr. Langelles:

I am writing you on behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal Agency established pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The Review Board, whose members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is charged with the responsibility of collecting records and information related to the assassination of President Kennedy. Review Board members and staff are required by law to possess Top Secret, SCI clearances. The Review Board is not seeking to reach any conclusions regarding the assassination, but is primarily concerned with identifying, clarifying, locating, and making available assassination records. I am enclosing some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

As Michelle Combs mentioned in her telephone call last Tuesday, we would like very much to discuss your work experiences in Moscow from 1957-1959 with you. We believe that your past in-depth knowledge of the Moscow Embassy and its procedures may assist the ARRB in our attempts to clarify the historical record in this area.

Before talking with you, we would like to make certain that you would feel free to discuss fully all relevant aspects of your work in Moscow. To the extent that you think that discussion of your work might possibly involve classified or sensitive matters, we would like to resolve such concerns in a way that would provide you with whatever assurance that you need that you would not be improperly divulging classified information. If you feel discussing this subject with the Review Board would constitute disclosure of any information that is still classified, we will be happy to initiate a discussion between you and the appropriate officials to address any concerns you may have.

One of the members of our staff, Michelle Combs, will be calling to arrange a mutually agreeable time and place for an interview. Should you wish to contact us in response to

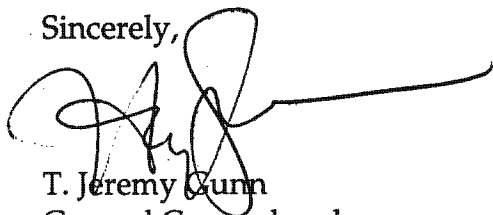
Mr. Russell A. Langelle

June 3, 1997

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this letter, please call for either Michelle Combs (a Senior Analyst on the State and CIA Records Team) or myself. We look forward to talking with you again.

Sincerely,

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T. Jeremy Gunn

General Counsel and

Associate Director for Research & Analysis

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Note to:

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Subject: ARRB interview of Russell A. Langelie

Attached is a draft of Michelle Combs' memorandum of her interview of Langelie. This memo is for the Assassination Records Review Board's files and will be made available to the public. Ms. Combs is willing to consider alterations in response to problems the Agency has with the draft, however, she indicated that the information contained in the memo is in the public domain. If you have any questions please contact me via E-mail or on 31825 secure. Please respond as soon as possible. Ms Combs would like to address any questions we have before she forwards the draft to Jeremy Gunn, General Counsel, ARRB, which she hopes to do this week.

Thanks,

  
Barry Harrelson  
JFK Project Officer  
CSI/HRG

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FROM: J. Barry Harrelson  
OFFICE: CSI/HRG  
DATE: 09/25/97 08:30:28 AM  
SUBJECT: Re: ARRB INTERVIEW OF RUSSELL LANGELE

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Re your questions:

George Payne Winters, Jr. retired overt and has been released in the JFK collection.

The HTLINGUAL program was first acknowledged during the Rockefeller Commission Investigation in 1975. The crypt was released by the Church Committee in 1976.

Thanks for your help on this issue

Barry Harrelson (x31825)

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*Original Text of Thomas T. TREDELL*

*Barry-*

*Russia House has looked at Michelle Combs' memo on her interview of Russell Langle.*

*The only areas of concern they had, which they said they could not comment on knowledgeably, are:*

- The mention of George Payne Winters, Jr. They do not know if he is overt.*
- The mention of the HTLINGUAL program in the last paragraph of page two. They are not familiar with this program and don't know if this program is overt/has been publicly acknowledged by the Agency.*

*If you could check into these two matters or tell me where to get the answers, I would appreciate it. Thanks.*

CC: [redacted] @ DO, [redacted] @ DO, Kurt S. ZERRICK @ DO, Paul S. BARCHEK @ DO, Hoyt D. NORDLANDER @ DO

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*Are there any other concerns re Michelle Combs' memo? She will be at IP on Wed. and is willing to discuss any problems.*

*Barry*

Thanks for checking. No other concerns.

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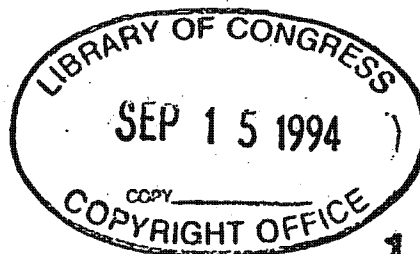
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The next thing we tried was something called a Salisbury screen, a metallic grid applied to the airplane's undercarriage in the hope of deflecting incoming radar beams, but it worked only at some frequencies and altitudes and not at others.

Kelly thought it was more practical to try special iron ferrite paints that would absorb a radar ping rather than bounce it back to the sender. The paints were moderately effective but inhibited heat dissipation through the airframe's outer skin and we experienced overheating engine problems. But the paint lowered the radar cross section by one order of magnitude, so we decided to give it a try. We called these specially painted airplanes "dirty birds" and shipped the first one out for flight testing in April 1957. Our test pilot, Bob Sieker, took the U-2 up to over seventy thousand feet and suddenly radioed that he was experiencing rapid airframe heat buildup. Moments later his engine blew out and the faceplate blew off Bob's oxygen mask as his pressure suit instantly inflated. The U-2 dove straight down and crashed. It took us three days to locate the wreckage and Bob's body. An autopsy revealed that above seventy thousand feet he had suffered acute hypoxia and lost consciousness in only ten seconds. The culprit that killed him was a defective faceplate clasp that cost fifty cents.

The CIA was so desperate to buy time for these Soviet overflights that Bissell got Kelly to sequester four of our test flight engineers and have them write a bogus flight manual for a U-2 twice as heavy as ours and with a maximum altitude of only fifty thousand feet that carried only scientific weather gear in its bay. The manual included phony instrument panel photos with altered markings for speed, altitude, and load factor limits. Four copies were produced and then artificially aged with grease, coffee stains, and cigarette burns. How or if the agency got them into Soviet hands only Mr. B knew, and he never told.

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**To:** Barry Harrelson **Date:** September 11, 1997  
**Fax #:** 703-613-3060 **Pages:** 4, including this cover sheet.  
**From:** Michelle Combs  
**Subject:** Langelles Interview

**COMMENTS:**

Barry,

This is my working draft. Jeremy has not yet seen it. If any of your folks have major problems with something in this, let me know and I will consider alterations. Langelles himself is identified as CIA in a document released in 1993 which I showed to him at the interview.

Michelle



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December 4, 1996

Ms. Bertha Dasenburg

Dear Ms. Dasenburg:

I am writing you on behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal Agency established pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The Review Board, whose members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is charged with the responsibility of collecting records and information related to the assassination of President Kennedy. Review Board members and staff are required by law to possess Top Secret, SCI clearances. The Review Board is not seeking to reach any conclusions regarding the assassination, but is primarily concerned with identifying, clarifying, locating, and making available assassination records. I am enclosing some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

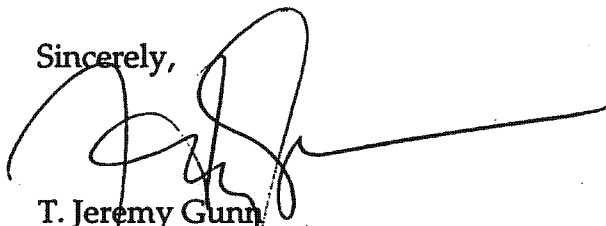
It is our understanding that you handled, organized, and worked with former Counterintelligence Chief James J. Angleton's files for over thirty years and that you had access to his safes and private vault. We would like very much to discuss this subject with you, and believe that your past in-depth knowledge of Mr. Angleton's files and records may assist the ARRB in our attempts to clarify the historical record in this area. I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. John Pereira, of the Historical Review Group, Center for the Study of Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C., 20505. To the extent that you feel discussing this subject with the Review Board would constitute disclosure of any information that is still classified, we would be happy to initiate a discussion between you and the appropriate officials at the CIA to address any concerns you may have.

Sometime in the near future a member of the Review Board staff will be calling you to establish a mutually agreeable time for an interview to discuss certain aspects of the CI Staff and its record keeping. Should you wish to call us first in response to this letter,

Ms. Bertha Dasenburg  
December 4, 1996  
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please ask for either Michelle Combs (a Senior Analyst on the CIA Records Team) or myself. We look forward to talking with you.

Sincerely,

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T. Jeremy Gunn  
General Counsel and  
Associate Director for Research & Analysis

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cc. John Pereira

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October 29, 1996

Mr. John Parangosky

Dear Mr. Parangosky:

I am writing you on behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal Agency established pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The Review Board, whose members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is charged with the responsibility of collecting records and information related to the assassination of President Kennedy. Review Board members and staff are required by law to possess Top Secret, SCI clearances. The Review Board is not seeking to reach any conclusions regarding the assassination, but is primarily concerned with identifying, clarifying, locating, and making available assassination records. I am enclosing some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

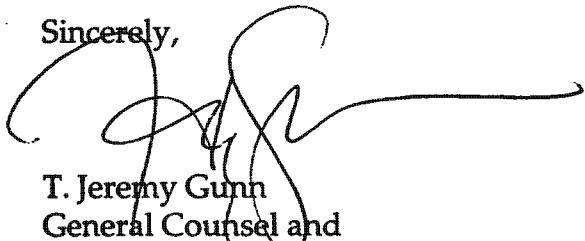
Also enclosed is an excerpt from the book *Skunk Works*, by Ben Rich and Leo Janos, which refers to Lockheed's preparation of four sets of falsified U-2 technical manuals at the direction of Richard Bissell of the CIA. Co-author Leo Janos has identified you to the Review Board as having formerly been Richard Bissell's direct assistant for U-2 program matters, and has suggested that you may be a source of further information in this area of inquiry. We would like very much to discuss this subject with you, and believe that your experiences and recollections may assist ARRB in our attempts to clarify the historical record in this area. I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. John Pereira, of the Historical Review Group, Center for the Study of Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C., 20505. To the extent that you feel discussing this subject with the Review Board would constitute disclosure of any information that is still classified, we would be happy to initiate a discussion between you and the appropriate officials at the CIA to address any concerns you may have.

Because we are not aware of your telephone number, we request that you either reply to us in writing, or call us at (202) 724-0088 to discuss a time and place where we could meet with you to discuss certain aspects of the U-2 program; if it is inconvenient for you

Mr. John Parangosky  
October 29, 1996  
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to meet with us at the Review Board's offices, we would be happy to visit you in a location that is convenient for you. Should you wish to call us in response to this letter, please ask for either Mr. Doug Horne (a Senior Analyst on the Military Records Team), or Dr. Michelle Combs (a Senior Analyst on the CIA Records Team). We look forward to hearing from you, and to speaking with you about the U-2 program.

Sincerely,

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T. Jeremy Gunn  
General Counsel and  
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April 21, 1997

**FYI**

Mr. John McVickar

Dear Mr. McVickar:

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We would like very much to discuss your work experiences in Moscow from 1959-1961 with you, particularly as it pertained to the USSR residence of Lee Harvey Oswald. We have reviewed the transcripts of your testimony to the Warren Commission and to the House Select Committee on Assassinations. We believe that your knowledge of Oswald and the Moscow Embassy may assist the ARRB in our attempts to clarify the historical record in this area.

One of the members of our staff, Dr. Michelle Combs, will be calling to arrange a mutually agreeable time and place for an interview. We anticipate being in the Boston area in the near future and would easily be able to visit with you  if that would be most convenient for you.

Before talking with you, we would like to make certain that you would feel free to discuss fully all relevant aspects of your work in Moscow. To the extent that you think that discussion of your work might possibly involve classified or sensitive matters, we would like to resolve such concerns in a way that would provide you with whatever assurance that you need that you would not be improperly divulging classified information. In the course of our interviews with other persons, we have arranged with



Mr. John McVickar

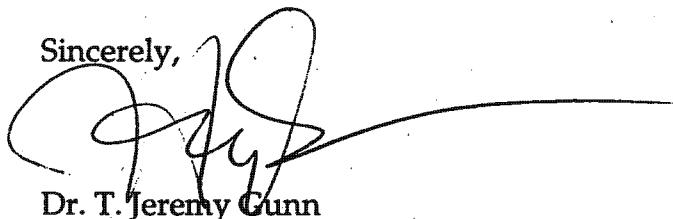
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the appropriate officials at State, CIA, DoD, FBI, and other agencies to obtain waivers to allow persons to speak to us. Our principal liaison with the State Department, for example, is Nina Noring, IM/FPC/HDR, Room B234, Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20520, (202) 647-8799. If you believe you have any information that might touch upon the equities of the CIA, DoD, the FBI or any other agency, you should feel free to ask us to arrange for an initial contact with them or you may wish to contact them yourself.

Please do not hesitate to call (collect) for either Dr. Combs or myself. We look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

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Dr. T. Jeremy Gunn  
General Counsel and

Associate Director for Research & Analysis

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## NOTE FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: JFK Board/Ann Goodpasture

1. At the request of Jeremy Gunn, General Counsel of the Assassination Records Review Board, I called retired CIA employee Ann L. Goodpasture today.

The reason for the call was to advise her that Gunn planned to contact her to arrange an interview about the Kennedy assassination. Fred Wickham, DO, had agreed that I make the call.

2. I explained to Ms. Goodpasture the role of the Board and the purpose of the interview, and offered to provide any assistance. She said that she would be willing to be interviewed, but did not recall the details of events around the time of the assassination. She asked that she receive an official statement from CIA releasing her from her secrecy agreement for purposes of the interview, which I agreed to obtain.

3. Ms. Goodpasture said that she had plans to visit Washington in November and could be available for the interview then. She will call me when her plans are firm.

4. I relayed the above to Gunn, who said that he would call Goodpasture sometime in the next two days.



John Pereira

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## Memorandum

September 9, 1997

To: File (Interviews)

By: Michelle Combs



Subject: Interview with Russell A. Langelle

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On August 21, 1997, Russell A. Langelle, senior CIA officer in Moscow from 1957 to 1959 was interviewed by Michelle Combs. The interview was not recorded.

- Mr. Langelle provided an overview of life in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow from 1957-1959. He outlined his duties and activities as the embassy security officer and as the senior CIA officer in Moscow during that time period.
- Mr. Langelle noted that he had no contact with Lee Harvey Oswald in Moscow and did not remember ever hearing the name until after the assassination of President Kennedy.
- In discussing his duties in Moscow, Mr. Langelle said that he had been sent to Moscow specifically to meet with GRU Lieutenant Colonel Pyotr Popov, recruited in Vienna in 1952, who was then working as an agent-in-place within the GRU, the Soviet military intelligence service. Langelle explained that meeting Popov in the Soviet capital was his number one priority and that he was given instructions not to draw attention to himself in any way which might endanger Popov.
- Mr. Langelle noted that his other responsibilities for CIA included finding, checking, and locating potential dead drops, and the general assessment of the various Soviet officials he met as potential recruitment targets. He emphasized that his activities on behalf of the CIA were very passive and that none of these activities was allowed to overshadow the importance of meeting Popov safely. He made no attempts to recruit any Soviets for fear of calling attention to himself as a CIA officer and thus endangering Popov.
- When asked about other CIA officers in the embassy, Mr. Langelle said that he had a loose supervisory role over the other officers in the embassy in that he knew each of them (they did not necessarily know each other as CIA officers) and generally what they were doing. However, Langelle emphasized that he did not know the specifics of anyone's work but his own and that there was no "station" which functioned as any kind of a unit. The CIA officers in Moscow

functioned as individuals, acting on instructions from Headquarters, with no coordination of their activities in-country.

- Mr. Langelles thought that it was likely that George Payne Winters, Jr. had his own communications channel with Headquarters and that possibly the other officers did too. He stated that he was never instructed to pass a message from Headquarters to any other officer and that no officer ever asked him to pass any information on to Headquarters.
- When asked about CIA files, Mr. Langelles noted that the few CIA files that existed in Moscow were kept in one drawer of his safe and that only he had access to them. No one else had the combination. He said that to the best of his recollection, the files consisted mainly of communications materials such as one-time-pads, a few records of dead drop locations, and communications protocol.
- Mr. Langelles explained that tourists and defectors were never part of his responsibilities in Moscow either as the embassy security officer or as a CIA officer. He said that he had no contact with any of the American defectors. Mr. Langelles explained that any potential counterintelligence risk from an American defector would not have been viewed as important enough to expose Langelles's presence as a CIA officer.
- Asked about the CIA's legal traveller program, Mr. Langelles said that he knew about the existence of the program but that he had no contact with any of its participants. He thought it possible that George Payne Winters, Jr. had some contact or role in the program because he had many contacts in the Russian community. Mr. Langelles emphasized that he had no specific knowledge whether Winters did have a role in the legal traveller program.
- Mr. Langelles thought that it was possible that the military attaches would have met with any defector with a military background, but that he did not know if any of the attaches had met with any of the defectors. He also thought it was possible that an attache could have taken Oswald to the upper (restricted) floors for counseling but again, he did not have any specific knowledge of such an occasion.
- When asked about the HTLINGUAL program, Mr. Langelles said that he knew about the mail opening program. He noted that he was the only person in the embassy who knew that American non-diplomatic pouch mail was seen by both the Soviets, through regular KGB screening, and the CIA through HTLINGUAL.