

MEMORANDUM

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To: William T. Coleman

From: W. David Slawson

Attached is Howard Willens' re-draft of our Foreign Conspiracy draft. I have not had time to read it in detail yet, but with a few exceptions he seems to have accepted our arguments and our plan of organization. There are three major exceptions: First, all references to the "secret Soviet Union source" have been omitted. I attended a conference with the CIA on this and now agree that we should not mention this source. Willens can fill you in on the reasons why. Second, the argument based upon Oswald's being permitted to marry Marina has been omitted because the CIA claims it has information of many cases in which spies were married to nonspies. Third, the argument based upon Oswald's general character and his way of life in the United States has been omitted here and will be reinserted at a point where it will apply to not only the foreign conspiracy but also the conspiracy and a tie-in with Ruby.

In case I do not get to talk to you on the telephone before I leave, I have read your Mexican draft. It is very good. If you get a chance, speak to Willens and see whether he wants a xerox copy now or whether he wants to wait for footnoting. I made a very few changes while I was reading it, but have not attempted as yet a real editing job. I am in full agreement with the substance and the conflicting evidence. These, so far as I am concerned, require no change.

- ① handed over to diary put out J. Russin
- ② moved from original draft to address E. H. S. from to Tom he met Mason
- ③ No knowledge of what he did in factory - Mason
- ④ Red Cross - Mason - Willens - with letter