

History 315

Re: First Session "Dallas in Perspective"

Guide Outline of Session:

1. NSC # 55
2. NSC # 263
3. Cover Church Committee Hearings

Def, Q-win ZR-rifle

Open for discussion

4. Some questions/ conclusions(where possible:

According to CC Hearings did JFK know about the Ex. Action programs? When do the Kennedys find out about these programs?

According to docs. assigned when did the Kennedys first learn about these programs? See the Houston Memo. Notes that RFK was told about these in May 1962 And under what circumstances? See ther Balletii "bugging" fiasco. Only when Kennedy asked was he told.

Point to make: That CIA introduces the program during the Ike and JFK transition. Ike gave a g o-ahead and Agency view was that it was a permanent capability built-in. They never needed to ask permission to use this capacity again. Remind them that the JFK Robert Kennedy/Taylor Review team to study the Bay of Pigs disaster was never told by CIA witnesses!!!!!!

Go over the Houston memo. Remind students that this is the CIA's rendition of Bobby Kennedy's reaction. Cannot be sure it was accurate. Waht was RK's response.

Remind students that RFK had launched a\the greatest campaign by JD against organized crime while the CIA was employing them to get rid of Castro. What is going on??? Other CIA doc. remarks that RFK might have thought they were talking of past attempts on Castro not current ones.

Look at the James Johnston piece in WP.

Finish up w/ JFK American University speech and then tie to the handout on JFK initiatives when he left for Dallas.