

## Breach of Trust

Re: Points made in Chapter 4

@ Warren's initial attitude: To get the Commission to move to the conclusion that LBJ and Hoover wanted: Oswald was the shooter; there was no conspiracy.

Warren does not think there is a need for subpoena powers. . . In short, Warren wanted to move ahead down and dirty---call no witnesses. Simply cite the FBI's CD-1 and reports from SS and CIA. . . and case closed.

(Mention LBJ's little conversation w/ Warren. . . Oswald in Mexico bit. Reduced Warren to tears. . . he submitted to LBJ's pressure. Johnson probably told him , also, that all he need to do w/ the Commission was simply to cite the evidence gathered by the FBI (and SS and CIA) and report. LBJ would like to have had the Commission Report in his hands by June 1964 before the national election campaign cycled in . . .

Reservations made McCloy. . .

The WC Chief Counsel was J. Lee Rankin. . . To know that Rankin was Solicitor General of the US under Eisenhower for 4 years. The Point: As SG Rankin was the FBI's man in any court cases involving the Hoover Bureau. In other words Rankin argued FBI cases that went into the federal legal system. He and Hoover were on first name basis when Rankin took over as the de facto head of the Warren Commission. (More later on this).

Rankin decision to declare Commission Executive sessions as "Top Secret." On only one or two occasions were any of the 12 assistant counsels asked to sit in on these "Top Secret" session. In 2 weeks we'll go over two of these Executive Sessions in class.

Question of the leaking of the results of CD1. . . We'll examine this when we have a session on the FBI and the case. . .

@@ Supporting material from the Manual