

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg JFK Assassination records 3/25/79  
No law-enforcement purpose  
Overclassification

J. Edgar Hoover and his closer, higher associates are my witnesses: there was no law enforcement purpose and there was too much (continuing) classification.

As you will recall, my prior appeals include the 1977 classification as TOP SECRET of what was not classified at all in 1963.

Attached from the FBIHQ 62-109060 file is a Cartha DeLoach memorandum of Hoover's 6/4/64 conference with William Manchester. I have just seen this memo for the first time.

Please note that in addition to the Hoover OK at the end and DeLoach's initials that this was routed to Hoover through Mohr and the others to whom copies were routed. There is no recorded disagreement with any of the content, in addition to the approval signified.

As a subject expert I was aware that the FBI entered the case immediately without jurisdiction. I was not aware of the exact time of Hoover's instructions or approval. It is here for the first time. Also for the first time is the moment President Johnson directed a Presidential rather than a law enforcement investigation. This was during a conversation with Hoover at 7:25 p.m. the night of the assassination.

Even though presidential protection was the jurisdiction of the Secret Service.

Where I have added marks I have initialled all of them.

That there was no law enforcement purposes Hoover stated repeatedly. The DeLoach memo includes it twice on page 2, "no law" and "no jurisdiction."

That the FBI was in the case is repeated on page 5, meaning before Presidential orders.

Immediately above this is Hoover's opinion about and caution against over-classification.

Recently there have been unsworn hints that some important records were destroyed, despite contrary regulations. At the bottom of this page there is Hoover's statement that there will forever be a continuing, open investigation, that there will be need. Thus there was the additional need NOT to destroy any investigatory record.

If it is true that the FBI interviewed Oswald "within two or three days following his arrival in the United States" from the USSR I have been given no such record.

Use of the exemptions <sup>claimed</sup> ~~claimed~~ requires what there was not in this and related cases, a law enforcement purpose. Therefore the claims to these exemptions is not justified.

Recently I have referred to the untoward, FBI SAs sounding off in public, particularly James Patrick Hosty over the non-story, that there had been threats against Oswald. All of that was gone into and published by the Warren Commission. Hosty's unusual public noises repeat what in this memo the FBI had then just recently reviewed, the Director telling that story to Manchester. Quite a coincidence.

