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Nov. 1/'63 Hosty learned that Oswald worked at the TSBD

Note: RG 665 JFK Collection FBI Bulkies 2805-2860 It notes on Oswald's application form for employment at TSBD he put his weight at 150 lbs and height 5'9" Also a copy of Post Office application for mail box. Notice the only name approved who were entitled to receive mail at this Box No. 6225 was Lee H. Oswald (not Hidell or Marina, etc). . . .\*\*\*\*\* Copies of this form found in Key Docs File. Located in Drawer A \0

11/19 Sorrels says route to Trade Mart decided on 11/19 and route published in appears papers 11/20 (p. Gemberling report (see below

11/22/'63 time police call re: JFK shooting came at 12:35 CS

11/22/'63 at 12:45 P.M. EST UPI teletype machine punched out the news abroad SAM 86972 (Plane carrying Salinger, Rush, et al. (see my copy of LBJ lib) The news from Dallas was that "{Three shots were fired at President Kennedy's motorcade in Downtown Dallas." (Source Holland, *Kennedy Assassination Tapes, date*) Early Evidence file # 1)

11/22/'63 Drain says that call to Dallas for him to bring the evidence collected came at "about 8:00" assume CST. EE file, # 2) (Early Evidence)

1/29/'64 BUT applies to 11/22 Shanklin to File 100-10461-2949 \*\*\*\* He notes that the evidence (calls it "material") was "so hastily sent to the Laboratory (BULAB) that we did not get a chance to review prior to its being forwarded. . . . the point here is the evidence was whisked away from the get-go but Dallas was the office of the crime and should have had access to the evidence for the purposes of overturning leads in the case. But since there was no real investigation this was muted. DFO was working from pictures of the evidence but many of the pictures were "not too good." EE File # 3\*\*\*\*\*

11/22/'63 Rosen to Belmont 62-109060-3, S 1) Notes that Shanklin reported that Dallas police on 11/22 had charged Oswald with the shooting death of Tippit. EE File # 4)

When was  
Oswald charged w/  
JFK's murder?

11/22/'63 Director to All Offices 8:40 P.M. 62-109060-4 (S. 1) Hoover throw out the drag net. . . use all sources and round up the usual suspects. . .

11/22/'63 Director to SAC, New Orleans Urgent (62-109060-50< time 10:00 P.M. FBI discovers Oswald's FPCC signed by Hidell. . . Oswald told Dallas police that Hidell had contacted him to handout FPCC fliers. . . Hoover now has Oswald working for Castro. . . EE, File # 6

11/22/'63 Hoover to NY FBI Office 2:16 EST "Get everyone involved in shooting of president and get them fast." 62-109060-6, EE File# 7.

11/22/'63 Tippit shooting report was at 1:18 CST

Place for anything on Air Force One carrying LBJ back to WDC.

11/22 Belmont to Tolson 105-82555-77 (S. 2) This puts Oswald right in the frame: Oswald being held for Tippit shooting. Belmont notes that FBI Dallas that Oswald was subject of Internal Security—R—Cuba case. Worked at TSBD . . . He left US and went to Russia. . . Arrested in New Orleans for handing out FPCC. He drinks; beats his wife, who just had baby. This information Belmont received at 3:50 P.M. probably WDC time. \*\*\*\*\*Begg question: Why wasn't Oswald on S.I. and his name turned over to the FBI. (explanation: because he was a FBI source). We get into the whole business of Gale and the in-house investigation. (doc. # 5 of FBI Failure Oswald on S.I.) Box # 4, F. 5.

*FBI in Dallas Belmi / SS ?*

11/22/'63 Branigan to Sullivan 11/22/'63 , file number obliterated. This a response to Belmont to Tolson above.

11/22/'63 Belmont to Tolson 62-109060-99, S. 2) p. 2 Shanklin called Belmont at 2:55 P.M. that police had suspect they believe shot Tippit and "think he may have killed president." EE, File 11A.

11/22/'63 Rosen to Belmont (62-109060-1272). . . Notes here that SS Sorrells was holding onto the alleged murder weapon and not ready to give it up to FBI. FBI would, with LBJ's intervention, have the weapon in WDC the next morning. EE, File # 12.

11/22/'63 Belmont to Tolson (62-109060-1431) Time on this memo is 8:18 P.M. Belmont notes that the rifle is being sent to BuLab and Belmont wanted to get possession of the Oswald pistol. Notes too that LBJ wanted Hoover to solve the case. EE, File # 13.

11/22/'63 Official time of the police call on JFK shooting was 12:35 p.m. CST Gemberling report (105-82555-21

11/22/'63 9:18 P.M. Belmont to Tolson re: evidence on way up to WDC. Focus specifically on the rifle. Notes that LBJ in touch with Hoover and "is looking to FBI solving the case." (62-109060-1431 Batch B, # 9

- DeLoach to Mohr 6/4/'64 62-111371-9 Hoover's account of his interview with Manchester. Hoover tells M that FBI immediately entered the case despite no jurisdiction. Hoover pretends that LBJ did not ask him to take on the case until later that night (7;25 P.M) this was a cover story. Batch B, #8

11/22/'63 Oswald charged with Tippit murder 11/22 at 6:00 P.M. And Ass DA William Alexander authorized the filing of a complaint in the murder of JFK at 11:25 P.M. When was he formally charged???? Batch B, # 5 (see below)

11/22/'63 Director to All Offices (62-109060-4) Hoover's first directive: Throw out the drag net---roundup all potential suspects. Orders for Day One. [source: Batch B , Doc. 1] Drag net for all offices. Attached 11/23 Director to All Sacs at about 12:30 P.M. Resume normal operations. . . as noted that Oswald was charged w/ JFK's murder and the shooting of Tippit. . .by the Dallas police.

11/23/'63 Jevons to Conrad (62-109060-318) Review the state of some of the key physical evidence . . . . none of it is very strong against Oswald. EE, File # 14

11/23/'63 Jevons to Conrad (marked "Secret") 105-82555-Unrec. Review for the state of the evidence after a day's examination by BuLab. Review carefully, EE, File #15

11/23/'63 1:30 A.M. CST who arraigned for JFK murder - (Source: A. Scooby RG 272 Box 21 NAKT  
11/22/'63 Oswald arraigned about 7:30 P.M. for Tippit's murder



11/23/'63 Notes that SA Elmer L. Todd ( of WFO) has brought CE# 399/or Q1 bullet from stretcher. Evidence received from SA Orin Bartlett on 11/22/'63 . I will use Aguilar/Thompson article to shot this down . . .EE, File # 16

11/23/'63 Director to All SACs 62-109060-13 Drag net cancelled "in view of developments" which were Dallas police have developed Oswald as principle suspect since he was charged with JFK's death and Tippit murder. (Point here: I think it is in Hoover/Manchester where Hoover says that FBI developed all the evidence in the case. It was not the Dallas police, etc.

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11/23/'63 DeLoach to Mohr, (62-109060-228. S. 3) Notes at 11:25 A.M. Curry held news conference and slammed FBI for not divulging the background and whereabouts of Oswald (TSBD). . .Hoover went ballistic and demanded Curry retract which he did. File: Failure of FBI to place O on S.I. folder, # 8).

Curry  
Dallas Police  
Killer of  
Oswald  
Set  
Dallas  
Main  
Active  
Records

11/23/'63 Director to Att. General 62-109060-7, S. 1) copy to DAG (Miller) The FBI turned over to AG "results of our inquiry" into the assassination of JFK. [Query myself: Did Bobby ask for this?? Could be). Notes that additional info will follow when available. By 11/23 Hoover had settled on Oswald as assassin because the Dallas police had charged him with the crime. EE, File #8 Note that this was delivered to AG on 11/25 (Fait Accompli is the theme of these days 11/23-11/25).

11/23/'63 Director to All Sacs 62-109060-13, S. 1) This was a radiogram sent on 11/23 at 12:30 P).M. Notes that Dallas officials have charged Oswald in death of JFK and officer Tiippit . . . .EE, File# 9

11/23/'63 announced from Director to All SACs (62-109060-41, S. 1) Monday 11/25 a national day of mourning. . .

11/23/'63 Rosen to Belmont 11/23/'63 (62-109060-106, S. 1) Drain notes that he and evidence departing from Carswell AF Base at 2:51 A.M. (no clue as to CST or EST, assume EST)and EST WDC (Andrews) 6:15 A.M. EST. Notes that examiners will be ready to examine evidence the moment it arrives. . . .EE, File #11)



11/23/'63 Hack's "Puppetmaster" notes that on Saturday Hoover and Tolson spent the afternoon at Pimlico racetrack . . . Tolson suffered a TIA. . . (mortality issue). . . Was the racetrack visit by way of a celebration that w/ JFK gone and Hoover's old neighbor LBJ in the White House the Director's hold on the Director's post was assured. . . (Batch B, 1A).

11/23/'63 ASAC ( Sylvester) to SAC of New Orleans (989-69-29 FBI Main NO Oswald File) Notes that the drag net approach of 11/22 was now off. . . Focus totally on Oswald as the assailant. . . (no conspiracy). Notes at the bottom of doc that all the evidence was in the Laboratory (in WDC). Oswald admitting nothing. Note: When did FBIHQ learn of Milteer and his threats against JFK in Miami. Nothing here suggests that Milteer's name drew any attention as it should have. Batch C, # 2 11/23/'63 McCone to Rowley 3/3/65 (use for 11/23 McCone calls with LBJ on Saturday morning).

11/23/'63 at 10:01 A.M. Hoover/LBJ phone conversation (with 14 min. gap) In this conversation LBJ learned about an Oswald imposter in Mexico City. This came on the heels (a surmise) of news from McCone that Oswald was a CIA asset (part of the false defector program). Note Hoover says that case not strong enough at this time to get a conviction. (No reason to believe it would have ever convicted Oswald with the evidence collected).

11/23/'63 Hoover to All Sacs (62-109060-41) LBJ declared 11/25 "A National Day of Morning" for JFK ,Batch B, # 14

11/23/'63 FBI report by agents Gaston C. Thompson and Robert C. Lish, 105-82555-505 (S. 21) Brennen's ridiculous account of spotting the shooter w/ his height, weight, and what he was wearing. . . .Batch B, # 16

11/23/'63 Rex Bradford and Hoover to LBJ 11/23 and article on the 14 minute gap.

11/23 See Hack's "Puppetmaster" p. 333 Hoover and Tolson went to the track in Baltimore in the afternoon. Did Tolson have a stroke at the track?(Batch B, #10)

11/23/'63 Rosen to Belmont (62-109060-278 (S. 4) Notes that Ass Attorney General Jack Miller anxious for FBI to settle the case and "certain that the Bureau's work" would support the charge brought by DA Wade. (See news stories on Wade's loose talk despite all the evidence that pointed away from Oswald. Batch A, Doc. 1A.

Insert: 11/23 or 11/24 when LBJ called in Warren to head up a commission/Could have been later (11/25 perhaps) Earl Warren's interview w/ Brandeis on 12/11/'72 see pp. 19-20 where he recounts LBJ pressure on him to head up commission. Add here: Oswald motive on p. 24. . . and Warren's view of the case as opened and shut had it gone to trial.

11/24/'63 SS page on LBJ's visitors. . . Note: That he met with McCone at 10:09 at his residence. So he McCone twice on 11/23 and again on Sunday.

11/24 Jenkins memo Hoover says Oswald alone killed JFK. Bureau must "convince the public Oswald is the real assassin." (See Allen Tickler)/ question: When did Hoover write this memo: before or after Oswald was murdered????

11/24/'63 Malley to File (89-43-440) at about 8:50 P.M. (after Oswald's death) Hoover talked to LBJ and they decided "to make a report showing the evidence conclusively tying Oswald in as assassin of President Kennedy." Notes two reports: One of JFK will "be along the lines we have previously discussed. . . ." A second report on Ruby. Kicker: LBJ wanted the two reports turned over to Justice Dept. "this Tuesday." (that was 11/26!!!!).

11/24 Katz writes his memo see Hal's disquisition on the Katzenberg memo\*\*\*Key stuff if needed. See Hal's notes on this Batch B, #6

11/24/'63 (4:00 P.M. EST) Walter Jenkins conversation with Hoover (RG 64 NARA. . . Box 10.. .if I use get full citation from doc.). Read carefully the letter for detail.\*\*\*Also Hoover's confusion re: Kostikov at the Soviet Embassy in WDC who Oswald contacted. (Kostikov was in Mexico City not WDC). Hoover's field day with misinformation . . . All he was set in concrete was Oswald did it and no conspiracy . . . Hoover covers the call to Dallas Police on Friday night that Oswald would be killed. . . .Point here: See Tickler File that suggests Hoover smelled a

conspiracy on this. . . .\*\*\*\*\*Need to review this carefully( Batch B, # 3&3A)

Make point that Hoover's suspicions of a conspiracy had to deepen with Oswald's elimination. See this inferred the Tickler File (BOT). copy of this found in Batch C, # 3 (I think this is a more complete copy of the doc.)

11/24/'63 Belmont to Dallas, SAC, (44-1639-13 Ruby File) Wants Ruby interviewed t see if anyone else was involved (reflects Hoover's suspicion of a conspiracy; possibly involving the same conspirators who killed JFK. I can make that stretch here). Belmont also adds that Dallas police need to put a sock in all the loose talk from the dept. (Batch B, # 6; Batch C, # 6).

11/24/'63 Secret Service Logs reported that at 10:09 McCone briefed LBJ at this residence. Batch B, #15

11/24/'63 Belmont to Tolson, 11/24/'63 (105-82555-95, S. 3) Sending to Dallas Supervisors from SOG Rogge and Thompson to go over the written interviews and investigative findings (to kick out any that contradicted the case against Oswald, eg. Bogaard & cars/trucks business; Rowland) I have this doc, somewhere. The two supers were leaving by Air Force plane that evening. So this was put together after Oswald's death on Sunday). Note also that Katz wanted to put out a statement (after Oswald's death) "We are now persuaded that Oswald killed the president. . . ." FBI opposed. Katz in a big hurry. . . . That evening he wrote his memo to Moyers.

11/24/'63 SS White House Detail phone logs. Check for 11/24 exact times for Moyers, Hoover, and Katz call to move ahead after Oswald's murder. Batch # B" Chron Box.

11/25/'63 10:42 A.M (After Oswald's death). Hoover memo (62-109060-62) Hoover notes he heard from LBJ about WP story that pres, wanted a commission. Hoover says that LBJ upset. . . He did not want a commission he wanted FBI to turn out 2 reports: One on Oswald and one on Ruby. \*\*\*\* Note: Here a day after Oswald's murder LBJ does not raise question of possible conspiracy that lay behind the murders of JFK and Oswald. . . He is tormented by prospects of a WP



editorial pushing for a commission. So LBJ was more interested in managing the news than the JFK assassination and the Dallas shootings. . .\*\*\*\*\*

Clear that Hoover suspected a conspiracy in Oswald's murder. Hoover expects the CD-1 by Wednesday (11/27) This was before the Alvarado business hit the fan . . . and Keenan was dispatched to Mexico City. Attached see Hoover memo 10:25 A.M. Hoover noted that LBJ wanted as Hoover had suggested 11/24 (Day Oswald was murdered/no trial and testing of evidence) The report than made to the AG and the AG (Bobby) release from his office. (LBJ's hands are clean).

11/25 Hoover memo 11:20 A.M. (62-109060-61) Recounts conversation w/ Jenkin. Hoover affirms that report (CD-1) will speak for itself. . . .These were Jenkins' words. . .But Hoover said it would. Hoover said he was aiming for a deadline of Wednesday (11/27) for both reports: on Oswald and JFK murder and one on Ruby)\*\*\*\*Batch B, # 7)

11/25/'63 C.A. Evans to Belmont (62-109060-1399) Katz anxious that FBI investigative results be released to the public. Hoping it might be ready by the end of the week. Rush to close off all the speculation about Dallas being a conspiracy—domestic or foreign . (How much did Katz know by 11/25 about an Oswald imposter/and Oswald as CIA asset. . . .Clear that LBJ did not want the report issued from the White House( Macbeth syndrome). Batch A, # 1)

11/25/'63 Walter Jenkins record of conversations for the day: Note Abe Fortas spoke with Dean Acheson and said that a Commission would be a bad idea. (Batch B, No. # 5)

11/25/'63 DeLoach to Mohr (62-109060-unrec S. 6) FBI trying to get the Wash Post from writing an editorial stressing the need for a presidential commission. Post Wiggins refuses to accommodate. FBI furious. Dupe w/ Hal cover note (Batch B, #4; and Batch C, #4)

11/25/'63 Brennen to Sullivan (105-82555-199) FBI never checked on how Oswald left England on 10/10/'59 flight and got to Helsinki (esp. how did he know that Sov. Embassy was only one to clear visitor travel to USSR in 24 hrs. The only

one on the planet. (I have a source for this some place. Possibly in DiEugenio's series of Bugsie. . . Batch B, # 10

11/25/'63 two FBI docs making the point that Oswald started work at the TSBD on Oct. 16 and never missed a day of work up to and including 1/22/'63 . . . Nov. 11 the was a national holiday.

11/25/'63 Hoover Memo 3:28 P.M. (62-109060-212) p. 2 Hoover has positive impression of Wade (he just learned from Jenkins that Wade was a FBI agent. Batch A, # 2. (Occasion for me to draw on evidence about Wade's record of being a {"hanging DA"}).

11/25 DeLoach to Mohr 11/25/'63 (62-109060-unclear S. 3) DeLoach makes clear he had objections (perhaps from Hoover or Mohr) of a proposed statement to the press coming from JD (Guthman) . . . Guthman returns call later that day and agrees with DeLoach. . . there will be no statement. . .

11/25/'63 DeLoach to Mohr (62-109060-362, S 5) He notes that on 11/24 word got out that Dallas police had pix of Oswald holding a rifle and a pistol. The newsman's inquiry was confirmed. The pix was found in Ruth Paine's garage. . . .(Note this search was conducted without a search warrant. Had there been a trial it would have been thrown out of court. . . (see Fredda Scoby RG 272 on this). Second point is the emerge in the media that the SS was charging that the FBI had interviewed Oswald recently and never told the FBI. This will prompt Hoover to get to Rowley to bug out . . .

11/26/'63 Belmont to Sullivan (105-82555-243 S. 5) Key\*\*\*\* In the course of one day FBIHQ is confronted with the need to include "anything of relevance to the case" . . . to "settle the dust of Dallas." Which means to have answers to all those questions raised in the public and press. In short, CD 1 will not be released by the end of the week. . . See the fiction at bottom of p. 1 about the police turning over the evidence to the FBI. . . This was staged turning it over to a large degree except for the stuff in Paine's garage. . .

11/26/'63 Baumgardner to Sullivan (62-109060-1696 S. 21) See Hoover's marginalia. He is not happy with the delay in "setting the dust of Dallas." The longer the FBI takes to get the report out the more bad press the FBI is getting or exposed to. . . .

11/26/'63 Evans to Belmont (62-109060-1490 S. 19). The Call from Hoover/Tolson to get the report out. See Tolson marginalia: "It seems we have the basic facts now."

@@@@ Odd inclusion Rosen to DeLoach 11/12/1966 where Rosen says that the basic investigation was substantially completed by 11/26/1963 @@@@ Make the most of it . . .Batch B, #15 (62-109060-NR)

11/27/'63 Courtney Evans to Belmont (62-109060-1669). Katz and the Wednesday timeline Hoover promised and will not be met. (Note: Hoover had sent Keenan to Mexico City to shut down Mann and the CIA talk about a Castro-Oswald connection.) This was a factor in holding back on CD-1. Hoover marginalia: Now he says we will give no "time table." At the 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)

11/26/'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. . . .

11/29/'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—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

