

History/PS # 315

Re: Clarification from Last week's assignment.

1. Begin with no. # 110069. You were correct if you said it was not in the assigned documents.

Where is it come from? January 24th mtg. of Rankin and Warren (only) with the TCI. Wade mentioned the number. Meeting dwelled on Oswald as a CIA source or asset. Also the name of SS Agent Lane Bertram (SS head in Houston, station chief) he also came up with the same number for Oswald in a Report (767) he sent to the Commission. This came out in the 24th meeting.

(Note: CIA had a 201 file (personality or P file) Oswald's number was 289248, just making pt. that 110669 was consistent with CIA numbering system. All one can say is that this was in the CIA file it turned over to the Commission. (The file was sanitized; that is, it was incomplete). This is covered in Session "Was Oswald a Government "Agent.?"

The major point: When it came to the "dirty rumor" three days after the 24th meeting Rankin and the Commission met again on the 27th. Rankin and Warren never mentioned 110069 to the rest of the Commission. Rankin stayed with S-179 or S-172. Numbers he had to know were meaningless.

We have all these names associated with what Rankin choose to call this "dirty rumor:" Hudkins, Sheriff Allen Sweatt, Joe Goulden, Hugh Aynesworth, Alexander, and Bertram. If Rankin asked Wade about his source for 110069 it was never recorded. Wade was called before the Commission. But he was never asked about 110069 and any info. he had about Oswald as a CIA asset.

When you looked at the 27th WC Ex. Session they decided on a two-track approach. Rankin would talk to Hoover and Warren would see that these other principles would be questioned.

What happened? The Commission went to Hoover. He gave them an affidavit that Oswald was not an FBI Agent. They got the same thing from McCone (CIA).

But they never called any of the others mentioned. Not one. Some investigation. They settled for self-serving (and meaningless) affirmations from Hoover and McCone.

The WC Outline. Major point.

Gibson piece: Initially LBJ did not want a Commission looking into the assassination. He wanted the FBI to make a report (ASAP) and turn it over the JD and get Bobby to sign off on it. He was finally forced to reconsider. Why?