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Case ID #: (U) 62-HQ-1029205 (PENDING)

Title: (U) JFK ASSASSINATION RECORDS COLLECTION ACT (JFKARCA)

Synopsis: (U) On 1/3/1997, the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) formally advised by letter to the FBI their determinations on FBI documents. This communication advises offices of the information the ARRB protected or released.

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Details: (U) On 1/3/1997, the ARRB formally advised the FBI of the determinations voted by them on FBI documents at a meeting held 12/17/1996. The ARRB letter listed 41 documents for which the ARRB made determinations. The FBI does not have any appeal issues with the release of the material. However, the release of the information in these documents will reveal the identities of 105 individuals whom the documents described as potential criminal informants (PCI), confidential informants (CI), potential security informants (PSI), security informants (SI), racial informants (RS) and sources of information (SOI). The ARRB decisions will also release what was previously classified foreign counterintelligence information.

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(U) The documents concerning the decisions from the December 17 meeting are listed below by document number, with the information to be released. The status of informants and sources, if found through research, is noted after the name with living (L), deceased (D), no record (NR), or date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy).

(U) The FBI provided written justifications presenting the evidence available to protect the individuals, singular information, and classified information related to sources and foreign relations as listed above. However, the ARRB supports the position that the information ordered disclosed is relevant and significant to the assassination. They opine the pertinence and importance to the assassination outweigh any current harm to the individuals or the FBI's/United States Government's foreign relations, informants or operational aspects.

(U) The JFKTF continues to advise CID, NSD and OGC of the ARRB decisions. However, with the narrowed scope of appeal issues, NSD and CID recommendations are not being sought for those decisions documented here. If you have questions, please contact Barbara L. Hatch at extension 9482, Carol L. Keeley at extension 9494, or Carl Valentine at extension 9476.

(U) 1. (16/50) SE 89-47-114, 124-10258-10491. While the ARRB sustained the postponement of the numeric portion of SE 711-S (L), his name and the case number of his informant file until 12/2006, they determined identifying information (names and file numbers in the copy count of all others source reported in attendance at a meeting should be released.

(U) 2. (18/7) DL 89-43-377, 124-10233-10236 releases the names of the following PCI's:

Akers, Jim (NR)
Bowling, Jewel Floyd (NR)
Clark, June (NR)
Fenley, George (NR)
Jones, Leonard Pete (NR)
Josey, James Artest (NR)
Rowland, Earl (NR)
Stromie, Dick (NR)
Taylor, Joe Leslie (NR)
Ward, Delma (NR)
Wright, Horace (NR)

It also releases source symbol numbers:

DL 118-C
DL 132-C
DL 180-C
DL 189-C
DL 193-C

and the 137 file numbers for all the above, along with the words "for NAACP" following the name Robert Darden (L) and his title. The ARRB sustained the postponement of Darden's name and title until 12/2006.

(U) 3. (19/1) LA 89-75-8, NAR 124-10178-10054 releases the name of neighborhood source Francis Osborn (NR).

(U) 4. (19/13) SA 89-67-92, 124-10178-10385 releases the names and 137 file numbers of informants Ruby Miller (NR) and W.A. Taylor (NR).

(U) 5. (19/14) SA 89-67-96, 124-10178-10389 releases the name of former security informant Rosalie Urquizo (L). Though this source testified before the Subversive Activities Control Board in the 1950's, and was therefore identified as an FBI source, the scope of the information she furnished the Bureau was much wider than her testimony revealed and she remained in close contact with another valuable security informant of the San Antonio office. It is also noted her spouse was also a symbol numbered informant. The ARRB sustained their earlier decision for the continued postponement of the name of source Herschel Bernard (L) until 12/2006.

(U) 6-7. (19/15 and 19/24) SA 89-67-103, 124-10178-10385 and SA 89-67-144, 124-10178-10432 releases the names:

PSI O.T. Pettis (NR)
PCI Ted Demetre (NR)
PCI James H. Green (NR)

PSI Cesare Vittier is also released per an earlier ARRB decision.

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(U) 8. (19/16) SA 89-67-116, 124-10178-10405 releases the following names and 137 numbers:

PCI W.W. Woolsey (NR)
PCI Elgin H. Magel (NR)
PCI J.E. Winn (NR)
CS Horace Key and the words "former SA 560-C"

PCI Vance F. Bordelon and his 137 file number is also released per an earlier ARRB decision.

(U) 9-10. (19/42, 19/132) SE 89-47-122, SE 89-47-162; 124-10258-10499, 124-10189-10038 releases SE 606-S (1919), his informant file number, singular information, and names in copy count which allows identification of the source. This symbol number has also been released in a previous letter in accordance with an earlier ARRB decision.

(U) 11. (19/122) SE 89-47-146, 124-10189-10022 sustains the postponement of symbol number SE 710-S (L) and the informant file number until 12/2006, but releases names and file numbers in the body of the report, as well as the copy count, which allows identification of the source.

(U) 12. (19/125) SE 89-47-151, 124-10189-10027 releases the symbol number SE 605-S (L), the informant file number, and names and file numbers of all other meeting attendees which allows identification of the source.

(U) 13. (19/133) SE 89-47-163, 124-10189-10039 releases the symbol number SE 759-S (L), the informant file number and names and file numbers in the copy count which allows the identification of the informant.

(U) 14. (19/134) SE 89-47-164, 124-10189-10040 releases two unidentified 134 file numbers in the copy count. The ARRB voted to sustain the postponement of the numerical portion of symbol number SE 763-S (L), and the case portion of the 134 file number, along with the first nine names and case portions of file numbers in the copy count, until 12/2006.

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The ARRB sustained the postponement of the names of sources Hannah Storres (L) and Howard Coles (L); former PSI's [redacted] (L), John Shuryan (L) and Alan Dietch (L); SOI Shirley Brignol (L); and former SOI Martin Wilner (L) until 12/2006. OTHER 4

(U) 16. (20/8) CG 62-6115-117; 118; 119, 124-10228-10399 releases the name Henry James Goss (NR) and his 137 file number.

(U) 17. (20/21) HQ 62-116395-1659, 124-10264-10455 releases singular information which may allow identification of [redacted] (NR), PSI [redacted] (NR), SOI Ovideo Manalich (NR), MM 847-S (NR) and MM 639-S (L). Though referred to by T-symbols in the pages actually processed for this reference, the names and symbol numbers appear in the cover pages of the documents involved. Those cover pages are processed elsewhere in the JFK documents. It is noted the ARRB previously agreed to sustain the postponement of the symbol number MM 639-S, as well as singular information provided by that source, until 2006.

(U) 18. (20/25) DE 62-5245-EBF, 124-10180-10284 releases the name Robert B. Klinger, along with his title and place of employment. The ARRB sustained the postponement of the numeric portions of DE 406-CS (one location), DE 862 (two locations) and the case portions of their file numbers until 12/2006

(U) 19-20. (20/36, 20/37) HQ 62-117290-778; 787, 124- 10182-10274, 10278 releases the date a subpoenaed informant was to appear before a closed HSCA hearing. The ARRB sustained the postponement of the numeric portion of his symbol number, CO 80-C, until 12/2006.

(U) 21. (20/53) HQ 67-117290-213X, 124-10190-10017 releases the birth dates of six named HSCA representatives. The ARRB sustained the postponement of their social security account numbers until 12/2006, to prevent an unwarranted invasion of their privacy.

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(U) 22. (15/177) 89A-DL-60165-143, 124-10261-10409 releases the words "Full investigation authorized 11/9/93." These words appear in a document entitled "Oleg Maximovich Nechiporenko, Colonel KGB, retired; FCI-R (Intelligence Officer) oo: Dallas," revealing we had opened a full investigation on this individual rather then merely collecting coincidental information on his travel to the U.S. to attend and speak at a symposium sponsored by The Assassination Symposium on Kennedy.

(U) 23. (18/119) HQ 62-116395-1477 (Part one of two parts, only), 124-10184-10329 releases reference to an FBI "operation" against the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City handled by the San Diego Field Office in the early 1960's.

(S) 24. (19/78) BA 89-30-273, 124-10238-10287 release the words "Washington, D.C., and". The ARRB sustained the words "telephoned the Embassy of Laos" until 10/2017. [S]

(S) 25. (19/6) LA 89-75-862, 124-10178-10188 releases the words "approximately 4". The ARRB sustained the postponement of the numeric portion of LA 4863S and the case portion of the file number until 12/2006. [S]

(U)(S) 26. (20/28) HQ 62-117290-456X5, 124-10181-10193 releases all the information concerning the elsur logs which includes the information contained in the logs. The ARRB sustained the postponement of the entire symbol and file numbers until 10/2017.

(U)(S) 27. (20/34) HQ 62-117290-984X3, 124-10181-10239 releases the classification portion of the Chicago file number and the words between the symbol number and the Chicago file number. The ARRB sustained the postponement of the entire symbol number and the case portion of the Chicago file number until 10/2017.

(S) 28. (20/35) HQ 62-117290-996X2, 124-10181-10245 releases all references to the Russian, Polish, and Yugoslavian Embassies, information in brackets concerning "UNSUB; KGB AGENT aka Sasha, ESP-R and the words "National Security Elsurs". The ARRB sustained the postponement on all references concerning the French, West German, Moroccan, and United Arab Republic Embassies until 10/2017. [S]

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(S) 29. (19/100) NY 89-75-850, 124-10184-10054 releases information concerning General Dico Dimitrov's attempt to contact a Diplomat. The ARRB sustained the postponement of the words "an Israeli" until 10/2017. [S]

(S) 30. (18/116) HQ 62-116395-1214, 124-10186-10053 releases all references to the operation codenamed "Tumbleweed". CIA also releases all references to this operation, but sustains the postponement of the word "Oklahoma". The CIA documents are as follows: [S]

104-10001-10163
104-10016-10016
104-10005-10188
104-10015-10056
104-10015-10057
104-10015-10432
104-10015-10433
104-10052-10019
104-10055-10025
104-10055-10026
104-10055-10102
104-10055-10103
104-10055-10104
104-10063-10246

(S) 31. (18/11) CG 62-6115-519, 124-10006-10292 releases details concerning a meeting in New York between our source and two Polish officials. When put together with information already released this information allows for the identification of the source. The ARRB sustained the postponement of the numeric portion of the source's symbol number until 12/2006. [S]

(S) 32. (18/74) HQ 62-109060-1st NR 4455, 124-10175-10009 releases information identifying two Soviet Officials in Washington as being the subjects of FBI investigations. Though not clearly defined as such, some of this information was obtained from technical coverage which is still operational. [S]

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(X) 33. (18/111) HQ 62-109060-2nd NR 6682, 124-10159-10358 releases information obtained from technical coverage which reveals the FBI's investigative interest in specific Soviets in this country. The ARRB sustained the postponement of the entire symbol number assigned to the technical coverage until 10/2017. [S] [S]

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