Date: August 2, 2021

From: National Archives and Records Administration

Subject: Reconstructed FBI File PD 62-3144, Serials 9-13

To: The File

This memorandum briefly summarizes the status of missing original Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) case files in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection (JFK Collection) and documents the National Archives and Records Administration’s (NARA) efforts to reconstruct these records, where possible, from duplicate copies of documents located in other FBI files.

As the JFK Collection was first compiled and reviewed in the 1990s, the Assassination Records Review Board and the FBI designated some records as “not believed relevant” (NBR) or “not assassination related” (NAR). The FBI retained custody of the NBR/NAR records and postponed their transfer to NARA until a later date. Every document or group of documents ("serials"), however, received an indexed Record Identification Form (RIF) and FBI inventory sheet for insertion into the JFK Collection.

In September 2011, several years prior to the 2017 re-review and transfer of the NBR/NAR material to the National Archives, a flood severely damaged thousands of feet of records at the FBI’s Alexandria Records Center in Alexandria, Virginia. In June 2012, NARA approved the FBI’s request for emergency destruction of 10,000 cubic feet of records that posed significant airborne health hazards. Among the damaged records were FBI field office files that contained postponed JFK Collection material designated as “pertaining to a matter unrelated to the JFK Assassination Investigation” or “not assassination related.”

This compilation represents NARA’s efforts to reconstruct the original file, as completely as possible, with duplicate copies of documents located in the FBI field office and headquarters files within the JFK Collection. Each reconstructed file or compilation contains a Record Identification Form, an explanatory cover memo, existing administrative documents available within the JFK Collection, and copies of identified duplicate documents. The table below summarizes the status of FBI file PD 62-3144, Serials 9 through 13.

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[ ] Deletions were made pursuant to the postponement rationale indicated below with no segregable material available for disclosure. All references relate to Section 6 of the "President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992."

[ ] Subsection 1A (intelligence agent's identity)
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[ ] Subsection 1C (other matter relating to military defense, intelligence operations or the conduct of foreign relations)
[ ] Subsection 2 (living person who provided confidential information)
[ ] Subsection 3 (unwarranted invasion of privacy)
[ ] Subsection 4 (cooperating individual or foreign government, currently requiring protection)
[ ] Subsection 5 (security or protective procedure, currently or expected to be utilized)

X Information pertained to a matter unrelated to the JFK Assassination investigation.

[ ] For your information: ___________________________________________

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION BY THE HSCA INTO THE
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., THE STAFF MEMBERS OF
THE HSCA HAVE REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING AGENTS:

SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH - PORTLAND DIVISION
SA THOMAS L. COLARELLI - NEW ORLEANS DIVISION
SA PATRICK J. COLLINS - NEW YORK DIVISION
SA RENE DUMAINE (FORMER) - ALBANY

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SA RAMON W. STRATTON - PORTLAND DIVISION
SA ROBERT C. HAINES - JACKSONVILLE DIVISION
SA JOE C. HESTER (FORMER) - MEMPHIS DIVISION


ALBANY CONTACT FORMER SA DUMAINE, 1 NORTH CENTER LANE, BALLSTON, NEW YORK, AND DETERMINE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE HE MAY BE INTERVIEWED BY THE COMMITTEE. MEMPHIS OFFICE CONTACT FORMER SA HESTER, 97 EAST LAFAYETTE CIRCLE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND DETERMINE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE FOR HIS INTERVIEW. ALBANY AND MEMPHIS SUTEL RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH DUMAINE AND HESTER.

ALL OF THE ABOVE NAMED AGENTS HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND ARE AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE IN HSCA INTERVIEW. AGENTS SHOULD REPORT TO FBIHQ ON THE DAY PRIOR TO SCHEDULED INTERVIEW. REPORT TO ROOM 3659 OR 8988
FOR INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE INTERVIEW. SA DANNY O.
COULSON OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR STAFF INTERVIEWS.

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NOTE: By letter dated 10/7/77, the HSCA requested to interview 32 Agents in connection with review of the King assassination investigation. By Legal Counsel memorandum to the Associate Director dated 10/25/77, approval for interviews and release from employment agreement were granted. On 11/8/77, Michael Eberhardt, HSCA, advised that his Committee desired to begin, as soon as possible, interviews with ten Agents named in the 10/7/77 request, seven of whom are named in instant teletype. Other Agents to be interviewed on a priority basis are SA T. E. DuHadway, Planning and Inspection Division, Wednesday, 11/16/77, G. J. Bonebrake, Identification Division, date not determined and former SA Robert Frazier, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland. SA Frazier has been contacted through the Baltimore Division and arrangements for interview will be handled at a later dated through Congressional Inquiry Unit, FBIHQ.

This teletype confirms telephonic notification to all offices concerning this matter on 11/9/77.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (62-3144)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS.

Enclosed herewith are five (5) copies of an LHM concerning interview by members of captioned Committee investigating the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., with SA RAMON W. STRATTON of the Portland Division, formerly of the Chicago Division.

[Signature]

[Signature] LEGAL COUNSEL

Approved Transmitted Per ____________________
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On November 16, 1977, SA Ramon W. Stratton of the Portland Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was interviewed at House Annex Number 2 by Mr. William A. Webb and Mr. Michael C. Eberhardt, members of the House Select Committee on Assassinations investigating the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The interview with SA Stratton related to investigations conducted by the Chicago Field Division of the FBI to which SA Stratton was assigned at that time. No written memorandum was furnished to SA Stratton to refresh his recollection.

Many of the questions centered around the possibility that Jerry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray, may have been involved in a conspiracy to assassinate Dr. King. The Chicago Field Division of the FBI established that on April 3 and 4, 1968 (the latter being the date of assassination of Dr. King), Jerry Ray was gainfully employed and present in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois.

Many of the questions of the Committee counsel had to do with why the FBI did certain things and did not do other things; however, SA Stratton was unable to answer most of their questions due to the passage of time since the investigation took place and the lack of any memoranda to refresh his recollection.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
ATTN: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

DATE: 12/19/77

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (62-3144)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Enclosed herewith are five copies of an LHM relative to the interview of SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH, Portland Division, by staff members of the HSCA in Washington, D.C., on 11/16/77.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

On November 16, 1977, SA William F. Kusch of the Portland Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was interviewed at House Annex #2 in Washington, D.C., by Mr. Mark Speiser and Mr. Peter Beeson, members of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, investigating the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The interview with SA Kusch dealt with a period of time SA Kusch was assigned to the New Orleans Division of the FBI, specifically April, 1968. During April of 1968, SA Kusch, along with numerous other Special Agents assigned to the New Orleans Division, conducted many interviews with persons who had, or who might have had, knowledge of the activities or contacts of James Earl Ray during the period of time Ray, using the name Eric Galt, was in New Orleans.

Specifically, SA Kusch was questioned regarding his squad assignments in New Orleans, the identities of other squad members, the identity of his supervisor, his Agent in charge and his assistant Agent in charge at the time.

Further, SA Kusch was questioned relative to the content of several interview report forms (FD 302s) concerning interviews that he conducted and prepared appropriate FD 302s in connection therewith, or FD 302s covering interviews that he was a party to. House Select Committee on Assassinations members exhibited said FD 302s to SA Kusch to refresh his memory.

House Select Committee members in essence apparently desired SA Kusch to amplify or further expand on these interviews.

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SA. Kusch pointed out that as a result of the passage of nine and one-half years, for the most part he could not specifically recall the persons interviewed. To specific questions regarding the interviews, SA Kusch could only point out that if additional questions had been asked of these persons interviewed at the time, resulting in the receipt of any positive or pertinent information regarding Galt, that information would have been duly recorded on said FD 302s.

Both Mr. Speiser and Mr. Beeson were cordial and SA Kusch responded to their questions in a candid manner.