

Transcript

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@What was it about this Ex Session that persuaded the Commissioners to agree to deep six the transcript of this meeting?

Rumors that Oswald was connected in some capacity with the FBI. Probably the Dallas FBI office. . . (hip pocket or paid informant . . .).

Info came from Dallas DA Henry Wade who got it from an informant (whose name is not mentioned in the transcript). Oswald had a badge and was paid \$200.00 per month. . .

Things that suggest Oswald was more than the Commission would paint him in its Report as a world-class loser who wanted to write his name in the history books by going after public figures like General Edwin Walker and then JFK.

@ He used postal boxes wherever he set up—New Orleans, Dallas, etc. . .

@He had no trouble getting a passport to go to Russia. And when he wanted to return the State Dept. paid for his and Marina's passage back home. (We'll have some fun with Oswald's passport to Russia when we get to "Who Was Lee Harvey Oswald.")

@ When Oswald was arrested for a dust up in New Orleans with members of an anti-Castro Cuban organization (DRE which was run and financed by the CIA) he was thrown in jail for the weekend because he refused to pay a \$20.00 fine for being a public nuisance. Where he phoned the New Orleans FBI Office and asked to speak to an FBI agent (the agent by name). FBI did send an agent to talk to Oswald.

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@ The nitty gritty: pp. 234-235 Rankin notes that the FBI insists that Oswald was the lone assassin there was no conspiracy.

THE DILEMMA: FBI insists that Oswald did it and he was without any co-conspirators. Yet the Bureau had not run out leads about Oswald in Mexico or his 2.5 years in Russia.

From Rankin's point of view the FBI has not run out all the leads. . . but expects the WC to passively sign off on the conclusions in CD -1 that Oswald alone was responsible for JFK's death. . . . Lone assassin no foreign or domestic conspiracy.

But they want to WC to accept what has been leaked in the press about CD 1 and what is in the FBI's Report to the Commission and that is CD-1.

What is the Commission to do? Do they want to go to Hoover (and LBJ) and say we are not ready to accept CD 1's conclusions until we are satisfied that the evidence in the case has been thoroughly sorted through, etc. . . by the FBI and Oswald was the lone assassin.

FBI (and LBJ) expects the WC to go through the motions of an investigation and come up with the single lone nut solution.

The WC sees clearly its mandate: Settle the dust of Dallas as the President and Hoover (and all their minions like Katzenbach) have so nicely laid out (see the Katz memo).that is go through the motions of an inquiry with the FBI as the investigative arm of the Commission. . . .

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