

Now he says we will give no "time table." At tale end of Hoover marginalia he notes that Mexico is a concern, etc. . . . \*\*\*\*\*

What had changed? See above Batch B, # 7 when Hoover set Wednesday (11/27) when both reports would be ready for LBJ. Note Katz's response to critics who questioned Oswald's rifle skills. Katz calls this "minutia>. See attached Hal's comment on this. . . . \*\*\*\*\* (Batch B # 8).

11/27/'63 Belmont to Tolson (105-82555-NR, Section 3) Now new date for CD 1 was moved to Friday (11/29) . . . .The cause for delay is hinted at: that there might be others involved—a conspiracy. Batch B, # 9). Original memo was 62-109060-1492 (S 19). Batch B, # 17

11/27/'63 Handley to Rosen (62-109060-260-faded?/S. 3) Speed again to get CD 1 to the Pres. More needed on Oswald's finances. Malley responds to Handley that Dallas FBI has all the evidence back from the Dallas Police after the occasion for the press of the turning over of the evidence to the FBI(after the FBI returned it back to Dallas to keep up the fiction of chain of evidence.) Malley is put on notice to get the evidence back to FBI Hqers. . . .(Batch #B, #9A)

i11/26/'63 Hoover memo "wrap up investigation: seems we have the basic facts now." Citation listed as 62-109060-1490 (See Allen tickler). Point: at this point the case was set in concrete. . . .

11/27/'63 Keenan was on a plane from Mexico City. \*\*\*\* That very day the FBI began leaking the conclusions of CD-1 (Oswald acting alone killed JFK. The agreed upon official account of Dallas). See Les Whitten in NY-Journal American on 11/27/'63 "Report to LBJ Calls Oswald the Assassin."

11/29/'63 Evans to Belmont (62-109090-2) LBJ decides to go w/ a Commission after resisting this from day one. Eastland determined to open his own investigation is a actor perhaps a determining one. . .

11/29/'63 President announces his Commission and the names of the commissioners and the task assigned to the Commission Batch B, #

11/29 /'63 SS Howlett referencing the Zapruder film notes that JFK struck w/ ist and third shots and Connally hit with the 2<sup>nd</sup> shot. (Commission No. 5) I should have this with FBI serial. . . Batch B, # 11). The movies Howlett refers to has to be the Zapruder film.

11/29/'63 (62-109060-NR (section 1) re: Presidential statement about the case. Text of prepared statement has "Its report (FBI) . . . will quiet all rumors and speculation about the evidence." Report

11/29/'63 Gale to Tolson 105-82555-356 Hoover ordered a full investigation in the way the Bureau handled the Oswald matter. . . .Led to Gale in-house investigation. . . .

11/29/'63 LBJ summoned Warren to the WH and gave him the treatment to persuade him to Chair the Commission.

12/1/ '63 FBI knew of Schrand case by 12/1'63 105-82555-619 (sect. 29)

12/2/'63 Evans to Belmont 62-109060-1715 (S. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Warren opposed the publishing of the FBI Report. . . Katz wants something public from FBI as remedy for all the rumors in circulation (does this really reflect the MSM skepticism). See Hoover's marginalia. . . . Of course this was the spur (if actually ever needed) for the FBI (Hoover) to authorize the leaking of CD-1.

12/3/'63 62=109060-1717 (S 22) p. 2 pressure for when CD 1 will be ready for circulation . . . FBI . . . "we are pressing the investigation and the writing of the report." Weighed against Rosen's comment in Tickler about Bureau standing around with pockets open waiting for evidence to drop in. . . . (a writing strategy)

12/4/'63 62-109060-1672 (S. 21) Belmont to Director 12/4/'63 Katz sets date for showing "high officials" of CIA, State, and SS" the FBI CD-1 on morning of 12/6. Katz calls CD 1 "sensational."

12/4/'63 Belmont to Director (105-82555-NR S. 10) Note Belmont's building case for all the work the FBI did. . . .He even mentions FBI interviewing 88 Dallas officers who were in the basement when Oswald was killed. . . .(but not the motorcycle jockies . . . I deal with this in JFK Visits Dallas . . . ;

12/5/'63 Hoover to Katz 62-109060-1225 S. 16) Katzenbach receives copy of CD-1.

12/6/'63 Katz will make available CD 1 to "high officials" of the CIA, State, and SS.

Sub theme: FBI leaking of CD-1

12/6/'63 Director to SAC, Dallas, 62-109060-NR (S. 17). Original filed in 105-82555-286. Hoover wants Dallas office to lean on Rowland and Bogard and many others whose stories conflict with the official "truth" to get them to chance or shut them up. (Locate this doc. for exact language).

12/6/'63 Hoover to Miller (62-109090-5 ) Hoover vets Rankin as chief counsel . . .

12/6/'63 (old # 4) Scelso's account of his examination of CD-1. It is a good description of the 5 volumes in passing. There was absolutely no mention of the CIA at all in the report and only 2 pieces of docs originating from the CIA. (This is worth a comment from me). F BI had to know what McCone told Rowley. . . .(also Batch B, # 2

12/6/'63 Katz calls CD-1 sensational. . . .Batch B, #

12/7/'63 Belmont to Tolson 106090—<sup>1703</sup>~~1703~~ (S. 22) deals with inner conflict about a public statement but there was disagreement at the White between Sorenson and Fortas (?). Decision was to have a cover letter to Warren w/ CD-1. Note that Katz says that public sentiment almost 50% of the people believe JFK was the victim of a conspiracy. Therefore Katz recommends that WC allow Justice to



release a short statement making the following points. The 2 points are both lies.  
\*\*\*\*\* This has good possibilities \*\*\*\*\*

12/7/'63 Belmont to Tolson 62-19060-703 S. 22) Katz notes that CIA saw report on 12/6. LBJ wanted a statement to the press and Katz drafted one. **(Check w/ press for 12/6 or 12/7 to see if a statement was published.**

12/12/'63 SAC, Little Rock, To All Agents (105-406-39) Key Doc. in that I can use this to critique the whole investigation. See Hal's cover note for thrust. Perhaps this was best place to add Rosen's Tickler comments about FBI standing around w/ pockets open, etc. . .

12/16/'64 McNaughton's critique of CD -1. . . .He notes some serious (but accurate) omissions and commissions in the report. One of the things he notes is the absence of reference to results of paraffin tests to Oswald's face. Good stuff worth a review for end note citing. And how JD honchos found reasons to confine the McNaughton critique to non-published and "restricted WC papers." \*\*\*\*Batch C, separate file.

12/17/'63 Piece in Washington Evening Star (12/17/'63) [62-109060-49] where Warren characterized CD-1 as being "skeletal in form." Hoover's marginalia: "Certainly a needless dirty dig by the Chief Justice." 3copies Batch B, #

12/9/'63 when WC members receive copies of CD-1. See Katz cover letter to Warren where he underscores the 2 points he would like released to press(since tCD-1 will not be made public. Essentially telling the WC what it will be expected to conclude in its investigation (!) Evidence ties Oswald to the crime and no one else (2) there was no conspiracy foreign or domestic. (Of course this will be driven home by the FBI leaking of the conclusions of CD 1). [Batch B, # 1#1A for dupe copy

12/9/'63 DeLoach to Mohr 62-109090-16 See statement from Katz to Chief Justice that accompanied Warren's copy. Query: Did each member of the Commission receive the same statement???? \*\*\*\* Worth reading and may need to be commented upon.

12/12/'63 Hoover to Rankin (62-109060-14) Classic Hoover altering the facts to fit the exercise to convict Oswald and at the same time to appear above any rank partisanship in the case. Ties Oswald to Castro via the Pedro Charles letters that were frauds and the FBI knew it. . . (see detail in "Oswald as Red.") p. 3 Hoover blames Katz for the leaking of CD-1. End of p. 3-4 Hoover makes case that FBI agents were able to get shots off from the K1 rifle even faster than Oswald. . .so even a duffer like Oswald could do what the govt. said he did. Hoover gives impression that FBI's case was air tight. . . Bureau did a crack job. Might want to counterpoint with Rosen's statement in the Tickler File in BOT. Batch B, # 11

12/12/'63 DeLoach to Mohr 62-109090-36 He notes that Ford is willing to be FBI confidential source on the Commission . . . Ford the fink . . .

12/14 Memorandum for the President (White House Central Files. Box # 1, folder FE 3-1, folder1 in Box 1). This is largely the for public release of LBJ & evenst for 11/22 to 11/24 . . . .p. 4 especially w/ official mythology. Batch B, # 10

12/19/'63 Rosen to Belmont 62-109060-2139 Essentially: FBI complaints about SS attempt to id FBI agents who had interviewed or tried to Marina Oswald. FBI raised a fuss. Rowley was all for cooperation between the agencies. . . In the name of respecting "turf" he "instructed his entire Service not to conduct any investigation regarding Oswald after it became apparent that some of the field Agents were making inquiry which was within the FBI's jurisdiction."

12/20/'63 DeLoach to Mohr (62-109060- 38) DeLoach lies to Russell about the leaking of CD-1 conclusions. He blames the leaking on the Dallas police. . .and Hoover furious w/ Katz for telling the Commission it was the FBI who leaked and "Hoover chewed his men out and they won't be doing any more of this." Hoover pens "This certainly shows Katz's true colors." Batch B, # 12

(Writing note: Might want to connect the leaking with the FBI control over the witnesses and their accounts. . . .silence them so they did not speak to the press.

In short, scare them . . .controlling the case. Control was the FBI's strong suit. .  
.the name of the game. See attached Armstrong page on Hoover's tactics to limit  
the WC from the get go.

May 14/1964 AP Report Hoover says the JFK case will remain open for many  
years to come." Filed under Chron. Batch C , #1

April 9, 1964 Connolly's clothes delivered to  
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