

Mr. J. Barry Harrelson  
March 5, 1998  
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On February 1, 1998 CIA reported that all FBIS material is unclassified and in the public domain and that FBIS has no past or current file on Lee Harvey Oswald or the Kennedy assassination. The Review Board seeks a written response to this request. Once the formal statement is provided, this request is complete.

**CIA-IR-34 Files of CIA Officials and/or Offices.**

The Review Board requests the office files of the individuals occupying the following positions during the period 1959-1964:

files of the Office of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, 1959-1964.

General Charles Cabell 1953-1962

General Marshall Carter 1962-1965

files of the Office of the Deputy Director for Plans, 1959-1964.

Richard Bissell 1958-1962

Richard Helms 1962-1965

the Chronological files of C. Tracy Barnes 1959-1964.

Office of the General Counsel, Lawrence Houston 1959-1964.

Operational Diaries of William Harvey 1962-1963.

**CIA-IR-35 Source identified in RIF number 104-10151-10206.**

On February 27, 1998, the Review Board requested information about a source and possible information on Lee Harvey Oswald given by this source to the CIA.

**CIA-IR-36 Handling of cables in 1963.**

As a follow up question to CIA-6, on February 27, 1998, the Review Board requested an explanation or any official document or regulation concerning the handling of chronological cables by the Directorate of Operations divisions which was applicable in 1963.

CIA provided a response to this request on March 4, 1998. This response is now complete.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI/IRO  
THRU: C/DCI/ER *Boj*  
SUBJECT: ARRB REQUEST FOR RECORDS  
DATE: 3 APRIL 1998

## ACTION TAKEN:

1. The following keywords search was conducted in the TRIS, CARS, and AIRRS databases:

Cabell  
Carter  
Bissell  
Helms  
Barnes  
Houston  
Harvey  
Breckenridge

2. Search results are attached. If you would like any of the documents on the attached listing recalled for review, let me know.

*I*  
*Agree with files*  
*pulled - Done*

*CG*  
Cheryl Garnett  
DEV. IMO/ER

From the Desk of ~~Linda C. Cipriani~~

**NOTE FOR:** J. Barry Harrelson  
**FROM:** Linda C. Cipriani  
**OFFICE:** OGC/LD  
**DATE:** 07/22/98 03:15:09 PM  
**SUBJECT:** OGC searches under JFK Act

Per your request, OGC has conducted searches for documents regarding Lawrence Houston and Scott Breckinridge for the time period 1959-64.

There are no OGC files on either individual. However, documents were located on each individual as described below.

With respect to Scott Breckinridge, computer searches of OGC record systems were conducted and approximately 100 documents were located, dating from 1977 to 1996. I have reviewed the computer summaries of all these documents, only 5 mention HSCA or President Kennedy which I will make available to you. The remainder deal with prepublication review of manuscripts written by Breckinridge. One document deals with a unrelated FOIA request by another individual which mentions Breckinridge's name. I will retain these summaries should you wish to review them yourself.

With regard's to Lawrence Houston, during the relevant time period, OGC published a volume entitled "Opinions of the Office of General Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency". Each volume contains all the opinions from all the attorneys in the office during a particular year. I am currently in the processing of reviewing the volumes for 1959-64. Please advise as to how you want to handle the appropriate review of these volumes.

**CC:** Robert D. Caudle  
Mary Lou Cummings  
Debora A. Eskins

Sent on 22 July 1998 at 03:15:09 PM

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1959-1964

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CL REASON: Section 1.5

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4 August 1998

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** J. Barry Harrelson  
Chief, JFK Project

**FROM:** Mary Lou Cummings

**OFFICE:** DCI/IRO

**SUBJECT:** Response to ARRB Request

**REFERENCE:**

Documents identified by Michelle Combs as responsive to the Board's request for files of DDCIs Charles Cabell and Marshall Carter are attached.

In response to the ARRB request IR-34 for files of the Office of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, 1959-1964, the Executive Registry conducted a thorough search and analysis of the TRIS database and shelf lists.

Seven boxes were identified as possibly containing relevant material.

This office provided access to the seven boxes to Michelle Combs of the ARRB Staff and Gary Breneman of HRD and they selected the relevant documents.

**CC:**

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12 September 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Laura Denk  
Executive Director, ARRB

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

SUBJECT: CIA-IR-34, Files of CIA Officials and/or  
Offices

1. This is in response to referent request.
2. Searches were made for information responsive to the request and materials were provided for examination by ARRB staff. From that examination, staff members selected a number of documents to be included within the JFK Collection. Those documents have now been included within the JFK Collection and are being processed for release to NARA.
3. This concludes the Agency's action on this request. If you have any question, please advise.

  
J. Barry Harrelson

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## MEMORANDUM

September 19, 1998

To: Laura Denk  
Executive Director

cc: Bob Skwirot  
CIA Team Leader

From: Michelle Combs *Michelle Combs*  
Associate Director for Research and Review

Subject: CIA-IR-34 Files of CIA Officials and/or Offices

The Review Board requested that the CIA locate and provide the files of various CIA offices and officials. In response, the CIA provided indexes to extant files and complete access to the files chosen for review by the Review Board staff.

- files of the Office of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence (DDCI), 1959-1964
  - General Charles Cabell, 1953-1962
  - General Marshall Carter, 1962-1965

The Review Board staff examined six large boxes of material from the Office of the DDCI and the chronological files of Cabell and Carter. These materials included intelligence community reporting, material on the Bay of Pigs, various general subject files, personal chronological files, and the minutes of the Director of Central Intelligence's (DCI) daily morning meeting. Much of the material duplicated material found in the files of DCI John McCone or in the file of the Deputy Director of Plans. A small number of documents were designated assassination records.

- files of the Office of the Deputy Director for Plans (DDP), 1959-1964
  - Richard Bissell, 1958-1962
  - Richard Helms, 1962-1965

The Directorate of Operations (DO), (formerly the Directorate of Plans or DP) provided a massive index of over 2600 pages to the Review Board staff. This index, which took several days to review, covered the archived files of the Office of the DP/DO, including the extant records of Bissell and Helms, from the late 1940's until the mid-1980's. Over 150 files, covering a broad time period and a wide variety of issues, were selected for

review from this index. The Review Board staff was given full access to the files provided by CIA. These files were examined and documents were designated as assassination records for inclusion in the JFK Collection. Of the files selected, only four could not be located for examination by the Review Board staff. One of these missing files had been removed by the Historical Review Program to be reviewed for materials relevant to the assassination, two of the files had been noted as missing by the History Staff, and one had been signed out by a CIA employee over a decade ago and not returned. The DO also provided two very small indexes to files which could be identified particularly as belonging to Bissell and Helms. No files were selected from these indexes. CIA reported that it generally maintains the files held by senior officials within the files of the office held by that individual. Below the level of the DCI, only rarely can records be ascribed to a particular individual holder of an office.

- the chronological files of C. Tracy Barnes, 1959-1964

The DO provided a small index of files which could be identified as belonging to Barnes. No files were selected for review and no assassination records were designated by the Review Board staff.

- files of the Office of the General Counsel, 1959-1964  
Lawrence Houston, 1959-1964

The Office of the General Counsel (OGC) identified numerous documents from the *Opinions of the General Counsel* for 1959-1964 which consist of legal opinions, memorandums for the record compiled from the OGC chronological file. These records were examined by the Review Board staff but no documents were designated as assassination records. CIA reported that no working files which could be identified as specifically belonging to Houston could be identified. His records were incorporated into the files of the OGC. The OGC also provided eight microfiche of correspondence on the OGC and the Warren Commission. The documents concern the Warren Commission Report and the declassification of documents on the assassination for the Warren Commission and Freedom of Information Act requests. All of these documents were designated as assassination records.

- operational diaries of William Harvey

The CIA was unable to locate any operational or working diaries or any records which could be identified as belonging to William Harvey. The Review Board staff also consulted with CIA historians and reviewers who had worked on materials relating to the Bay of Pigs. No operational or working diaries had been located in the Bay of Pigs materials.

All the records from these searches designated as assassination records will be process for inclusion in the JFK Collection at the National Archives.