

Spectro-compliance

Dear Jim, odds and ends re FBI files

8/21/77

Forgive me for not separating these items. I'm a little tired. Today I walked more than five miles, aside from necessary walking and the bit I have to do every 2-30 minutes. I've just finished the last of it, just before dark. Rather not walk into any skunks in the dark.

The FBI's filing is very logical. They have my FOIA requests under their 100 filing system, or Internal Security, 100-351938. The Jevens to Conrad memo, copy to Cunningham (you won't have to guess why) of 11/3/66 in Not Recorded. This is also Serial 534 in another file I can't make out. I also could not make out the note in the left-hand margin. While I could not make out Hoover's at the bottom it is included in another memo and is quoted in the large sheaf of notes I have for you, in the large box of papers of which I spoke earlier tonight.

This did happen only not at all the way Cunningham wrote it for Jevens to sign. If you look at the lower left you'll find the initials GG.

I asked Johnson for the results of the spectro after Clark's executive order was publicized. I was in SFJ with him when he called the FBI. He told me he talked to Cunningham. I heard Johnson's end of the conversation. Cunningham told him the spectro results were in the same 11/25/63 letter to Gurry and that was all.

Johnson did not ask him about the report, I'm sure by Gemberling despite the masking of the name. (Please mention this kind of think to Lynne Eisman. If there is any name not secret in the JFK work it is Gemberling, and he is on the lecture circuit blowing off for heavy money. This is harassment, not a legitimate exemption claim.) He said what I was there for and asked. However, this goes farther. It says they refused to help because they don't like me. Hoover wrote "OK" on the recommendation that Johnson be told "that the FBI cannot be of assistance in this matter."

Note that there is no record explaining how the Lab people had red-baiting records on me. Not in what I've received. They must have hand delivered copies all over. Of course we knew that in May my first request of Hoover was routed to the Lab because "razier said so. Maybe it was attached to that. I could have forgotten.

So the first masking is of Cunningham's name, the second of Gemberling's, and they are both public.

Jevens 11/8/63, same file, also Not Recorded, is the one with Hoover's note repeated "O.K. I assume we have given all exhibits & evidence to the Archives as previously directed by A.E." It turns out that this had not happened, was happening that day, and was extremely limited, to the rifle, pistol and holster.

This one went to the top brass, including attention a Mr. Lenihan in W.E. Sullivan's office. etc that I can see no other file designated, only my "Internal Security" one. This certainly should have gone into other files, the JFK assassination files and those relating to transfers to the Archives and some Oswald file. However, there is a stamp indicating a filing elsewhere for the original. Only no number.

Both memos are captioned "WARREN COMMISSION EXHIBITS."

Note also that the names and whatever else is masked in the first memo was classified by 4417 and was found by 4417 to be exempt from declassification indefinitely under Categories 2 and 3. The date of 12/6/76 is one of the things that led me to tell you I believe these files were processed last year and they've taken all this time figuring out what kinds of ways they could invent or employ to get away with withholding what will embarrass them. Again, a matter for Lynne Eisman, I think.

Memorandum

1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Cunningham, 7410

DATE: 11/3/66

1-Office, 7133

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO: Conrad

FROM: R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: WARREN COMMISSION EXHIBITS

On 11/3/66, Mr. Marion Johnson, the Archivist at the National Archives and Records Service who is handling the exhibits and evidence of the Warren Commission, telephonically contacted SA [redacted] of the Laboratory Division.

Mr. Johnson stated that Harold Weisberg, author of "Whitewash: The Report on the Warren Report," had requested information regarding the portions of the FBI investigative reports in which the spectrographic examinations were set forth. Mr. Johnson asked if any spectrographic examinations, other than those set forth in the report of SA [redacted] dated 11/30/63, at Dallas, were made and reported elsewhere.

Mr. Johnson was told that this matter would be looked into.

Bufiles reveal that Weisberg was summarily fired from the State Department but was later allowed to resign without prejudice and not be restored to his job because of suspected Communist or Communistic sympathies. [redacted]

[redacted] Weisberg has also previously written the Bureau concerning the Warren Report and because of his background, no acknowledgement was made.

RECOMMENDATION:

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It is recommended, in view of the above information, that Mr. Johnson be telephonically advised that the FBI cannot be of assistance to Weisberg in this matter.

- 1-Mr. Mohr
- 1-Mr. DeLoach
- 1-Mr. Rosen, Att: Mr. Mallery, 5710
- 1-Mr. Sullivan, Att: Mr. Lenihan, 818 9th & D
- 1-Mr. Wick
- 1-Mr. Raupach

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Handwritten notes and signatures, including a large signature that appears to be "J. Edgar Hoover".

Memorandum

Mr. Conrad

J. H. Jevons

DATE: 11/8/66

WARREN COMMISSION EXHIBITS

In my memorandum of 11/3/66, I reported a telephone call from Mr. Marion Johnson of the National Archives and Records Service. He advised of an inquiry from Harold Weisberg, author of "Whitewash: The Report on the Warren Report" concerning information pertaining to spectrographic examinations in our FBI reports. In view of Weisberg's suspected Communist background, it was recommended that Johnson be advised that the FBI could not be of assistance to Weisberg in this matter. The Director noted "O. K. I assume we have given all exhibits & evidence to the Archives as previously directed by A. G."

Pursuant to Bureau approval, Johnson was advised that the FBI could not be of assistance to Weisberg in this matter.

With regard to the Director's comment concerning transfer of evidence and to Archives, further reference is made to Mr. Rosen's memorandum of 11-4-66 advising of the prior transfer of available material to Archives and the fact that the assassination rifle together with Oswald's pistol and associated holster had been held in Dallas at the Department's instructions pending adjudication of title and pending receipt of the instant authorization for release. The Director instructed that all such items should be transferred to Archives at once.

This is to advise that immediately following initial receipt of Mr. Rosen's memorandum and the Departmental authorization attached thereto for transfer of the remaining items, Laboratory representatives telephonically contacted Mr. Johnson of Archives to arrange for the transfer at the earliest possible date. Johnson subsequently called back to advise that he could receive this material on 11-8-66. Accordingly, the assassination rifle, Oswald's pistol, and its associated holster were personally delivered to Mr. Johnson on 11-8-66, and an appropriate signed receipt was obtained therefor.

ACTION:

Suggested letters to Archives confirming the transfer, and to the Department advising of the action taken are attached for approval.

- Enclosures (2) *sent 11-9-66*
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
 - 1 - Mr. DeLoach
 - 1 - Mr. Rosen (attn: Mr. Malley)
 - 1 - Mr. Wick
 - 1 - W. C. Sullivan (attn: Mr. Lenihan)
 - 1 - Mr. Raupach

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