

JFK assassination records as sale

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Photographers and their films Hughes and CORE (James Core)  
FBI control over what could and could be known, including in HQ  
Secrecy, internally, and motive for withholding

Attached are 62-100990-456 and 707. The former relates to a completely unidenti-

fied film I identify as the Hughes film, the latter to WBSU's footage and to James  
Core, not fully identified in the Record. He was also public relations director for  
the International Trade Mart.

Why the Rosen to Belmont memo, 456, fails to identify Hughes and reports incompletely  
and in fact misleadingly I leave to your own conjectures. I believe this and the omissions  
of what I have already told you in the Core memo are consistent with the control within  
FBIHQ of what would be and could be known in HQ, including by Hoover. These address  
motive for withholding. Additionally they serve to control the investigation of the  
assassination of the President to eliminate all not consistent with the FBI's pre-  
conceptions so that what was obtained in the first few months, prior to any investi-  
gation, would be the unquestioned conclusions. Also motive for present withholdings.

The Hughes film does not show anyone in the window at the time the shots were  
fired, despite what this memo implies. It also is not the only such film. Another is  
the Powell film, subject of my 1966 request on the appeal of which you have not acted.  
Still another is one I learned about in the Dallas field office files. It shows two  
images in motion in that window but the FBI said it didn't even show the window. (My  
private information is that only recently has the FBI tried to obtain it and then  
refused a copy when the owner was unwilling to part with the original.)

707 confirms what I told you in my Core-WBSU appeals, that he had gone to WBSU  
and seen the footage on their "channels" right after Oswald's name was published 11/22/63.  
After that, at 6:30, which was pretty soon, he told the FBI, with which he was in  
frequent touch, that the footage was provided to the NBC net. Why the FBI omitted what  
also Core said again you can conjecture about but it did omit relevant information or  
still withholds field office information I requested...I am aware that requests have to  
be for existing information, which I believe there is. However, I am also trying to  
provide you with explanations for their withholding - with motive for withholding.

for attachments see: JFK Appeals- Fix Appeal

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