

Hoover/WC Relationship

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Not

1. Matter of WC wanting to question certain CP officials.. . FBI concerned that this might blow cover of informants . . . . Rankin promises WC would be circumspect and (b)low their cover, etc. P. 2 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> doc. . . Hoover comment suggests that he has washed his hands in dealing with the marplotting WC. .This was in April '64
2. Sullivan to Branigan 9/1/'64. . . .FBI concern about WC request to make public FBI reports that show that there was no reason to believe that Oswald was of a violent nature. . . .capable of attempting to shot the president. . . .FBI is reluctant to have this material in the WCR. . . .It seems it would have reduced the WC Report criticism of the FBI vis-à-vis FBI failure to alert SS, etc. . .
3. Evans to Belmont 12/18/'63 Note: What did FBI know about Howard Willens . . . . Belmont to Tolson
4. Tolson to Belmont, 4/24/'64 . . . .Hosty to commit an affidavit that he was not aware of any info that pointed to possible violence in Oswald . . . (cover the Oswald note business). . . cover up from top of FBI power base. . . Tolson (Hoover).
5. SS Kelley report that FBI did not ask for a copy of the JFK autopsy report until 12/23/'63 . . . .weeks after CD-1 conclusions leaked to the press. . .
6. Belmont to Rosen 3/24/'64 gist: WC looking for independent testing of the firearms evidence. . . This is explosive. . . (See my note attached)
7. FBI Lab Report. . .4/9/'64 when FBI lab gets Connally's clothes. . . .By this time they had been dry cleaned and potential evidence compromised. (I have this in BOT. . . If I use just cite BOT as source)/ 7A attached. . .
8. SAC, Dallas to Director 3/14/'64 FBI finally to "expedite" the collection of the other 3 bullets extracted from Tippit's body. . . . "expedite" makes a mockery of the whole affair. . . (Rosen's characterization: FBI waiting around w/ pockets open waiting for evidence to drop in. . . .\*\*\*\* Best setting for using Rosen's remarks in the Tickler. . .

Rosen to Belmont  
 Example of a Bot  
 WC concern for independent view on evidence  
 Both 7 & 8

what a laugh

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9. ARRB interview with Goldberg . . .points to areas of tension w/ FBI. . .  
.Hoover's reluctance to share stuff from FBI files. . .  
Also attached is 2-pager on post JFK assassination in which govt was . . .  
setting up legislation to assign FBI the task of being the body that would be  
responsible for having exclusive jurisdiction in cases of attempts on  
presidents life. . . (what irony). . .
10. Belmont to Rosen 1/22/'64 See Hoover scrawl. He is all cooperation and  
fellow feeling with Rankin. . . Give him what he wants. Attached is 10B see  
Hoover note: Make them come to the Bureau for requested material. . .  
."we havn't time to play games." Shift in working relationship. . .
11. Two examples of FBI (Hoover) mad on w/ WC . . . .not willing to make any  
concessions to Rankin requests. . . atmospheric stuff. . .