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(I will need to re-order w/ the Keenan talk)

1. FBI doc. 62-109060-6028(B) (3) States that Drain took the following evidence on 11/23 from Dallas PD. . . in the list was the rifle. . . The key here is the time: Took possession at 3:40 P.M. CST (that's 4:40 EST And that's before AF-1 landed at Andrews AF base outside of WDC. . . *** Key doc. It means that LBJ had turned over the case to Hoover while LBJ was airborne. . . **** Confirmation doc attached.
2. My notes from Search sheet from Larry Hancock on the Horne Project . . in folders in Box # 2 for indication that Rowley was also contacted and had agreed to step aside and allow the FBI to undertake the investigation . . . even though the fed govt was not authorized. . . Evidence that Admiral Burkley tried to limit the procedures by the Bethesda drs undertaking what passed for an autopsy of the president. (I need to find some supporting documentation for this. . .) Try Sibert/O'Neill and Horne. Burkley (and Galloway) both ordered the drs not to explore the obvious throat damage to JFK arguing it was just a tracheotomy. . .

Rowley was the first person to meet LBJ as the new president deplaned at Andrews. . . they had a brief conversation . . . Both Rowley and Burkley were subsequently rewarded: Rowley received the highest possible commendation within the Treasury Dept (Horne p. xlv) Interesting because he is the only SS chief to lost a president under his watch. And Burkley was promoted to Vice Admiral (the highest possible rank for him as a non-combat naval officer) and became LBJ's White House physician. . . You may recall that after Dallas Burkley was contemplating retirement. . . (LBJ having inside the tent pissing out rather than outside pissing in). . .

3. Max Holland *The Kennedy Assassination Tapes*notes that at 12:45 p.m. EST TV (11:45 p.m. CST) news on board SAM 86972 plane carrying cabinet members to Tokyo comes on line and announced that "three shots were

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fired at President Kennedy's motorcade in downtown Dallas." This is about 15 minutes after the fateful volley of shots. The key of course is the emphasis on 3 shots as if setting up the subsequent scenario for one shooter (single lone assassin).

4. Journalist Teddy White, who was in AF -1 with the new president and the Kennedy team, in his *THE MAKING OF THE PRESIDENT*, 1964) remarked that hearing the news of the shooting and JFK's death there was thought of whether Dallas was a conspiracy. A coup d'etat, a foreign plot, etc. . . . Then he notes on the way back (he gives no time) learned there was no conspiracy; learned of the identity of the assailant, Lee Harvey Oswald, and his arrest.

Note to myself (This similar to Salinger's experience who was in another plane heading for the Japan). . . I have this somewhere. . .

5. The 2 FBI agents James W. Sibert (a 14 year veteran) and Francis X. O'Neill, Jr. were contacted by the FBI SAC of the Baltimore Office (Ed Tully) and told to meet AF 1 at Andrews and proceed with the president's body to Bethesda Naval Hospital and observe the autopsy. This call to both agents came at 5:30 P.M. EST while AF-1 was still in the air and about 30 minutes away from touchdown at Andrews.

So LBJ was in touch with Hoover while in the air on the way back from Dallas. And probably with Rowley and maybe even Burkley to assure that the Kennedy autopsy was conducted at Bethesda Naval Hospital and under the strict control of the U.S. Navy.

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The cover story Hoover would later invent in his interview with Wm. Manchester in *Death of a President* was that the Director left his office

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after a series of phone calls related to the news from Dallas and was at home watching T.V. when LBJ called and asked him to take over the investigation into the assassination. . . .

6. Doug Horne on AF One AudioTapes.

He notes that air time from Love Field to Andrews was about 2 hrs and 17 minutes. . . the tapes have been edited and Horne made estimate that as much as 7-9 hours of traffic may have been edited out. . . I need to follow up here in his Inside the ARRB volumes. . .

According to Horne, a senior staff member of ARRB, he estimated that the official transcript of the message traffic has been heavily edited and represents only about one third of the message traffic.

7. Notes on Gillon's book . . . I might be able to use something . . . For example in Chapter 11 he notes on page ? that LBJ spent most of the flight back to WDC in the stateroomand we can guess who he was talking with. . . .Hoover, Rowley, Burkley,

8. Hoover to Rowley 11/23/'63 62-109060-104 Hoover sends Rowley on 11/23 the results of "our inquiry into the assassination" of JFK. . . This is the same day he was speaking with LBJ at 10:10 A.M. and said the case against Oswald was "not very, very strong." In fact, there was no case at all . . . except that the Dallas authorities (DA Wade) had Oswald in the frame. . . What follows is 4 pages of the case against Oswald. . .

9. A little note on Admiral George Burkley. . . nothing here that is not in BOT as far as I can see. . . but a nice little summary. . . Attached is folder with Cliff Carter bio stuff. . . Note that he was part of what Joe Alsop characterized as part of LBJ's "Texas Mafia."

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