

Notes From Warren Comm./FBI relations

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1. Gauthier to Callahan 4/7/'64, 62-109060-2908 "OK. But this is becoming more and more of a farce." notes here that WC plans to setup a conference to re-enact the shooting. . . .on a scale model of the assassination site. Read for detail . . .WC to include 2 drs and schooled in "wound ballistics" . . .(implication here is that CD-1 was totally inadequate and unreliable. . . See Hoover's comment: "OK. But this is becoming more and more of a farce."

2. Branigan to Sullivan, 9/1/'64 RG 65, 110A (more detail here) WC wants to include in WCR FBI reports that revealed nothing to indicate Oswald had the capability to assassinate JFK. The FBI rejects this idea. . .P. 6 FBI gives reasons. . .

3. Evans to Belmont 12/18/'63 62-109090-25 Hoover note: What do we know about Willens? See also 3A

4. Belmont to Tolson 4/24/'64 RG 65 110A (NARA—full cite needed) Interest here: Belmont notes that FBI will cut off all cooperation w/ the Dallas PD. . .no police training & other cooperative functions to decrease. . . My query: why: was it due to Revill and Bryan's comments on Hosty remarks about Oswald's violent nature. . .

5. As cited in doc. FBI did not ask for copy of JFK's death certificate until 12/23/'64 well after CD-1 was sent to WC . . . In short CD-1 did not have access to a basic piece of evidence when writing CD-1. .

6. Rosen to Belmont, 3/24, '64 RG 65, Box 110, NARA, folder No. ??? (dope). Here is FBI blow back from above item 1 above. . .FBI response to WC bringing on independent experts in ballistics to exam the shooting, etc. . . FBI to step aside on physical evidence. . . Rankin remarked that WC did not question the FBI's technical skills . . . Rankin remarks that there was "tremendous amount of pressure on . . . on Commission from various sources for independent sources look into the ballistic and medical evidence. . . Rankin went on to note that WC was pressured into recruiting independent examination concerning handwriting and fingerprint examinations (p..2). . . My notes: frame all above with FBI neglect and shoddy performance on 1. The JFK autopsy not acquired until after CD-1 was

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released to WC; 2. FBI ignored Connally's clothes; the 3 Tippitt bullets and exam results; below for 7C.

6A Rosen to Belmont 12/18/'63 , 62-109060-unrecorded (section 30) p. 1 FBI lies about why it did not collect the JFK death certificate and the Bethesda Naval Hosp results of the JFK autopsy . . .FBI responded with the lie: Rankin was told that family of President requested that Bethesda autopsy be kept confidential and the same applied to the Dr. Burkley death certificate. HERE IS BIG LIE. On pps 3-4 FBI and Rankin go around whether the WC will utilize independent investigators and outside experts. Rankin evades this issue as far as he is involved. . .but notes that Commission (some) members of WC wanted to have outside investigators from other Govt agencies involved. . . .

7C Rankin to Hoover 4/9/'64 GR 65 Box 110A, folder 34B, NARA, Rankin notes call earlier to Hoover about FBI lab results on Connally's clothes and results of FBI examination on same. . .Point here is that FBI never collected his clothes and eventually Mrs. Connally had then sent to the cleaners. . .

8. SAC, Dallas, to Director 3/14/'64 RG 65, Box 111C, 62-109060-8307x, Bulky, Part 3, folder 83, NARA, (Expedite). . . .Note as of this date the FBI had never bothered to collect the "other .38 caliber slugs (the other 3) removed from Tippitt's body by Dr. Rose (coroner) at Tippitt's autopsy after the shooting were never recovered by the FBI. The FBI only had the one bullet removed from Tippitt at Methodist Hosp. Bureau never bothered to track down the other bullets. I need to go back and get FBI results on this one bullet. . . .did it come from Oswald's revolver??? Best example of Rosen's comment in Allen tickler: FBI waiting around for evidence to drop in its pockets. . .

9. Nothing of use. . .

10. Malley to Rosen, 2/17/'64 WC request for the alleged assassination rifle to be delivered to Commission so it could be examined by Melvin Eisenberg. It was arranged. . .Hoover's note; "Hereafter let them come to Bureau. We hav'nt time to play games." +

11. Rosen to DeLoach 10/19/1966 62-109060-4228 FBI low opinion of Liebeler . .
". . .e was obnoxious &made numerous idiotic requests of the Bureau while on
W#arren Commission."

12. S.F. Chronicle piece 1/19/1978 How FBI spied on the Bureaureview
piece. . .

13. Rosen to Belmont, July 3, 1964, 62-109090-185 This is the FBI comment on
the 3rd draft of the WC Report. . . notes there were no criticisms of the FBI.
.everything was cool . . .(Did Ford smuggle out this copy for FBI perusal???) . . .No
criticism of the FBI in this edition . . see p. 2 for conclusion: FBI happy as a claim. .

13B FBI unloads on Wesley Liebeler. . . .a batch of FBI on its loathing of Liebeler. .

14. Scatterday to Rosen 12/19/'63 62-109090-26 FBI review of Howard Willens
on WC staffleads to review of Willens' father. . .A good example of FBI
investigative smearing. . .See examples of Bureau's (implied) smear of Willens'
father. . .