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Ms. Laura Denk, Esq.
Executive Director
Assassination Records Review Board
600 E Street, N.W. 2nd Floor
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Dear Ms. Denk:

Re: Response to CIA-12

The following is responsive to ARRB Request CIA-12.

The Agency has made a thorough search of its files systems in an attempt to find files on the individuals noted in referent request, namely, Ron Cross, Doug Gumpton, Bart Henry, and Ted Shackley, particularly as their Agency employment/association related to their service with JMWAVE. The following files were located and have been reviewed, or made available for review, by ARRB staff:

a. **Cross, Ron** -- An Office of Personnel Security file was found but, with research, it was determined that the subject of the file was not the Ron Cross sought by the search.

b. **Henry, Bart** -- No files were found on "Bart Henry," which appears to be an alias or pseudonym. Also, no information was found to the name being registered as an alias or pseudonym.

c. **Gumpton, Doug** -- Gumpton is an alias which was used by retired Agency employee William M. Kent; Kent's personnel file is in the JFK microfilm; the search found both his official Office of Personnel and Office of Security files.

d. **Sanchez Morales, David** -- Subject's Personnel and Security files are located within the JFK collection at JFK Box 244, Folder 23 and microfilm (box 64) Box 57, Folder 11 respectively.

e. **Shackley, Theodore G. Jr.** -- Subject's official Office of Personnel file; employee payroll file; official Retirement file; and, Office of Security file were located.

This completes CIA action on referent request. If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

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J. Barry Harrelson

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6 August 1998

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

FROM: William McNair, DO/IRO

SUBJECT: (U)DO Response to CIA 12

REFERENCE: ARRB Request for Additional
Information and Records No. CIA-12

1. (U) This memorandum is in response to request number 12 (CIA 12) from the staff of the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB). The staff has requested "Access to all . . . files relating to Ron Cross, Bart Henry," among others.

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2. (U) The CIA cannot identify Ron Cross and Bart Henry as true names. The information provided in the request indicated the names were pseudonyms for people who testified before the House Select Committee on Assassination.

3. (U) The CIA has checked the AllStar data system and the DO Identity Registration Service but cannot identify these names, Ron Cross or Bart Henry, as registered aliases or pseudonyms.

4. (U) The CIA cannot provide any files on Ron Cross or Bart Henry because of the reasons stated in Paragraphs 2. and 3. above.

William McNair

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SUBJECT: (U) DO Response to CIA 12

DO/IRO William McNair x44440:mjk (6 August 1998)

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18 June 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Gary M. Breneman, IC

SUBJECT: Completion of ARRB Review of Certain Security Files

1. The ARRB requested access to certain security files and the same was granted.

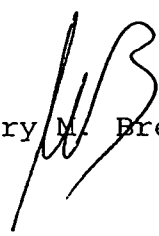
2. Following review of such files, the reviewer, Michelle Combs, directed that portions of each be copied and made a part of the JFK assassination records. Further, that the materials be review for release as soon as possible.

3. This request has been completed and copies of the selected portions of the security files on the following individuals have been place in the queue to be processed:

- A. Ted Shackley
 - B. William M. Kent
 - C. Harold Weisberg
 - D. Walter J. Sheridan
 - E. Gordon Novel
 - F. Jack L. Rubenstein (aka Jack Ruby)
-) CIA-12

4. Questions concerning this process should be made to Barry Harrelson or Gary Breneman.

Gary M. Breneman



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27 February 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bonnie K. Hunter-Y-

FROM: Frieda P. Omasta @ DA

OFFICE: ADA/IRO

SUBJECT: CIA-12 (Shackley et al)

REFERENCE: Shackley, Cross, Henry, Gupton (CIA-IR-12) DA/IRO No. 12

Bonnie:

This is with respect to your 26 February 1998 note wherein you asked that we check HRM for personnel files on Ron Cross, Bart Henry and William Morris Kent. In an effort to bring the status of this particular tasking (CIA-IR-12) up-to-date, I provide the following:

My records show that on 18 July 1997 Barry requested that we conduct file searches on Ted Shackley, Ron Cross, Bart Henry and Doug Gupton. We were advised by Barry, and as outlined in a 22 May 1996 letter from ARRB to John Pereira, that Cross, Henry and Gupton are pseudonyms used by CIA personnel who testified to the HSCA.

Notwithstanding, we tasked OPS and HRM to conduct searches on these individuals in an effort to locate files. On 22 December 1996, I advised Barry that HRM had located files on Ted Shackley and would provide them to Barry via this office once they arrived from RC. It is my understanding that Becky gave you the OPF yesterday. HRM advised further that they had attempted to locate files on Cross, Henry and Gupton but failed to locate any files on these individuals in light of the fact that only the pseudos had been provided. We further advised that if in the future you have access to the true names, we will gladly search again.

On 23 December 1997, I advised Barry that OPS had located files on ~~Ted Shackley, Ron Cross and Doug Gupton~~ and that the files were in OPS for review. They were unable to locate a record on ~~Bart Henry~~. It is my understanding that you have not reviewed these files to date but are in the process of making arrangements to do so. (Sue-Ann Pierson conducted the search back in July and I am certain that she will be glad to you in this matter (40000)).

And lastly, I have no record of ever having received a request to search on ~~William Morris Kent~~. Accordingly, I will request OPS and HRM to do so.

Please let me know if I have misinterpreted the status of this request. Thank you. Frieda

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 HISTORICAL REVIEW GROUP

October 27, 1996

Mr. Barry Harrelson
 Historical Review Group
 Center for the Study of Intelligence
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, D.C. 02505

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

Dear Barry:

I am writing to follow-up on our letter of October 7, 1996, regarding the status of Assassination Records Review Board requests for information and records from the CIA.

Formal Requests:

CIA-1

Review Board staff review continues. No CIA action needed at this time.

CIA-6 (Cables and dispatches)

CIA has agreed to make records available (or to have a response) by November 1, 1996.

CIA-7 (Histories)

Counterintelligence. CIA has made material available and Review Board staff examination is ongoing.

Mexico City. The Review Board awaits CIA's compilation of the portion of the Mexico Station history that was shown to G. Robert Blakey.

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Other Histories. No response has been received to our agreement that CIA identify within two weeks the histories that can be made available and those that should be subject to further discussions.

CIA-8 (Intelligence community staff)

CIA had promised to provide a report to the Review Board within two weeks. Nothing has been made available.

CIA-9 (Publications and analytical materials)

We have received no materials responsive to this request. Additionally, no response has been received from CIA regarding the list of publications that are identified in an LBJ Library finding aid that the Review Board staff provided.

CIA-10 (Interagency source register)

CIA has not yet made available the records that it had agreed to provide within two weeks. *(was Oswald on)*

CIA-11 (Duran's original statement)

CIA has agreed to make some further attempts to locate Duran's original statement.

CIA-12 (JMWAIVE materials)

CIA has agreed to make materials available on a rolling basis.

Informal requests:

Spas Rankin. CIA has made the Spas Rankin file available to the Review Board. Review Board staff research continues. When research is complete, staff will discuss issues with CIA. *files from collection pulled/written*
ARRIS staff review
 IN 23738. CIA is searching for cable number IN 23738 (7 July 1962). - copy sent

Marilyn Murrett. CIA has made the Marilyn Murrett file available to the Review Board. Review Board staff research continues. When research is complete, staff

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will discuss issues with CIA.

HTLINGUAL. It is the Review Board staff's understanding that CIA continues its search for HTLINGUAL records and will provide an oral briefing on the subject. It is also our understanding that some HTLINGUAL records have been located, but that they have not yet been made available to the Review Board.

Recent and additional informal requests that we have discussed with you:

Operational Reports for Cuban Exile Groups. The Review Board staff has been unable to locate in the collection monthly operational reports for the DRE, CRC, or MRR for the period between March 1963 and March 1964. Please advise us whether these records exist and when we may review them.

Moscow. CIA has been asked to search for additional information regarding Mosco as discussed with Michelle Combs on October 24, 1996.

Tape. CIA has been asked to search for additional information regarding a tape as discussed with Irene Marr on October 24, 1996.

Please let me know of any inaccuracies in this letter or any suggestions that you have. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely,



T. Jeremy Gunn
General Counsel and Associate Director for Research

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October 7, 1996

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HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Barry Harrelson
Historical Review Group
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Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

**Re: Status of Assassination Records Review Board Requests to CIA for
Additional Information and Records**

Dear Barry:

I am writing to memorialize our conversation of October 1 regarding the status of Assassination Records Review Board requests for information and records from the CIA.

We discussed the following formal requests:

CIA-1 (Organization materials)

CIA has made records available to the Review Board. The Review Board staff will continue its review and make recommendations to the Board and will request further information, if necessary, from CIA. CIA needs to do nothing further at this time.

CIA-2-5 Complete

CIA-6 (Cables and dispatches)

CIA originally informed the Review Board staff that these materials could be made available by December, 1995. CIA now agrees to make the records available (or to have a response) by the first of November, 1996.

CIA-7 (Histories)

Mexico City. CIA has shown the Mexico City history to Gunn. CIA will compile the portion of the history that was shown to G. Robert Blakey,

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which will be processed as an assassination record. Gunn will then determine whether there are any additional portions of the history that should be added to the Blakey version. CIA will compile the "Blakey version" as soon as possible and Gunn will promptly thereafter review the documents.

Index. CIA has made an index available to Review Board staff and the staff has identified certain histories that may be appropriate for review. CIA will make available those histories that are of obvious relevance, and will raise with Review Board staff any questions regarding the requests where the basis for the request is unclear. CIA will begin to make histories available on a rolling basis. Review Board has agreed to review histories promptly once they are made available. Although it was not discussed at our meeting, we would very much appreciate it if you would, within the next two weeks, identify which histories you are prepared to make available and those that CIA believes should be subject to further discussions.

Cram's multi-volume counterintelligence history. Although Cram's history was not specifically discussed at our meeting, the Review Board staff understands that the history has been located and the Review Board staff awaits its being made available.

CIA-8 (Intelligence community staff)

CIA will provide a report to the Review Board staff within two weeks.

CIA-9 (Publications and analytical materials)

The Review Board staff provided CIA with a list of certain publications as they appear in an LBJ Library finding aid. CIA will report back on recommended action to the Review Board promptly.

CIA-10 (Interagency source register)

CIA has compiled information responsive to the request. CIA will make records available within two weeks.

CIA-11 (Duran's original statement)

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CIA has been unable to identify to date Duran's original statement. CIA will make some further attempts to locate it.

CIA-12 (JMWAVE materials)

CIA will begin to make materials available on a rolling basis.

With respect to the informal requests, it is our understanding that:

CIA is inquiring into matters related to Spas Raikin. The Review Board staff will discuss issues with CIA once the pending research is completed.

CIA is locating a cable number IN 24738 (7 July 62), which is identified in record number 1993.07.20.10.18:29:650630 (Box 34, F 22), p. 2.

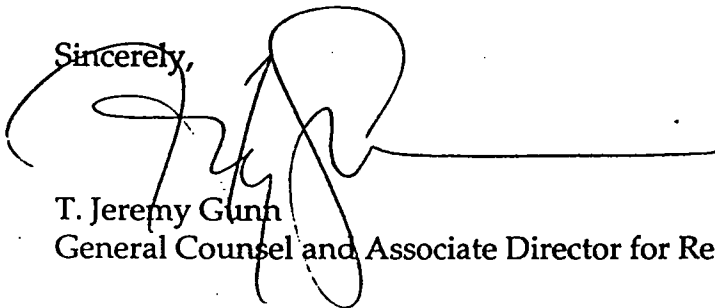
CIA is inquiring into matters related to Marilyn D. Murrett. The Review Board staff will discuss issues with CIA once the pending research is completed.

CIA is continuing to search for HTLINGUAL records, particularly those identified in Church Committee index that was provided to CIA by Review Board staff. CIA is prepared to provide oral briefing on HTLINGUAL.

Please let me know if you have any supplements or corrections. We would very much like to ensure that these matters are handled expeditiously.

As always, thanks for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

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T. Jeremy Gunn
General Counsel and Associate Director for Research

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22 May 1996

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Focal Points for
JFK Board Requests:
Fred Wickham, DO
Lee Strickland, DA

FROM: John F. Pereira
Chief, Historical Review Group

REQUEST: Assassination Records Review
Board Request No. CIA-12

1. Attached for the DO's and the DA's response is Request No. CIA-12 from the Assassination Records Review Board, dated May 22, 1996.

2. The request is for access to 201, Office of Security and other files related to the following individuals:

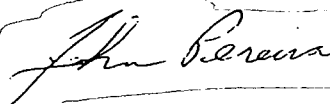
David Sanchez Morales

Ted Shackley (related to service at JMWAVE, 1962-64)

Ron Cross, Bart Henry, and Doug Gupton (related to service at JMWAVE)

- According to the request, these three are pseudos of people who testified before the House Assassinations Committee.

3. Please advise how you would like us to reply to the Board. I suggest we discuss what arrangements would be appropriate for providing access to the documents requested while assuring proper protection of sensitive information.



John F. Pereira

Attachment

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May 22, 1996

Mr. John Pereira
Director
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Re: ARRB Request for Additional Information and Records No. CIA-12

Dear John:

Pursuant to its authority under the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, the Assassination Records Review Board requests the following:

1. Access to all 201 files, personnel files, Office of Security files, P-files, or any other files related to David Sanchez Morales.
2. Access to all 201 files, personnel files, Office of Security files, P-files, or any other records relating to Ted Shackley relating to his service at the JMWAVE station between 1962 and 1964.
3. Access to all 201 files, personnel files, Office of Security files, P-files, and any other files relating to Ron Cross, Bart Henry, and Doug Gupton related to their service at the JMWAVE station. It should be noted that these names are pseudonyms, used by CIA personnel who testified to the HSCA.

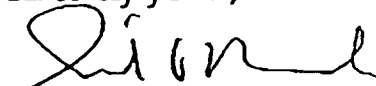
This request should be interpreted in its broadest possible sense. To the extent that you question whether a particular file or record is encompassed by our request, please let us know and we can advise you whether we seek to include it.

Should this request impose an unreasonable burden on you that we may not have anticipated, please advise us so that we can work with you to modify or amend the request accordingly.

In requesting access to these materials, we are not designating them "assassination records" and we are not, at this time, requesting that copies be given to the Review Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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David G. Marwell
Executive Director