

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. Also pickup comments on this in Supplemental Chronology Folder 2A under CD-1A (p.4) \*\*\*\*\*

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."

Note date of 12/6. . . . CD-1 into select hands outside of FBI & Katz hands and presumably White House. . .

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. Calls report "sensational."

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).\*\*\*\*\* Oswald double had to elicit tension with Hoover since he was alarmed about this back in 1959 w/ Oswald in Russia and possible Oswald impersonator.. . . .

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 Katz shows CIA the FBI Report (also the State and SS). . .Belmont to Tolson 12/7/'63 109060-1703 (Sect. 22)

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 62-19060-1703 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.** Katz notes that while he did not want to make a public statement at this time that LBJ wanted one made. Katz drew one up in draft letter to Justice Earl Warren which states 2 conclusions in a statement to the press: (1) FBI Report will show that evidence convincingly convicted Oswald of the crime and (2) that he acted alone. . .This memo attached to the Belmont to Tolson exchange above. . .62-109060-1703 Sect. 22).

12/9/'63 FBI Summary Report on assassination turned over to WC. Attached was a letter signed by Katz. Recommending immediate release a press statement (1) FBI establishes that Oswald shot JFK (2) that Oswald had no help. Before HSCA in 1978 Katz said that FBI wrote the text & Katz just signed it.

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." 3 copies Batch B, # Beginning of WC skepticism of FBI Report. . .

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 & events for 11/22 to 11/24 . . . p. 4 especially w/ official mythology. Batch B, # 10

12/16/'63 See McNaughton's comments on CD-1. . . He sees the immediate flaws but soft peddles his criticism . . . This is the only minor blowback . . . I wish I could find the FBI's counterattack on McNaughton . . . But senior members in the Justice Dept. saw to the smothering of his criticisms. . . \*\*\*\*\* Be sure to find use for this. . . very important and be sure to read Hal's insightful comments. \*\*\*

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