

Assassination Records Review Board

Final Determination Notification

AGENCY : CIA
RECORD NUMBER : 104-10009-10131
RECORD SERIES : JFK
AGENCY FILE NUMBER : 201-289248

August 13, 1996

Status of Document: Postponed in Part

Number of releases of previously postponed information: 16

Reason for Board Action: The Review Board's decision was premised on several factors including: (a) the significant historical interest in the document in question; (b) the absence of evidence that the release of the information would cause harm to the United States or to any individual.

Number of Postponements: 3

Postponement # 1 (Page RS1):

Reason for Board Action: The text is redacted because it reveals the identity of an intelligence agent that might be withheld under Section 6(1)(A) of the JFK Act. The Board is awaiting additional evidence from the CIA, at which time it will reconsider the postponement.

Substitute Language: CIA Employee

Review Date: 05/1997

Postponement # 2 (Page RS2):

Reason for Board Action: The text is redacted because it reveals the identity of an intelligence agent that might be withheld under Section 6(1)(A) of the JFK Act. The Board is awaiting additional evidence from the CIA, at which time it will reconsider the postponement.

Substitute Language: CIA Employee

Review Date: 05/1997

Postponement # 3 (Page RS2):

Reason for Board Action: The text is redacted because it reveals the identity of an intelligence agent that properly may be withheld under Section 6(1)(A) of the JFK Act.

Substitute Language: The information is the true name of the individual whose pseudonym is John Scelso.

The postponed information will be opened in full on either May 1, 2001, or three months after the decease of the individual, whichever occurs first.

Release Date: 05/2001

Board Review Completed: 06/05/96

JFK ASSASSINATION SYSTEM
IDENTIFICATION FORM

AGENCY INFORMATION

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DOCUMENT INFORMATION

ORIGINATOR : CIA
FROM : HELMS, RICHARD, DD/P, CIA
TO : RANKIN, J. LEE, GEN COUNSEL, WC
TITLE : ALLEGATIONS OF PFC. EUGENE B. DINKIN. U. S. ARMY,
RELATIVE TO ASSASSIANCTION PLOT AGAINST PRESIDENT
KENNEDY.
DATE : 05/19/64
PAGES : 9
SUBJECTS : ALLEGATIONS
DINKIN, E.B.
SWITZERLAND

DOCUMENT TYPE : PAPER, TEXTUAL DOCUMENT
CLASSIFICATION : SECRET
RESTRICTIONS : 1A, 1B
CURRENT STATUS : RELEASED WITH DELETIONS
DATE OF LAST REVIEW : 06/21/93
OPENING CRITERIA :
COMMENTS : OSW14:V54 1993.06.21.17:46:55:810140: 7 ADDITIONAL
FILE-ORIGINAL PAGES RELEASED TO NARA; 2 RETAINED AT CIA.

[R] - ITEM IS RESTRICTED



Review Date September 1970

Document No. 943
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19 May 1964

RELEASE TO PUBLIC?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mr. Dooley	✓			
Mr. Latte (Swiss)	✓			
Mr. Wiggan				
Mr. Raabe				
Mr. Bear				
MR PRATT	✓			
Mr. Rocca	✓			
Mr. Karamessines	✓			
Mr. Helms				

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<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Insufficient Knowledge</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Date</u>
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Mr. Dooley				
	NO			3 AUG 65
Mr. Hall				
Mr. Kaufman				
Mr. Murphy				
Mr. Rocca				
Mr. Spera				
Mr. Whitten				
Mr. Karamessines				
Mr. Helms				

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy

SUBJECT: Allegations of Pfc. Eugene B. DINKIN,
U.S. Army, Relative to Assassination
Plot Against President Kennedy

1. Reference is made to paragraph 2 of your memorandum, dated February 12, 1964, requesting that the Commission be furnished copies of disseminations relative to the assassination of President Kennedy that were sent to the Secret Service.

2. Immediately after the assassination in Geneva, Switzerland, reported allegations concerning a plot to assassinate President Kennedy that were made by Pfc. Eugene B. DINKIN, U.S. Army, serial number RA-76710292, on 6 and 7 November 1963, in Geneva while absent without leave from his unit in Metz, France. Available details of this charge,

_____ were disseminated as OUT Teletype message No. 85770, on 29 November 1963. This dissemination was sent to the White House, Department of State and Federal Bureau of Investigation, with a copy to the Secret Service.

3. Since _____ cooperated with the U.S. Military Attache in assembling information on this affair, and the Military Attache reported through his channels, the Commission may have already received information of Pfc. DINKIN's allegations.

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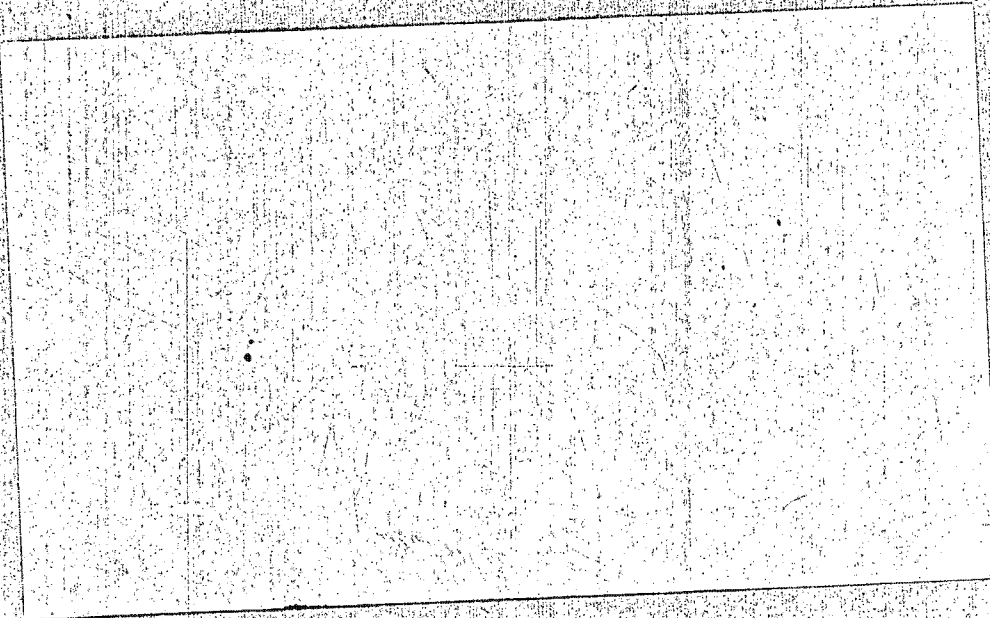
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4. Because sensitive sources and methods were involved, an appropriate sensitivity indicator has been affixed to this memorandum and its attachment.

(S) Richard Helms
Richard Helms
Deputy Director for Plans

Attachment - a/s



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OUT Teletype No. 83770, dated 29 November 1963, filed at 1556 hours to the White House, State Department and FBI, with copy to the Secret Service.

1. Your attention is called to the following series of incidents which have produced a report alleging there was advance information on the assassination of the late President Kennedy.

2. On 4 November 1963, a U.S. Army Pfc. Eugene B. DINKIN, Serial number RA-76710292, about 24 years old, went absent without leave from his unit, Headquarters Company, U.S. Army General Depot, Metz, France. He was scheduled for a psychiatric examination that same day. He apparently entered Switzerland using a false Army identification card with forged travel orders.

3. On 6 and 7 November 1963 he appeared in the press room of United Nations Office in Geneva and told reporters he was being persecuted. He also wished to alert the world to the U.S. Government "Propaganda Campaign". Army reports show that he voluntarily returned to his unit in Metz on or about 11 November 1963.

4. Around 26 November 1963, after President Kennedy had been assassinated, a Geneva journalist named Alex des Fontaines, stringer for Time-Life and correspondent for Radio Canada, was reported to be filing a story to the Paris office of Time-Life recounting Private DINKIN's visit to Geneva and quoting DINKIN as having said that "they" were plotting against President Kennedy and that "something" would happen in Texas. Des Fontaines had been prompted to do this by an unidentified female reporter who had recalled such statements by DINKIN; des Fontaines thought he recalled he had heard DINKIN say something like that also and although he did not really believe that DINKIN had grounds for his statements when he made them, he filed the story just to be sure.

5. All aspects of this story were known, as reported above, by U.S. military authorities and have been reported by military attache cable through military channels.

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(Signed) Richard Helms
Richard Helms
Deputy Director for Plans

Attachment - a/s

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OUT Teletype No. 85778, dated 29 November 1963, filed at 1956 hours to the White House, State Department and FBI, with copy to the Secret Service.

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