

Paraffin Testing (Attempting in Chronological Order)

1. Belmont to Rosen 11/23/'63 62-109060-644 (Section 8). Notes that on this date SAC Kyle Clark just received word of results of paraffin tests on Oswald, time was 1:25p.m. Results positive on Oswald's hands and negative on his cheek. Actual results were made at 12 and 1 a.m. this morning but not taken to lab until 10:45 a.m.
Attached in Dallas Municipal Archives Record * w/ paraffin tests results showing positive on LHO's hands and negative on face. . .
2. Dallas Criminal Investigation Lab report on Oswald's paraffin casts 11/23/'63 . . . all noting that no nitrates found on exhibit # 1 paraffin casts on Oswald's right cheek . . .
3. Jevons to Conrad 12/19/'63 based on memo 11/27/'63 were approval was authorized (on that date 11/27) to allow AEC to conduct NAA on Oswald's paraffin casts. . . w/ Seaborg's assurance that it will be dealt with " complete and confidential cooperation in this matter." Gallagher (FBI) delivered the test specimens to Wm Lyon on 12/17/'63 . . .
4. Paul Aebersold to Miller Ass Attorney General, Criminal Division) 12/11/'63
5. Jevons to Conrad 1/9/'64 Note that Rankin learns at this date (1/7/'64) about NAA testing. . . Aebersold's letter to Miller who passed this onto Rankin . . . This was already set in motion by the FBI as early as 11/27 (see above # 3). . . but Rankin never apprised. . . Goes to advise that the test results will be restricted to a few people (Aebersold will be excluded). . . number of people will be kept to a minimum. . . Conditions imposed by the FBI. . .
6. FBI lab report 3/6/'64 no id. Of source. . . Contains the FBI party line that Oswald firing of rifle and then revolver compromises the NAA results. . . all one can say is that the amount of barium and antimony indicates that there is more of this telltale elements present than if a subject did not fire a weapon . . .
7. 6A 3/6/'64 *only have 2 pages of this document.* . .

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8. Jevons to Conrad 3/17/'64 105-82555-2646 Is this the first expression of the FBI's party line on the results of the NAA testing. . .Note that Gallagher shares these with Eisenberg on 3/16/'64
9. Jevons to Conrad 3/27/'64 62-109060-2845. . . We have here Heiberger's findings that the Walker bullet alloys do not match the "large bullet fragment" recovered from the presidential limo. P. 2 is key here: Gallagher reverts to the FBI party line on the subject. (Here is where Speer is most handy). . . here the FBI line on why the results of the NAA tests on the casts were compromised w/ Oswald firing a revolver after firing the rifle. . .
10. Jevons to Conrad, 3/31/'64, (key doc.) At request from Eisenberg the FBI ran paraffin tests w/ the assassination rifle . . . According to this memo the FBI lab executed this request (or said it did). . .The results according to the FBI indicated positively that paraffin tests were unreliable. . .This is a key document*****Does Speer cite this onbe*****
11. Jevons to Conrad 4/15/'64 105-82555-3247 Report from General Dynamics on NAA detection . . .note it promotes paraffin as the best medium for determining whether a person fired a weapon . . .
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