

Early Evidence #2

Notes from File # 17 TD. Evidence Commented on q11/22 to 11/25 by FBI.

Note: Gemberling Reports on the early evidence package.

See 105-82555-1212

See 105-82555-456 (Section 19?) Neither report will reflect all the items the FBI collected on 11/22—almost certain of this.

Doc. # 1 Shanklin to File 1/29/'64 Shanklin writes that Dallas office did not get a chance to review the Oswald package (Beckley/Paine haul) for any leads because material was "so hastily sent to the Laboratory."

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Reflected?*

Doc. # 2 11/23 evening Curry in interview with NBC News re: picture of Oswald holding rifle. . . Curry allegedly said "This clinches it." Oswald being tried in the press. . . even after FBI and DP heard that paraffin test on right cheek was negative. . . See NY Times story attached. . . attributes statement to Fritz.

FBI learns that Oswald charged with Tippit shooting night of 11/22

(Doc. 5) 11/22 at 8:40 p.m. Hoover orders all offices to use vacuum cleaner approach to the investigation---any and all suspects. . .

(Doc. 6) 11/22 at 10:00 p.m. Hidell's name surfaces. . . Did Oswald have an accomplice in a plot to kill JFK. Shouldn't FBI HQ know about O's use of Hidell in New Orleans over the summer?

11/22 (doc. 7) Hoover (via Mohr) to FBIHQ "Get every one involved in shooting . . . and get them fast."

(Doc. 8) 11/23 Seems like FBI has settled on Oswald as person of extreme interes....

(Doc. 9) Dir to all SACs 11/23 Oswald "principal suspect" He has been formally charged by DPD for murder of Tippit and JFK.

Orders all offices resume normal contact with sources. . . Was this determined on the grounds that DPD and authorities charged

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Oswald
Charged w/
JFK
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Oswald. This would satisfy Hoover's needs to get a culprit fast and close the case.

Monday an official holiday by LBJ. Kennedy burial . . .

(Doc. 11) Oswald evidence package 11/23 Rosen to Belmont notes that Drain leaving Dallas at 3:55 a.m. (11/23) from Carswell Air Force base will be at Andrews at 6:15 a.. Only 7 items of evidence listed hereNotes that Drain will assure "continuity of evidence."

See attached to Doc. 11 Belmont to Tolson 11/22 the vacuum cleaner order to all offices—contact all sources & informants re: the shooting.

Also in bunch 11/26 that copy of Zapruder film on way from Dallas to WDC and arrive Dulles at 3:21. Check with Wrono on copy. Also check in BOT (Introduction) for when FBI report on Z film was available.

Doc. 15 11/22 list of evidence that will be used to frame Oswald. No mention of any paraffin casts, etc. . . or washings. This is true of every list I have seen. . . .

7. Listed as fragments of spent bullet found in Connally. . .

Doc. 13 11/25 SAC, Dallas, to Dir Makes clear that Dallas authorities were saying too much to the press. . . FBI went to authorities and asked them to stop all reporting to the press. . . This was what LBJ wanted. . . .

Doc. 14 Belmont to Tolson 11/22 Hoover has been in touch with LBJ and he wants FBI to settle this case asap . . . Gives FBI the go ahead. . . Feeds into Curry, et al about all the Oswald evidence package going back to FBIHQ. . . The Belmont to Shanklin call made at 9:18 p.m. (presume EST). . . 8:19 Dallas. Did LBJ have

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may have gotten it from Todd — or did Todd deliver it to FBI HQ

Two Doc. 15 A 11/23 Notes that Drain's stuff reached FBI Bulab at about 7:30 A.M. One item was bullet from stretcher. . . Not brought by Drain. . . . Brought by Todd (See Hunt File 17 A TD)
Doc. 15 B 11/23 Jevons to Conrad states in 2nd graph that Drain delivered the stretcher bullet . . . That must be a mistake.
Hunt has Todd delivering the bullet . . . Frazier says in March 1964. . . .

Todd brought it from Oakland to FBI Dallas — Drain took it with him to FBI HQ
someone from WH make a direct call to Curry/Fritz? See Armstrong on this . . . He mentions a Cutler. . .

Is this consistent w/ Hunt's notes