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Boyle and Martin motion pictures.

You state, and I therefore believe you were informed by others in the FBI, that Martin's film was "furnished" your New Orleans field office. This is at best ambiguous. To me without my detailed knowledge it would be misleading, leading to the belief that someone in the FBI has an interest in misleading.

Martin "furnished" his film to the Minneapolis field office. It sent the film to New Orleans.

At the time the President was killed Martin was back in college, in Minneapolis. He is my source.

You say that neither the New Orleans field office nor FBIHQ retained a copy. Will you please inform me about Minneapolis?

This is not prompted by curiosity. Martin told me that what was returned to him is not his original film. He had a simple and effective way of knowing this, an unusual procedure he following in filming.

I find it provocative, after all the trivia and nonsense I have read in FBI reports of what is described as an investigation of the assassination of a President, that this film was found by the FBI to "contain nothing of value to the investigation" when it shows a view of Oswald's face I have not seen in any other photograph and shows him being arrested along with those who caused the arrest, two of whom served the FBI. (Meaning at least two.) It also shows other people and the exact place of the arrest.

The Archives informed me long ago (this is another 1968 request I made of the FBI) that it has neither the film nor any reference to it nor any reference to this Martin in anything provided by the FBI. Before Martin gave his film to the FBI there was a Presidential Commission and, supposedly, it was in charge of the investigation and it was to determine what it found relevant and "of value."

From the records available in the Archives the FBI never informed the Commission that it also had the Boyle film, which was taken at the same time as the Martin film. Of course the FBI did not give the Boyle film to the Commission, either.

Yes, thank you, a black and white copy is quite satisfactory.

Powell reports and film.

You have yet to state that this former Army Intelligence man, who was inside the TSED for the entire period of the search and had a loaded camera, took only the single photograph outside the building mentioned in FBI reports with which I am familiar. If there are other photographs, I of course I would like prints of them. Even if he had no flash, a matter on which the FBI did not report.

Thank you for referring me to Sections 60 and 61 of 105-82955. As soon as I can I will read those sections. However, those Powell reports meaning those he filed, were made available to the FBI in Texas. You do not state that the FBI has no other records and I do want copies of Powell's reports, as I believe I requested. You refer me to the FBIHQ copies only. We both know that some records are not forwarded by the field offices. If any records are in Texas that are not in Sections 60 and 61 I would appreciate copies of them, as I requested in 1968.

McCreight 11/3/78

"...investigation of the communication allegedly written by Lee Harvey Oswald and destroyed by FBI Special Agent James P. Hosty..."

"Allegedly"? The one thing that is certain is that Oswald did write a letter.

All the available information is that he also wrote it to SA Hosty.

What is publicly know of Oswald-Hosty communications is limited to what was leaked to the Dallas Times-Herald after the retirement of former SAC Gordon Shanklin.

Ten years or <sup>so</sup> ~~more~~ ago I heard of other Hosty-Oswald communications. I presume these also will be included.

The information came to me from a former SA.

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CIA liaison

"Records ... from both FBI Headquarters and Dallas Field Office files."

Dallas was Office of Origins.

But other field offices were involved.

The CIA was involved in this country and outside it.

All records do not go to the OO or FBIHQ.

A number of different kinds of CIA sources also were involved.

Inside and outside the U.S.

You refer (page 2, paragraph 3) to "the records" rather than "all the records."

I presume by "the records" you really meant "all the records."

Nosenko

I am happy to know that at last there is a review "to determine if current classification is warranted."

We are but a month away from the effective date of the new executive order. I ask that its less restrictive standards be employed.

Doing this now is one means of avoiding any possible need to do the same work over again. The request that it be done now is consistent with the provisions of the new executive order, which I have read.

May I also remind you that much was declassified for the House Select Committee on Assassinations and that it made much public, including a staff report on alleged contradictions in what Nosenko is stated to have said.

While I cannot tell you the total extent of the Warren Commission's internal memoranda on or about Nosenko I can tell you that much of what was once classified now is not classified. With regard to some of these records, some of what was originally withheld when there was partial release since has been released. An example is the names of those in the CIA who talked the Commission out of crediting what the FBI reported. (As I have told you I happen to believe what the FBI reported.)

The previously withheld pages of the Commission's 1/21/64 executive session transcript and the entire transcript of 6/23/64 were disclosed to me by the CIA the day a brief from the Government was due in the appeals court. This was only the middle of last month. Aside from disclosing that there never was any basis for any classification of them these transcripts disclose a CIA offer to have two of its KGB defectors review the non-classified information the Commission had pertaining to Oswald and ambivalence about having Nosenko do the same thing. Later Nosenko did do this and the staff memo on it is no longer classified. (The FBI has disclosed the Deriabin name in this regard and the HSCA disclosed that there then were only two KGB defectors working for the CIA.)

Sincerely,