



National Archives and Records Administration

8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001

March 3, 2005

Malcolm Blunt

~~Wythwood House~~

~~Royal Court~~

~~Hudders Green Lane~~

~~GL51 0SH~~

UNITED KINGDOM

BART
"missing
documents"

Dear Mr. Blunt:

This is in reply to your letter of February 4, 2005, regarding documents in the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection.

Specifically, your letter raised two issues. First, you raised the issue of items asked for and not received from the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) from the files of the Church Committee. You mentioned Gerry Hemming's testimony from 5/23/75, which you had not been able to find in spite of the National Archives' statement to the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) that the document was indeed in the JFK Collection. You also included a handwritten list dated 5/26/98 from the working files of Ron Haron of items not received from the SSCI. You state, "There is a responsibility on NARA to ensure agencies comply with the ongoing provisions of the ARCA legislation," and question this agency's compliance with those provisions. The second issue you raise (an issue raised in a previous letter dated February 3, 2005), concerns the availability of a finding aid to the recent released of material from the Central Intelligence Agency.

With regards to the Hemming testimony, I am enclosing a copy of a two page document dated 5/23/75 entitled "Re: Interview with Jerry Henning." As this was the name given by Hemming to the Church Committee staff members conducting the interview, this was the name by which the document was indexed in the JFK database. For this reason, searches on the name "Hemming" would not have found this document.

With regards to the documents listed in the 5/26/98 Haron document, I have conducted extensive research into this matter. This included looking through ARRB files—including Ron Haron's—concerning the Church Committee and the Board's dealings with the SSCI. A search of Haron's files found the original of the list you sent, along with a later memorandum dated August 3, 1998, discussing the same issue. As the later document included more information that the handwritten list, but did not contain some documents located between May and August, 1998, I used the August 3 memorandum as the master list of "missing" Church Committee documents.

Based upon Haron's memorandum, a careful reading of the relevant Committee reports, and Church Committee documents, I believe that I can explain most of the "missing" documents. Haron's memorandum listed 62 dates for testimony cited in either the Foreign Assassinations Report, or the JFK Assassination Report. Of these, I was able to locate testimony for 9 of the dates. Of the remaining 53 dates, close study of the relevant reports and comparison with known Church

Committee documents revealed that 8 were typographical errors in the report and refer to extant testimony; 4 dates could not be found at all in the collection; and 8 were for testimony in open hearings published by the Church Committee but not submitted to the ARRB. This leaves 33 dates in the Haron memorandum unaccounted for. Of these, 12 were citations from the JFK Assassination report; 15 were citations to the Foreign Assassination Report; and 6 were unattributed to any particular source.

In attempting to account for the 33 missing documents, I would refer you to the discussion of the compliance of the SSCI with the JFK Act on page 164 of the Board's Final Report. To summarize, the Review Board went back to the Intelligence Committee repeatedly, asking them for explanations concerning missing testimony and other records cited in the Kennedy assassination report of the Church Committee. Each time the Committee cooperated with the Review Board and produced more information. Of particular concern was the fact that, while microfilmed copies of transcripts were identified and produced to the Board, the original hardcopy transcripts and accompanying materials related to the Committee's JFK investigation had not been accounted for. The Board requested, and got, permission from the SSCI to have Board staff review the original Church Committee files. This search failed to produce the hardcopy of testimony cited in the JFK report. In their final report, the Review Board stated, "At the time of this Report, the SSCI could not explain the absence of these original transcripts (and perhaps accompanying materials) relating to the Kennedy Assassination."

Based upon the above analysis of the Haron memorandum and the Review Board's own statements in the Final Report, we believe that the National Archives and Records Administration can do nothing further to locate these 33 missing documents.

As for the finding aid to the new CIA releases, the RIF numbers cannot be printed out. We will be glad to supply you with the 4000 page finding aid in our research room on your next visit.

I hope you have found this information useful.

Sincerely,

JAMES R. MATHIS
Archivist
Special Access and FOIA Staff

Enclosure

NWCTF Official File
NWCTF Reading File
JFK2005-156
Jmathis

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Haron Comment from August 3, 1998 Memo</u>
Angleton, James	9/24/75	"It is out understanding that Mr. Angleton also testified in open session on 9/24/75, but that testimony has not been released." [Volume 2, Church Hearings]
Aurand, Vice Admiral E. P.	12/24/75	Affidavit cited in Foreign Assassinations Report [not able to locate]
Balletti Arthur		No entry in database. "It is our understanding that Mr. Balletti was interviewed or deposed..."
Bissel, Richard	7/25/75 7/27/75 9/11/75	[The first two, there are no entries in the foreign assassinations report for these dates; the second appears to be a typo (real date 9/10/75).]
Burke, Admiral	8/25/75	[Box 35, Folder 6]
CIA Assistant to Desmond Fitzgerald	9/18/75	Cited Foreign Assassinations Report p. 85.
CIA Case Officer for WII/Rogue	11/14/75	["Robert Morana" 7-M-83 Box 53]
CIA Chief of JMWAVE (R.G. Halley)	5/16/76	[This appears to be a typographical error in the citation; should read 5/6/76]
CIA Director of Operations Planning for the Office of Policy Coordination	1/12/76	"cited in addenda to the Foreign Assassinations Report re Special Operations but not released"
CIA Official in the Western Hemisphere Division of the Directorate of Plans	9/18/75	"cited in Foreign Assassinations Report"
CIA Physician	11/7/75	"cited in the Addenda to the Foreign Assassinations Report on discrediting Jack Anderson but not released."
Clifford, Clark	12/5/75	"It is our understanding that Mr. Clifford also testified on 12/5/75 in open session" [Published in Volume 6 Church Hearings]
Colby, William	7/24/75	[Other dates cited in 5/26/98 list determined NBR by Review Board]
Cooper, Ambassador John Sherman	5/24/76	"cited in JFK Report"
DeLoach, Cartha	12/3/75	"It is our understanding that Mr. DeLoach also testified in open session on 12/3/75" "Testimony presumably published" [Published in Volume 6, Church Hearings]
Dillon, C. Douglas	9/2/75 9/15/75 9/20/75 9/21/75	"all cited in Foreign Assassinations Report but not released." [9/2/75—7-M-83; 9/15/75 7-M-53 Box 52. Unable to locate 9/20 and 9/21 in Report]
Douglas, James	9/5/75	[7-m-51, Box 52]
Eisenhower Administration Officials	1/76 statement	Cited in Addenda to Foreign Assassinations Report on Congo

Evans, Courtney	8/28/75 12/3/75	[Determined that the page references to testimony of 8/28/75 in fact refer to Evans Testimony of 8/7/75, RIF 157-10002-10049. 12/3/75 Testimony published in Volume 6, Church Hearings]
FBI Inspector who handled the Bureau's liaison with the Warren Commission	3/20/76	"cited in JFK Report"
FBI Receptionist in Dallas Office	7/15/75	"cited in JFK Report"
FBI Special Agent	7/23/75	"cited in JFK Report"
FBI Special Agent in Charge	12/20/75	"cited in JFK Report"
FBI Supervisor of Hosty	9/8/75 9/15/75	"cited in JFK Report"
Helms, Richard	6/11/75 9/17/75 10/22/75 10/31/75	6/11/75 testimony cited in Foreign Assassinations Report; 9/17 and 10/22 open session [Volume 1, 4], 10/31/75 in executive session. [Could not locate citation for 6/11/75 testimony; did however 9/11/75. Likely a typographical error. 10/31/75 Testimony occurred during time period of open hearings on Mail Openings by the CIA; possibly NBR].
Hemming, Gary Patrick	5/23/75	[Interviewed as Jerry Henning. 157-10002-10040]
Hosty, James	7/17/75 9/22/75	"cited in JFK Report" affidavits
Irwin, John N. II	9/22/75	[Box 52 7-M-51]
Karamessines, Thomas	4/18/76	"cited in JFK Report" [Pages cited in JFK report are to 4/14/76 testimony; no indication ever testified on 4/18/76]
King, J.C.	2/8/75	[Box 53 07-M-84]
Lansdale, Edward	7/18/75	[On page 169 of the Foreign Assassinations Report, the citations run thusly: Lansdale, 7/8/75, p. 61 Lansdale, 7/18/75, p. 61-62 Lansdale, 7/8/75, p. 62 Lansdale, 7/8/75, pp. 62-63 There are no further citations to a 7/18/75 testimony. Thus, the citation is a typographical error.]
Lay, James	9/8/75	[7-M-53, Box 52]
Mohr, John	9/12/75	Cited in JFK report
Mulroney, Michael J.	6/9/75 9/9/75 9/11/75 11/7/75	"all cited in the Foreign Assassination Report Congo but not released." [No entries in JFK DB for Mulroney]
Pena, Orestes	11/24/75	"It is our understanding that Mr. Pena testified..."
Peterson, Henry	9/9/75	"Open session"
Rosselli, John	6/28/75	[citation to page 17 of 6/24/75 testimony].

Scheider, Joseph	10/7/75 10/9/75 10/18/75 10/20/75	Cited in Foreign Assassination Report. [No hits in database]
Sorrels, Forrest		"It is our understanding that the Church Committee sought to conduct an executive session interview with Mr. Sorrels. We need to confirm whether such an interview was conducted and memorialized."
Sullivan, William	4/21/75 9/16/75	[4/21/75 interview is most likely the same as 4/21/76 testimony in NARA's holdings. Affidavit 9/16/75 cited in JFK report.
Taylor, Charles	12/18/75 12/19/75	
Wannall, Raymond	11/19/75 12/2/75	[Open session. Published in Volume 6, Church Hearings]
Willens, Howard	5/12/76	"cited in JFK Report".