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Key Guide to Early Evidence Paraphrase #4  
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Early Evidence File

See 11/23/64  
Paraphrase  
Tests

1. Malley to Rosen 3/11/1964 WC wants O'Neill and Seibert ready for Commission. Rosen to set up date with Specter for interviews. Neither Siebert nor O'Neill were questioned by FBI before CD 1 appeared. (safe assumption since FBI never bothered to get copy of official autopsy report. 62-109060-2639 (section 51)

2. Hoover to SAC, Dallas 3/23/64 When did pictures of Oswald first appear on Dallas TV stations. (Answer useful for Brennan testimony). 105-82555-2686 (section 107)

Note

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3. 11/25/1963 Summary report made by Dr. Kemp Clark at request of Dr. Burkley. Noted by Clark were two external wounds: occipital region of skull and other in lower third of anterior neck. . . .Nothing about a wound in the posterior neck. \*\*\*\*\* 105-82555-505 (section 21) Gemberling Report. Doc. notes that Carrico noted a "ragged wound" of the trachea immediately below the larynx." Use to deflate the Bethesda drs (Humes) failure to see this wound because of the tracheostomy. All bunk.

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4. Jevons to Conrad 11/23 Inventory of the crime scene evidence. Report notes that stretcher bullet and bullet frags from rear of car were tested and identified as coming from the submitted rifle. 105-82555-unrec (orig, 62-109060 -serial obliterated.

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5. 12/12/63 Hoover memo 11:35 a.m. Hoover con. w/ Rankin. Hoover informs Rankin that CD 1 did reach two conclusions despite noting that FBI should reach no conclusions. The conclusions were: Oswald was the assassin and that there was no connection that FBI could show that he and Oswald knew one another. Hoover tells Rankin that "he personally believed that Oswald" was the assassin. He notes that FBI blew away the Alvarado hoax. He goes on to blame the Justice Dept. for the leaking to the press. Hoover he opposed any conclusion in the Report but it was imposed by the cover letter made by Katz. Hoover says it was the duty of the FBI to provide the facts and the Commission to draw the conclusions. (all BS). He tells Rankin that FBI has films taken by private citizens, etc. (Nothing about the suppression of the Bronson film). Hoover's account contains self-serving lies and misrepresentations. Did he know about the Bronson film? FBI Hqers did. It was the FBI who leaked to the press. . . with perhaps Katz own contribution. 105-82555-Unrec. Original in 62-109060—serial obliterated.

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6. 11/29/1963 FBI 302 form reports that SS Agent Howlett agrees with FBI that JFK was hit by the 1<sup>st</sup> and third shots and Connally was hit by the second. According

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to Howlett this was based on SS review of the Zapruder film. 105-82555-505 (section 21, p. 120).

7. 11/26 FBI SA Drain received the following items from PC Curry and Lt. Carl Day. Notes that 10 the wrapping paper and tape from TSBD bore Oswald's fingerprint along with a palm print identified as Oswald's. 105-82555-505 (section 21). [Check with West's WC testimony).
8. Dallas to Director, 2/13/'64 Notes that Revill believed that Givens would change his story for money. Witness tampering. 105-82555-1965 (section 81)
9. Rosen to Belmont 12/18/1963 Rankin learns that FBI did not have copy of the autopsy report. Explanation was that Kennedys requested that report be kept secret. Even Hoover did not buy this. The SS offered FBI report and FBI refused it. 105-82555-Unrec.
10. 12/13/'63 FBI interview with the Connallys. Connally believes he was hit by the second shot. Not the first that hit JFK. This squared with the FBI and SS shooting scenario. 105-82555-unrec. (section 39). Could use with a Chpt. On the assassination.
11. Jevons to Conrad 11/23 Report on Oswald's revolver. The one bullet was so mutilated that there were not sufficient marks to make a definite forensic match. Also the pistol contained no latent prints. The same for the cartridge cases (rifle), rifle clip, inner parts of the rifle and the unfired cartridge. 62-109060-266
12. Director to SAC, Dallas, 11/27 Notes the absence of fingerprints on cartridge case received on this date (That is from the rifle). 62-109060-199
13. Rosen to Belmont, 11/23 Drain bring back evidence from Dallas Police Dept. Note that evidence package contained only one bullet from Tippit's body. The one that was too mutilated to make a positive identification w/ submitted pistol. FBI never bothered to check with Dr. Rose.
14. Sizo to Sullivan, 12/9/1963 Notes that NO SS interested in identity of print shop where Oswald had FPCC fliers printed. SS would be called off this aspect of investigation. Reason was that someone other than Oswald picked up the fliers. 62-109060-1626
15. Brennan to Sullivan 12/4 Notes that Rowley consented to leave the investigation to FBI. All SS notified to step aside. 62-109060-Unrec (section 21)

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16. Latona to Trotter 12/2 Latona notes print results on some items. On p. 2 he notes that JFK shirt and coat were X-rayed for metal bullet frags. . . but none were found. Same true for all other clothing . . . nothing to identify the perpetrator of the crime. 62-109060-1092 (section 14).

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17. Director to SAC 12/4 Two boxes of Cartridge cases of 6.5 Mannlicher-Carcano from the Dallas Sports Dome Gun Range examined. None of the cartridge cases fired from Oswald's rifle. 62-109060-1074 ✓

18. Director to SAC, Dallas 11/29 Contents of Oswald's wallet that was surreptitiously examined by FBI. Item was address of Soviet Embassy in WDC and NY City address of "The Worker." 62-109060-285.

19. Jevons to Conrad 11/23 Notes FBIHQ receiving the CE399 and other evidence from "crime scene." Oswald's finger and palm print found on the package that allegedly held the rifle were lifted by Lt. Carl Day. 62-109060-434 (section 5)

20. Director to St. Louis 11/29 FBI first awareness of Martin Schrand and his death. Rumors that he might have been killed by Oswald. 105-82555-Unrec.

**II. Category: Paraffin Test Results**

1. Series of docs. on paraffin testing of Oswald. 11/24 date. Paraffin cast of Oswald's right cheek proved negative for nitrates. (Explain Hoover's "not very, very certain" to LBJ on 11/24 or 11/25 105-82555-Unrec (section 21)
2. Malley to SAC, Dallas 12/11/'63 AEC is to test the paraffin used in the paraffin casts. This connection with AEC is to be kept secret. 44-1639-2142
3. Jevons to Conrad 11/27/'63 Jevons argues that in view of all the evidence pointing to Oswald (his rifle and Brennan's eye-witness testimony) that NAA (newly developed by AEC) not necessary!!! He dismisses NAA as not specific enough, etc. 62-109060-427 (section 5). But since Oswald is dead and AEC has volunteered, Jevons implies that politically it would be recommended that AEC be allowed to test under complete secrecy of results. Results of tests will be understood to be solely under FBI control.

4. Cite of Dave Wrone's Zapruder book on p. 171-172 proved that Oswald did not fire a rifle, Reference made to Weisberg ERDA v JD suit. And FBI tests of the rifle in which 7 shooters who fired the M/C and tested positive for nitrates. E-mail from Conway of Lancers

**Paraffin Tests (cont.)**

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Conrad  
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5. Jevons to Conrad 3/31/1964 In response to Eisenberg request for BuLab to conduct paraffin tests. . . Jevons gives results that he then claims demonstrated that paraffin testing was unreliable. 105-82555-Unrec. Original 62-109060-2814

5A Hoover to Rankin 4/2/'64 Hoover reports the results as outlined in above Jevons to Conrad. That is, the paraffin testing is unreliable.

6. Rosen to Belmont 11/23 FBI recived the results of paraffin tests run by Dallas Police Dept at 1:25 p.m. on this date. Results showed no nitrates on Oswald's right cheek. 62-109060-644 ✓

7. Brennan to Sullivan 11/27 FBI learns from Seaborg at AEC about NAA. Seaborg notes that NAA expert Dr. Paul C. Aebersold could run NAA tests on the paraffin casts. FBI did not jump at this offer at this time. See item # 3 above. 62-109060-831. Check FBI FO Index for Aebersold for FBI discrediting.

8. Jevons to Conrad 7/6/1964 NAA tests run on small frags from the limo, JFK's head, Connally's arm, etc. No positive test results to match these frags with larger bullets. 62-109060-3452. Did that try to match composition w/ CE399?

9. Portion of an address by Lane to the "National Guardian" audience that was copied by FBI. Lane throws doubt of the case against Oswald based on the results of paraffin tests. 105-82555-2158 (section 90). For entire address see source as cited.

10. Jevons to Conrad 12/23/'63 Key doc. Despite AEC's assurance that work done on Oswald's paraffin casts would be kept to a select few inside the AEC and away from Dr. Aebersold that Aebersold on 12/11 sent a letter to Asst. AG that use of NAA was still possible to detect whether the casts showed that Oswald fired a rifle. In short, Aebersold had spilled the beans about NAA testing. . . despite the FBI's design to keep it all in-house. 105-82555-2161 (section 90)

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11. Jevons to Conrad 4/15/'64 More on NAA testing. . . 105-82555-3247 (section 132) Not clear on importance of this.

12. Shanklin to File 8/12/'64 Big flap over a NT Times story that Shanklin had seen the results of paraffin tests and they showed that Oswald had "gunshot wounds on his face and hands . . . it is proof that he shot the gun." This was

charged by Mark Lane on Barry Gray show on radio. Rogge (identify) told Shanklin to deny he ever made such a statement. . . nothing to this effect in NY Times. (no dates given). But Lane on Gray show was dated 8/12. Check with NY Times for story. Rogge says that "there never were any paraffin tests, and never any release made. . . ." (is this a flat denial that there were never tests run or that the results were never released to Shanklin, etc). There are two accompanying documents that smell of cover-up. 44-1639-6008.\*\*\*\*\* Needs a follow up. Note that this was filed under Ruby file not 62-60, 105-82555, etc.

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13. Malley to SAC, Dallas 12/11/'63 Notes that results of the paraffin tests were submitted to the Dallas Office (contradicts item 12). Mentions AEC offer and closes with injunction against any mention that FBI is working with AEC re; Paraffin tests. 44-1639-2142. (Again filed w/ Ruby file).

14. FBI Lab report 3/6/'64 Cites results of NAA testing of paraffin casts. "Deposits found on the paraffin casts from hands and cheek (right cheek) of Oswald could not be specifically associated with the rifle cartridges. Report goes on to explain that tests were compromised because residues from pistol masked any results for firing a rifle, etc. Sounds like gobbly-gook and effort to salvage case against Oswald. 62-109060-4180 EBF (part 4)

15. Gemberling to SAC, Dallas 9/21/'64 Check up on Dr. Martin F. Mason who ran the original paraffin tests. . . . Did FBI do anything to discredit Mason???? Or try to prove his incompetence????? Lays out Mason's relations with Dallas Police Dept. 100-10461-8075 (vol. 69)

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16. Malley to SAC, Dallas 12/11/'63 Asks for specs about the paraffin test run by Mason. FBI looking for irregularities in the process to vitiate the results. 100-10461-1250.

17. Kyle Clark (ASAC) to SAC, Dallas 11/23 FBIHQers wants to know the results of the paraffin tests. Mason conducted tests on 11/23 between midnight and 1:00

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a.m. on 11/23. Tests showed negative for Oswald's right cheek. Hoover gets this info. on 11/24. (Note Hoover's comment to LBJ that case against Oswald was "not very, very strong." Results of paraffin tests must have prompted this. 89-43100(? Serial not clear on copy). ✓

18. . Hoover to Rankin 4/2/'64 Hoover lays out to Rankin reasons why paraffin tests were not conclusive. Esp. see for hands and materials that might give a positive test despite fact that person did not fire a revolver, etc. 105-82555-2090.

19. Three docs. pertaining to results of NAA testing. Upshot, Hoover to Rankin in document #2 that NAA testing was inconclusive (105-82555-2632) Section 106.

20. Jevons to Conrad 3/17 Contains series of questions Eisenberg asked FBI. One of these was whether NAA testing would show whether bullet hole in JFK's collar at button would prove that the hole was made by a bullet. (Note: NAA testing of shirt would have shown no traces of barium or antimony since hole was made by scalpel and not a missile. Question: FBI ran spectro on the shirt collar did AEC run NAA on the collar? Check my Chpt. On JFK autopsy or documents, 105-82555-2646. What response did Eisenberg get from FBI????

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### **III. Package or sack that allegedly held the rifle/ and clipboard**

1. Rankin to Hoover 3/day ?/1964 obliterated day . Rankin asks whether the sack came from the TSBD. shipping department .

Hoover to Rankin 3/19/'64 After much back and forth Hoover tells Rankin that sack and tape used to make Q 10 "do not contain any watermarks or other significant identifying features to indicate uniquely the actual source of the paper used. Since paper and tape of this type is widely used for packaging purposes it could have been obtained from many paper dealers or from other users. In short, no match can be definitively made. Original doc. 62-109060-2687

2. SAC, Dallas to Director 3/11/1964 Notes that clipboard allegedly used by Oswald and found between two boxes of cartons containing books was found near the stairwell on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor the NW corner of the TSBD. FBI located the producer of these clipboards. 105-82555-2659 (section 107)

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*Examples of Hoover (FBI) Relinquishing jurisdiction from the FBI into FBI fields*  
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3. Gemberling Report Notes that paper and tape of sack did not come from TSBD building (p. 47) Also samples of gummed paper tape from Ruth Paine's house did not match the tape on Q 10, or the sack found on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. (p. 57) 105-82555-1329 (section 62).

3A SAC, Dallas to Director request for exam of 2 samples of gummed tape from Ruth Paine's home. Date 12/14/'63 62-109060-Unrec (section 32) When did FBI learn these results

4. FBI lab report 12/27/1963 responds to request made on 12/20/'63. Results were that the sack (Q10) found on 6<sup>th</sup> floor had different tape and different paper from the FBI replica (K52) made from materials in TSBD. 62-109060-Unrec (section 30).

5. Jevons to Conrad 4/20/'64 Eisenberg asked for certain items. Two of these were the gummed tape and brown wrapping paper from Ruth Paine's house. Point: Did these items have common source with sack found on 6<sup>th</sup> floor. This was April. Eisenberg remarks that none of these items were in FBI custody???? Puzzling because the FBI had already acquired these items in December at Dallas office request, presumably. See #3A above. Is this a FBI stall???? 62-109060-2973

6. Hoover to Rankin 4/24/'64 Notes that it was Eisenberg who delivered to Bulab a sample of tape and wrapping paper from Ruth Paine's house for comparison with Q10. The FBI had already run these tests on its own and apparently never told Commission the results. Hoover tells Rankin on this date that tape and paper could not have come from the same source. 62-109060-2994.

Note: Check w/ WC Report and Commission Exhibit 142 of the sack. What language does WCR use in identifying the sack, etc.

7. Griffith to Conrad 4/3/1964 Notes that SA Cadigan before the WC testified that materials used to make Q10 (paper sack) and sack made from materials found at TSBD on 11/22/1963 (D-1) are similar. . . .There is trickery here. 105-82555-3049. Cadigan testified on 4/3/1964.

8. Hoover to Rankin 4/6/'64 What is Hoover comparing here: apples and sauce pans? It looks like he is comparing two replica sacks made by the FBI. 105-82555-2029.

9. Rankin to Hoover 3/12/'64 Rankin points out contradictions in two FBI reports on the sack and the tape. He cites Gemberling 1/7/'64 which states that Q10 and

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10. the FBI replica sack (K-52) had no common origin. This was followed by FBI report 1/13/'64 states that brown wrapping paper shaped of a long bag which was found near window from which shots were fired was same as that used by TSBD. Rankin writes "We are in doubt." Understandably. Hoover to Rankin 3/19/'64 writes to explain the apparent confusion. But leaves nothing behind but inconclusiveness. Ranki's 62-109060-2687 (section 52). For Hoover 62-109060-2687.

11. Griffith to Conrad 4/3/'64 Notes Cadigan's WC testimony on this date. Cadigan satisfies the Commission with statement that materials in both sacks were "similar." But there is a sample switch. Needs clarification. 105-82555-3049

Note: The key to the paper sack question is watermarks. Where the watermarks on Q10 matched by watermarks on the FBI replica (k-52).

#### **IV. Tests on JFK's Clothing**

1. Hoover to Rankin 3/23/1964 Hoover makes fraudulent case (he knew it was bogus) about the hole in the front of the shirt. Hoover tries to make case that the "hole" (actually slits) "may have been caused by the projectile after it passed through the front of the shirt." (Hoover's characterization) 105-82555-either 2788 or 2188. See attached Rankin 3/18 inquiry about the holes in JFK's clothing. Also note Hal's "clothing file" cover explained by item 2 below..
2. Jevons to Conrad 11/26/'63 This report destroys what in time be the Commission's single-bullet explanation. Report accurately locates the holes in JFK's coat and shirt. Ironically, and inexplicably to me, FBI tries to make case that a bullet or frag exited JFK's collar. However, Jevons notes that on spectro exam no evidence of bullet metal found on collar. 62-109060-1086
3. Director to SAC, Dallas, 11/26/'63 FBIHQ passes on BuLab report on JFK clothes. Teletype marked Urgent. This will explain why FBI would contend that Connally was hit by a separate shot. \*\*\*\*\*



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4. Evans to Belmont 8/25/'64 Jackie Kennedy requested JFK's clothes. Memo indicates that the Commission at this time had JFK's clothes. 62-109060-Unrec

5. Robert Kennedy to Dr. Burkley 4/22/'65 He asks Burkley for all material relating to JFK that is now being held by the Secret Service. 129-012-3 (JD file)

✓ 6. Evans to Belmont 10/22/'64 Notes that Evelyn Lincoln had requested JFK clothes back in August at the request of Mrs. Kennedy. A month later nothing was done to honor this request. Mrs. Lincoln foisted off to Rankin. Rankin did not respond so Mrs. Lincoln sought FBI intercession. Hal's "clothing file" dated 8/15/83 makes the point that FBI/Commission/SS was reluctant to surrender JFK's clothes. The reason is obvious. His clothes destroy the WCR's conclusions about a single-bullet explanation. 62-109060-Unrec

(Above 5 docs represent new material for me. Not included in Breach of Trust)

7. Hal letter to Wecht 3/30/87 on p. 2 he notes that Specter was the one who deposed Carrico and heard Carrico respond to Dulles during his WC testimony that JFK's neck wound was about the collar line. (Go back and check Carrico's WC testimony to see what questions Specter asked. Specter never asked Carrico to locate JFK's neck wound.

8.. Rankin to Hoover 4/9/'64 Rankins raises questions about Connally's wounds. Hoover's response attached. This is where Hoover notes that Connally's clothes were dried cleaned before FBI inspection, etc. 62-109060-2870 for Rankin. Hoover's response 62-109060-Unrec (section 59).

9. Jevons to Conrad <sup>5</sup>8/14/'64 Discusses Frazier's WC testimony on 5/13/'64. Only Dulles was present for the entire session. Warren left at noon. Rest of the Commissioners not present for Frazier's remarkable testimony in entirety. (That should be noted). Frazier's great whoppers: nick in tie may have been caused by projectile. Since Connally's clothes had been cleaned and pressed not possible the value of the holes in his coat and shirt and pants. They could have been caused by "one of more bullets." The direction of passage could not be determined. Frazier also gave meaningless answer when asked about a match of frags from JFK's head, Connally's arm, and lead scrapings from the inside windshield. He said that spectro showed they were "similar in metallic composition." He advised Commission

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to hear from Gallagher for “detailed testimony.” That never happened. Gallagher was deposed by Redlich, alone in Sept. after Report was ready for printer. 62-109060-3090-3090.

Note: Find doc in which Commissioners praised all FBI testimony but special high praised was reserved for Frazier.

10. Hoover to Rankin 3/23/1964 Hoover relates the lie that the holes in JFK’s collar had characteristics of exiting projectile. “The nick in the tie “may have been caused by the projectile after it passed through the front of the shirt.” Did Rankin or staff ask for the spectro results on the collar? 105-82555-27(?)88 or 2188.

SAC, Baltimore to Director 11/23/’63 Siebert/O’Neill Report on autopsy. Notes that bullet in JFK’s back was “below shoulders to right of spinal column indicated trajectory of 45 degrees downward and no point of exit.”

Note that SS advised that photos and X-rays would be available to FBI upon request. 62-109060-459

11. Director to SAC, Dallas 11/26/’63 Reports on findings of Siebert/O’Neill on autopsy facts of wounds. Notes that no bullet metal found on collar fabric or nickin the tie. 62-109060-421 (section 5)

12. Jevons to Conrad 5/11/’64 Notes that Specter wants Frazier to testify on May 13 and the areas they will cover. 62-109060-3059 (section 66)

**V. Oswald’s Rifle and Pistol**

1. Belmont to Rosen 11/23/’63 Order for rifle was mailed by an A.J. Hidell. FBI has a PO Box for Hidell. 62-109060-488
2. Jevons to Conrad 11/27/’63 Notes cartridge case found today that matches the M/C. Notes that no fingerprints found on this case. Check other 2 cartridge cases for prints. Certain it was the same story—no prints. 62-109060-serial obliterated (section 4)
3. 11/25 Griffith to Conrad FBI claims a handwriting match with Hidell and Oswald. 62-109060-477

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4. 11/27/63 SAC (Dallas) to File Notes that FBI handwriting expert Dr. George Dingle identified Hidell's mail order for rifle as being that of Oswald. (Did Dingle testify before the WC??? Why did they use Cadigan. Was Dingle an FBI agent?????)

5. 11/22/'63 Evidence receipt from Siebert and O'Neill from Baltimore FBI metal frags from JFK's head (2, Q4 and Q5). Also FBI SA Todd turned over the stretcher bullet. From SA Orin Bartlett it says Bullet from front seat (Q2) and Bullet from inside front seat right side (Q3). Should this read frags????? 62-109060-53

6. Jevons to Conrad 12/4 Cartridge cases (66) from Dallas Sports Dome firing range but none match Oswald's rifle. 62-109060-1097

7. Jevons to Conrad 12/4 Notes 2 cartridges from Oswald revolver in possession of SS were turned over to FBI. Notes no firing pin impressions are present. "No marks suitable for comparison with Oswald's revolver found."

See For Information: Names of top SOG assistant directors and Tolson. ????? Does this mean that Oswald's pistol was defective and could not discharge a bullet??? 62-109060-1098. The cartridges had to be those found at scene of Tippit shooting. How did SS get these and why did it take until 12/4 for turning over to FBI?

8. BuLab report 12/5 Notes JFK clothes and results of sector exam. Holes in coat and shirt are consistent with shot from rear. Notes also that copper traces around these holes but no trace of bullet metal on the collar. 62-109060-1781 (section 23)

9. Jevons to Conrad 12/2 Notes that none of the cartridges from Oswald's revolver bore firing pin indentations. 62-109060-916.

11. BuLab report 12/9 Notes that 6.5 M/C cartridge case made available by Mrs. Lovell T. Penn not fired from Oswald's rifle. Check Penn in Dallas FO Index. 62-109060-1720. (section 22)

12. Hoover's 2/7 letter to Rankin in response to Rankin's of 2/4. Hoover states that CE 399 and the two large frags (Q2 & Q3) found in floor of limo were fired from Oswald's M/C. This was never proven by spectro or NAA evidence. Frazier could never attest to this when he was questioned in May 1964 by Specter. 62-109060-unrec (section 45. Check this section for Hoover's 2/7 letter).

13. Rankin to Hoover 2/12 asks that FBI make ballistic explanations for Oswald being the perpetrator in lay terms so Commission can report. Hoover responds

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2/18 that FBI can make available a firearms expert to provide testimony. This may have been ground laid for Frazier in May. 62-109060-Unrec (Section 46)

14. Hoover to Rankin 3/11/'64 Hoover describes particulars about the M/C and the 6.5 mm bullets it fires. 62-109060-2603 (section 50)

15. Memo to Conrad WC wants to use independent firearms experts to examine the Oswald rifle. Source was Ronald Simmons of Aberdeen, MD. Hoover's marginalia is blistering. To effect that Commission does not have confidence in Bulab, etc. Check Simmon's WC testimony 62-109060-2873 (section 60).

16. Griffith to Conrad 11/23/'63 FBI has positive handwriting evidence that Oswald bought the rifle from Klein's. 62-1-9090-415 (section 5).

17. Jevons to Conrad 3/12//1964 Question raised about whether Life touched up the picture. Question is did FBI ever contact Life to determine whether the photo was touched up. It was touched up but FBI dismissed this as irrelevant to their case. Strange. See p. 3 of the document. 62-109060-2632

18. Hoover to Rankin 3/13/'64 Response to Rankin of the matter of Simmons and independent testing of K1. Hoover was not pleased. 62-109060-2602 (section 50).

19. Legat, Rome, to Director, 3/17/'64 Some specifics on when K1 was manufactured, etc. 105-82555-279obliterated) (section 111).

20. Rankin to Hoover 3/26/'64 dates for appearance of FBI experts on ballistics, handwriting, and fingerprints before the WC. 62-109060-2822

21. Jevons to Conrad 4/1/'64 Reports that Commission was impressed with Frazier's 3/31/'64 testimony. Notes that WC wants him to testify again. 62-109060-2829 (section 57)

22. Hoover to Rankin 4/10/'64 Hoover notes that there were only two shops in Dallas that carried 6.5 mm for M/C. P. Hoover notes no information as to where Oswald practiced his rifle or purchased ammo for the rifle. 105-82555-3132 (section 129).

23. Hoover to Rankin 6/2/'64 Response to Rankin's of 3/12/64 about cartridges found on 6<sup>th</sup> floor. Did they bear tool marks that could have come from the M/C?

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Those marks that were a match for the Oswald rifle might have been made by one or two loading operations of the rifle???? Consistent with a set up of Oswald. 62-109060-3203 (section 70).

24. Article from *Science News* (3/27/04) on the uncertainties in forensics—ballistics testing and conclusions that might need reconsidering. Could be useful to review.