

1/22/95 meeting with assistant director and info office of ARRB 1/23/95

They have begun dealing with the CIA, beginning with what it disclosed to HSCA

I gave Gunn a ~~copy~~ of what I mailed to the board 1/21, explained my interest in correcting official libels of me, etc., and of other significance of those ~~two~~ records recently disclosed. I went into ~~more~~ ~~detail~~ detail on FBI's testing, emphasizing NAAs on paraffin casts and suggested they first approach ERDA's successor, I think Energy department. Told them what FBI had to have withheld and why.

Gave them copies they asked for but found that Radio & TV Reports box in basement missing. Copies included CIA on mafia plot against ^Uastrom, only six knew, etc., the Schrand death inquest and a large selection from blue folder on desk. Told them Lesar has duplicates of RTVR file.

When I learned that they ~~es~~ seem interested in back of JFK's head being blown out I showed them still from a VCR and suggested they examine the original slides made by LIFE for the Commission so they'd see the head there is intact with no sign of blood on it or on collar. They also heard that more than the acknowledged number of copies of that film were made.

They also had ~~heard~~ heard that Finck said more pictures were taken than he was shown.

They borrowed the disks of Case Open and know insertions may have been made where I'd not intended and that I've not read the retyping.

I told them about NEVER AGAIN! After word if not in book when published, I have and can supply.

We ~~w~~ went into many area. I believe these two are of serious intent but I got no reflection of board attitude. They give the impression of conscientiousness.

They said they'd like to come back. Lil and I both invited them. I said I'd do all I could but could not do any searching.

They took us to lunch at Hana's, which Gunn remembered from his trip before he was appointed to staff.

The CIA Mexico City tapes

The CIA claims they were all destroyed automatically. At least one was not and the CIA's summary of communications between headquarters and Mexico City seems to indicate that as soon as Kostikov's name was mentioned those made of the USSR taps were kept.

The night of the assassination SA Eldon Rudd left Mexico City in the naval attache's plane. SA Wallace Reitman met him at Love Field after midnight. At the Dallas FBI office the tape was listened to and a teletype of I think three pages was sent to FBIHQ. In response it asked for the transcript. That then was teletyped. This was revealed to me in CA 73-0522. But these communications were withheld under a clearly phony national security claim. That those tapes existed was known publicly before then.

Copies of the paraphrase and of the transcript should exist in Dallas and FBIHQ files at the least, in Dallas probably in the Oswald file. That may be the more likely one at FBIHQ. My appeals should reflect the file that was disclosed to me and the HQ file.

When David Phillips was deposed in the lawsuit he filed against Don Freed he seems to have admitted having a live source inside the Cuban embassy in Mexico City. I have the transcript and Jim Lesar also does.

Whether the tape flown to Dallas was the original or a dub, it did exist as of 11/23/63 and I doubt very much if the FBI would have destroyed it. Or returned it to the CIA without first making a dub.

The CIA's unprofessional and Cold War mindset, especially in Mexico City, edged us toward a real disaster through it and more, through Ambassador Tom Mann. He deluged Washington with urgings that something be done about Castro. I think that all State, CIA and FBI original records on all of this should be disclosed for careful study. At State at least U. Alexis Johnson was involved. In the White House, according to Lonnie Judkins, it was Clark Clifford who phoned him about his story on Oswald as someone's agent with the question, "Are you trying to start World War III?"

There was only one something that could be done about Castro and that meant war.