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FBI CONTROL OF EVIDENCE

Page 1 Notes from Hal deposition in file 13B "FBI Controls the Evidence"

FBI warned or threatened all witnesses to strict silence which precluded any other interpretation of the evidence other than what the FBI stated or chose to represent it. Countless FBI interviews were conducted of which no report of written record was made to the Commission.

This control was so immediate and thorough that even the SS was foreclosed. Hal gives example of the SS's tracing rifle to Klein's only to find that Mr. Waldman was instructed by FBI to speak to no body. Hal has this in WW II p. 39. I also have in BOT. This was also true with NO's SS and person who picked up FPCC flyers for Oswald. Special SS Agent in Charge was warned off. . . .

Number of FBI agents immediately assigned to the case was 150 as compared to the WC numbers was great disparity which was about 94, 15 were the general counsel and assistant counsel. Source the Commission Forward to the Report (xii)

Cites the magnitude of interviews at 25,000 by FBI. Paied by comparison w/ FBI figures are the 552 witnesses and more than 5,000 exhibits.

In addition to all this the FBI supplied the Commission with its technical and laboratory services, including the interpretation of the photographs and the expert testimony about the clothing. (Report 91-92 "Examination of Clothing")