

Early Evidence #2

FILE # 14 TD ORIGINS OF CD 1 IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

1. 11/25/1963 EVANS TO BELMONT 62-109060-1399 POINT KATZ SAYS THAT FBI REPORT SHOULD BE RELEASED ASAP—TIME WAS OF THE ESSENCE—HE HANDED THE ATTACHED MEMO TO EVANS THAT MORNING. THIS WAS THE KATZ MEMO WHICH HE DRAFTED AFTER SPEAKING WITH HOOVER ON 11/24.

HE THOUGHT REPORT SHOULD NOT GO VIA JUSTICE W/ BOBBY'S ENDORSEMENT. . . THAT WAS WHAT LBJ WANTED. WOULD FBI BE WILLING TO ISSUE THE REPORT? KATZ HOPING FOR REPORT AT THE **END OF THE WEEK IF POSSIBLE.**

2. HOOVER MEMO 3:26 P.M. 11/25/1963 TALK OF WP EDITORIAL ADVOCATING A SPECIAL COMMISSION. . . COULD IT BE STOPPED, ETC.

3. 11/24/1963 MALLEY TO FILE (89-43-440) MALLEY HEARD FROM BELMONT THAT EVENING AT ABOUT 9:00 P.M, THE FOLLOWING: LBJ APPROVED THE IDEA THAT FBI MAKE REPORT SHOWING THAT OSWALD KILLED JFK. **NOTE:** THIS WAS AFTER THE RUBY KILLING OF OSWALD THAT DAY.

LBJ WILL HAVE ANNOUNCED TO PUBLIC THAT FBI IS TAKING OVER THE INVESTIGATION. SHOULD BE IN PAPERS ON 11/25. THAT WOULD BE THE OFFICIAL DESIGNATED TIME. BUT FBI ALREADY HOLDING MOST OF THE EVIDENCE IN THE CASE AT THIS TIME. SEE EARLY EVIDENCE FILE # 13 TD.

LASTLY, LBJ WANTED THE FBI REPORTS (ON OSWALD AND RUBY) IN HIS OFFICE THIS COMING TUESDAY 11/26, THE DAY AFTER JFK WAS LAID TO REST.

- 4 11/25/1963 2 HOOVER MEMOS 62-109060-62 & 63 LBJ UPSET ABOUT NEWS OF A WP EDITORIAL CALLING FOR A COMMISSION. CLEARLY AT THIS TIME LBJ WANTS WHAT THEY AGREED UPON ON 11/24 THAT THE FBI TURN OUT TWO REPORTS: ON JFK AND ONE ON RUBY KILLING OSWALD. NOTES IN FIRST DOC. THAT HE TOLD KATZ THAT UNLESS SOMETHING UNEXPECTED TURNED UP THAT REPORT SHOULD BE READY BY WEDNESDAY (11/27)

5. 11/25 DELOACH TO MOHR 62-109060-176(?) INDICATES THAT FBI WAS VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT ANY STATEMENTS COMING FROM JD. THAT FBI CONTROL WHAT THE PUBLIC WAS TO HEAR. . . .

6. 11/26/1963 BELMONT TO SULLIVAN 105-82555-243 (S 5)

*Revised to FBI
Reference
to release
to Heller
on 11/29*

might be to help the case on 11/26

BY THE 26TH THERE WERE NEW DEVELOPMENTS. . . INCLUDING OSWALD IN MEXICO PLUS OTHER CONCERNS THAT WILL NEED ATTENTION. SO 11/26 IS NO LONGER THE DATE OF RELEASE OF THE REPORT. NOTE: ROSEN STATED IN TICKLER THAT BY 11/28 FBI HAD REPORT ALMOST FINISHED. CHECK ON THIS. THIS WAS BELMONT'S "SETTLE THE DUST" OF DALLAS. NOTES THAT WHEN REPORT WAS FINISHED IT WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SD, CIA, DOD,

7. 11/26/1963 BUMGARDINER TO SULLIVAN 62-109060-1696 (S. 21) PLUS ATTACHED. DEMONSTRATES THE NEED FOR HASTE BY THE FEDS AT THE TOP TO GET THE STORY OF DALLAS OUT AND SETTLE THE DUST OF DALLAS BEFORE OTHER PRIVATE SOURCES PRESENT OTHER INTERPRETATIONS OF THE ASSASSINATION. IN THIS CASE B IS POINTING OUT A EDITORIAL IN "THE WORKER" THAT BELITTLED HOOVER IN FAILURE TO BRING TO JUSTICE EVERS, AND OTHER RACIAL CASES IN THE SOUTH.

NOTE HERE: HOOVER MARGINALIA: HOOVER NOT HAPPY WITH THE DELAY FROM DIVISION 5 & 6 WHO ARE STILL WORKING ON THE REPORT.

8. 11/26/1963 EVANS TO BELMONT 62-109060-1490 (S. 19) THE DILEMMA FACING THE FBI IS CLEAR HERE. . . KATZ ALL CONCERN ABOUT THE MONUMENTAL TASK CONFRONTING THE FBI. . . TO GET THE REPORT RIGHT ON ALL ESSENTIALS AS IT WILL BE SCRUTINIZED ALL OVER THE PALCE BUT AT THE SAME TIME TO GET IN OUT ASAP. PAGE 2 BELMONT OR EVANS ADDED THAT A REPORT OF THIS MAGNITUDE "CANNOT BE FULLY INVESTIGATED IN A WEEK'S TIME."

THERE IS HOOVER MARGINALIA ASKING HOW LONG/ AND TOLSON "IT SEEMS TO ME WE HAVE THE BASIC FACTS NOW." **** CHECK WITH NY TIMES ANYTHING ABOUT TOLSON HAVING A STROKE ON SATURDAY 11/23.

9. 11/29/1963 EVANS TO BELMONT 62-109090-2 FIRST INDICATION THAT LBJ FELT HE HAD TO GO WITH A COMMISSION. KATZ GIVES A REASON BUT THERE WAS MORE TO THIS SHIFT BY JOHNSON THAN PREVENTING SENATOR EASTLAND FROM RUNNING HIS OWN INVESTIGATION.. LBJ COULD HAVE BECOME UNSETTLED WITH FAILURE OF FBI TO EXPEDITE THE REPORT AS HE WISHED. . . OR HE COULD HAVE FEARED A EASTLAND COMMISSION WOULD HAVE BEEN UNCONTROLLED AND GO FOR A COMMUNIST PLOT BEHIND THE ASSASSINATION. (THAT'S JUST SPECULATION. SEE KENNAN FILE FOR OTHER POSSIBLE REASONS. . . .

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9A 11/27/1963 HANDLEY TO ROSEN 11/27/1963 CLEAR FROM THIS DOCUMENT THAT THE FBI WOULD NOT HAVE A REPORT READY BY 11/29 OR ANY IMMEDIATE TIME. NOTES AT BOTTOM OF PAGE WAS REFERENCE TO THE THIRD SHELL CASING WHEN WAS IT DISCOVERED? IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO THE THREE SHOTS SCENARIO. . . .

10. 12/2/1964 EVANS TO BELMONT 62-109060-1715(S. 22) WARREN WILL NOT ACCEPT MAKING PUBLIC THE FBI REPORT. . .KATZ OF OPINION IF IT IS MADE PUBLIC HE WILL RESIGN. . . .KATZ THINKS THAT CD 1 MADE AVAAAILABLE TO THE WC AND THE PRESIDENT. . . WITH A STATEMENT THAT WILL PUT A STOP TO ALL THE RUMORS. . . .GET ON TOP OF THE OFFICIAL EXPLANATION ASAP. . . .

11. 12/4/1963 105-82555-NR (S. 10) AT THIS DATE 2/3S OF REPORT IS FINISHED. NOTES THAT AT END OF REPORT IT IS STATED THAT THE INVESTIGATION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL EVERY POSSIBLE SOURCE OF IPERTINENT NFORMATION HAS BEEN EXAMINED. THIS IS A CLEAR LIE.

NOTE: THAT PARTS 1 & 2 OF THE REPORT WERE ALREADY COMPLETED AND THEREFORE READY FOR LEAKING TO THE PRESS.

11A 12/4/1963 BELMONT TO DIRECTOR 62-1-9060-1672 (S. 21)KATZ RECEIVED REPORT (OR 2/3S OF A REPORT) AND DECLARES IT "SENSATIONAL." NOTES HE WILL MAKE IT AVAAAILABLE TO SS, STATE, CIA, ETC. . . ON MORNIN G OF 12/6.

12. 1/1963 DIRECTOR TO ATT. GENERAL 62-109060-1225 THIS IS THE DATE THAT KATZ GETS COPY OF CD 1, AT LEAST PARTS 1 & 2.

NOTE: ITEMS 11 & 12 USEFUL TO PINPOINT LEAKING TO PRESS.

13. 12/6/1963 DIRECTOR TO SAC, DALLAS, 105-82555-286 FBIHQ POINTS OUT THINGS THAT NEED CORRECTION IN CD !. . . AND SOME WITNESS TESTIMONY THAT CONTRADICTS THE OFFICIAL STORY. . . FOR EXAMPLE ROWLANDS INTERVIEW W/ GUNMAN IN THE SW CORNER WINDOW. . .AND ALBERT BOGARD WHO REPORTED THAT OSWALD;D TEST DROVE CAR AT 80 MILES/HOUR. . HQERS ORDERS BOGARD REINTERVIEWED AND POLYGRAPHED IF NECESSARY. . . ANYTHING IN HERE THAT SUGGESTS FBI THREATEN WITNESSES WHOSE STATEMENTS CONFLICT WITH THE OFFICIAL STORY.

14. 12/6/1963 ROSEN TO BELMONT 62-109060-1868 WHAT CD 1 CONTAINS

14A DIRECTOR TO MILLER, ASS ATT GENERAL 62-109090-5 VETTING OF RANKIN AS CHIEF COUNSEL FOR COMMISSION. . .

15. 12/7/1963 DELOACH TO MOHR 62-109090-4 ITS ABOUT THE PRESS RELEASE THAT WOULD BE TIMED WITH CD 1'S RELEASE INSIDE THE GOVERNMENT. NOTE: CHECK WITH NY TIMES FOR DEC. 6,7,OR 8 FOR COPY OF RELEASE.

16. 1/7/1963 BELMONT TO TOLSON 62-109060-703 (S.22) KATZ WAS NOTED AS SAYING THAT CIA HAD SEEN CD 1. CHIEF JUSTICE TOI GET REPORT 12/7. LBJ WANTED A PRESS STATEMENT RE: THE REPORT. . . CHECK WITH NY TIMES FOR 7, 8, OR 9 FOR THE STATEMENT. . . .

17. 12/9/1963 62-109090-16 DELOACH TO MOHR COMMISSION MEMBERS TO GET CD 1 THIS DAY. ALONG WITH REPORT IS A TRANSMITTAL LETTER WRITTEN BY KATZ. *** CHECK ON THE LANGUAGE OF THE LETTER. THE TWO POINTS: OSWALD DID IT AND HE DID IT ALONE, NO CO NSPIRACY.

18. 12/12/1963 DELOACH TO MOHR 62-109090-36 FORD IS WILLING TO BE THE FBI'S FINK WITHIN THE COMMISSION. HOOVER MARGINALIA: "WELL HANDLED" TO DELOACH. FORD OPPOSED KATZ'S RECOMMENDATION THAT WC MADE PRESS STATEMENT RE: FBI REPORT PROVED (1) THAT OSWALD DID IT (2) THAT HE HAD NO HELP.

19. 12/12/1963 HOOVER MEMO 62-109090-14 HE NOTES DISCUSSION WITH RANKIN. NOTES THAT THERE ARE STILL AREAS OF THE ASSASSIANTION THAT NEED FURTHER INVESTIGATION . . . DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE WC HAS CD !. POSSIBILITY THAT OSWALD HAD ACCOMPLIICES. . . .AT THIS TIME THE ALVARADO BUSINESS WAS RESOLVED. . . .BUT HOOVER IS STILL TROUBLED BY THE CHARLES PEDRO LETTER (SEE ATTACHED DOC.) AND NOT CERTAIN ABOUT MEXICO MATETRS EITHER. ATTACHED PEDRO CHARLES DOCS. .

20. 12/18/1963 ROSEN TO BELMONT 62-109060-NR (S. 30) MOST NOTEWORTHY HERE IS THE FBI EXCUSE FOR NOT HAVING A COPY OF THE JFK AUTOPSY PROTOCOL . . .

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21. 12/20/1963 ROSEN TO BELMONT 105-82555-NR (S. 47) ATTACHED TO THIS MEMO IS A HOOVER/RANKIN EXCHANGE IN 12/1963 ON BASIS OF "EDGAR" AND "LEE."
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SUPPLEMENTALS IN FILE:

22. 11/25/1963 62-109060-187 HOOVER MEMO. . .REFERENCE IS TO THE POSSIBLE W POST EDITORIAL ADVOCATING A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE ASSASSINATION. NEITHER HOOVER NOR KATZ VERY HAPPY. BUT HOOVER ALREADY SURMISES THAT THIS IS WHAT WILL HAPPENWEEKEND WITH GALE AND EXPECTED INTERIOR REPORT.
23. 11/27/1963 BELMONT TO TOLSON 62-109060-1492 STRESS ON PRESSURE TO GET REPORT OUT ASAP AND AT THE SAME TIME TO PRODUCE A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION. . . .

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2ND SET

1. 12/17/1963 BRANIGAN TO SULLIVAN 62-1-9060-NR (S. 30) NOTES JUST WHAT INTO FIRST CD 1 AND DELIVERED TO KATZ ON 12/5/1963. MADE UP OF FOUR REPORTS ON OSWALD CASE FROM DALLAS AND ONE ON RUBY CASE TOTALING 833 PAGES.

SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT ---VERY IMPORTANT *****

12/13/1963 HOOVER TO "LEE" 62-109060-1987 (S 27) HOOVER NOTES THAT CD 1 DEALT ONLY WITH WHAT HE CHARACTERIZED AS "THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION UP TO DEC. 6, 1963 . . . AND DID NOT INCLUDE WHAT HE TERMS INTENSIVE INVESTIGATIONS TO LOOK INTO "FALSE REPORTS AND HOAXES" IN THE US AND OTHER COUNTRIES. THESE FALSE REPORTS AND HOAXES DOUBTLESS INCLUDE ALL THOSE REPORTS AND EVIDENCE OF A FALSE OSWALD OR OSWALD DOUBLE, ETC. . . . ATTACHED IS A COPY OF A REA, AUTHENTIC HOAX. . . .105-82555-467

2. SEE COPY OF LARRY KENNAN'S MS WITH USEFUL MATERIAL ON LBJ/HOOVER RELATIONSHIP AND REASONS FOR RECIPROCITY.
3. 11/27/1963 EVANS TO BELMONT 62-109060-1669 **KEY DOC.** KATZ SET UP IN JD SPECIAL SQUAD OF ATTORNEYS TO REVIEW MATERIALS, ESPECIALLY RUMORS AND SPECULATIONS. . .SO THEY CAN BE REFUTED. PRESUMABLY. A TRUTH SQUAD IF YOU WILL. HE IS WORRIED ABOUT REPORTS AND NEWS STORIES COUNTER TO THE OFFICIAL VERSION. THE WHOLE POINT W/ HIM WAS TO CONTROL WHAT THE PUBLIC WAS HEARING AND READING. . . HE NOTES CONCERN ABOUT THE TEXAS COURT AND DALLAS POLICE WHO MIGHT "DEVELOP SOME PERTINENT INFORMATION NOT NOW KNOWN." HE WANTS TO MINIMIZE THIS. . .BY COINVCING THEM TO **RESTRICT THEIR HEARINGS TO THE PROPOSITION OF SHOWING MERELY THAT OSWALD KILLED THE PRESIENT"**
4. a FEW NEWS STORIES RE: WC NOT TOTALLY SATISFIED WITH CD 1,
5. 11/29/1963 FBI 302 REPORT 105-82555 (S. 21) SS AGENT HOWETT ADVISED THATTHROUGH THE USE OF A 8MM MOVIE (IS THIS THE ZAPRUDER FILM)CONCLUDES FROM ANALYSIS OF THE FILM THAT JFK WAS STRUCK BY THE FIRST AND THIRD SHOTS. THUS 3 SHOTS, S HITS.