

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

13 December 1978

SUBJECT: Records Search for the Select Committee on Assassinations

1. ~~(S)~~ On 9 November 1978 N33 [redacted] received a call from GS [redacted] concerning retrieval of information from Stored Records (LI42). In the discussion with [redacted] Chief, G809, it was learned that he was preparing a response to [redacted] Legislative Affairs (DI), concerning information given to the House Assassinations Committee. According to [redacted] the committee was reviewing a claim by a former Air Force sergeant that traffic from [redacted] emanating out of [redacted] was intercepted and was forwarded in 1963 from his assigned duty station at USA-55 (Kirknewton, Scotland) to NSA; that he recalls a 1963 intercepted item reflecting a possible assassination attempt on President Kennedy. The Committee Staff requested NSA to make a search to determine if the 1963 files on the alleged message exists.

2. (U) According to [redacted] traffic from USA-55 would not have been forwarded for retirement to the Agency Records Center. (This eliminates that organization as a possible file location.)

3. (U) [redacted] (B109) was requested to, and did provide the B1 Stored Records Listing (B1 listings were to be searched because that organization is the predecessor of G8, and traffic from USA-55 would have been received by B1 during 1963. This procedure takes into consideration the possibility that files stored under the B1 designator in 1962 may not have been redesignated.)

4. (U) On this same date, a brief meeting was held in the Legislative Affairs Office to review the status and discuss the appropriate procedures for this records search effort. Those in attendance were:

Eugene Yeates, Chief, Legislative Affairs
[redacted] Legislative Affairs
[redacted] Chief, N33, Agency Records Officer
[redacted] N33
[redacted] G809

The following points were made at this meeting:

a. (U) Retired Records Storage was ruled out as a possible location since intercept traffic is not forwarded to the center as record material for long term or permanent retention.

b. (U) B1 Stored Records Listings have been reviewed. While no specific description relating to subject/station location appears in the listings of 1963 files, there were three boxes of 1963 files not identified by subject.

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c. (U) It was agreed by those present that a review of the documents in these three unidentified boxes would constitute a reasonable effort to find the alleged record.

5. (U) On 13 November, [redacted] and [redacted] reviewed the contents of the three 1963 boxes, specifically looking for 1963 messages from USA-55. There were no files that directly or indirectly referred in any way to President Kennedy. The latest date in the box was 1962. This information was passed on to the Legislative Affairs Office.

6. (U) On 16 November 1978 [redacted] discussed with [redacted] the proposed written response to the Committee. This response reflects that a reasonable search was made and no such record was found.

7. (U) On 21 November 1978 [redacted] requested that an additional search be made of materials dated later than 1963. The reason for this search is that most materials in the unidentified boxes are dated 1961 and 1962, but the box listing says it contains 1963 files. The BI records listing was again reviewed for any 1964 boxes that might be appropriate for searching for 1963 files. According to [redacted] phone conversation with the undersigned on 22 November 1978, nothing on the list merits such a search.

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cc: BI [redacted]
G809 [redacted]