

DLECTURE

ADD ON TO HAL'S "EXCESS" PLUS "SENATOR RUSSELL DISSENTS" NOTES

MAKE POINT IN LECTURE RE: MCCLOY REMARKS ON 12/5 ABOUT FBI,SS,
CIA MIGHT HAVE THEIR OWN INTERETS. . . .AFTERALL THE SS AND FBI
HAD RESPONSIBILITY TO PREVENT AN ASSASSINATION.

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TODETERMINE WHETHER OSWALD HAD AN INTELLIGENCE
CONNECTIONS.

Instead they relied on the under oath testimony of Hoover, McCone and Helms.

Quick list on suppression of evidence (as counter to argument that this charge is
confuted by the publishing of of the Report and the 26 volumes

@ suppression of the staff working papers. . . none have been published.

@ some WC testimony never published—eg. Mrs Kennedy's wc testimony about
her husband's wounds.

@ The times when the WC went off record during the executive sessions. That
happened 3 times during the April 30th session.

@ The decision to destroy the January 21st ex. Session. Failed to destroy the
stenotape. . .

@ The actual destruction of the original 9/18 WC session called by Russell and
replaced with a phony transcript.

From Hal's "ExSess"

9/18 Session forced on the Commission by Russell.

The Report was in page proofs and the President was to receive a copy in 6 days
and the Report was to be released to the public on the 27th.

Small point: might want to check Hal's files for a Margaret Shannon for Russell's
disgust at some of the transcripts of the testimony. . . .p. 203

Ward & Paul was the court-reporting firm to provide verbatim stenographic
transcripts. . . .Hal notes the phoniness of the Rankin substitute transcript of the 18th
meeting by the type. W & P used pica type and this transcript was in elite type.

He notes that the first page of the transcript seemed genuine beginning sequentially
with the proper page 7652 in accurate order. . . pagination order. . .

The Rankin paraphrase contains no indication of any of the wrangling and disagreement of that meeting.

NOTE: CHECK WITH RUSSELL CHPT. IN BOT.

The phony transcript may be the most or one of the most significant documents in our history because it was so misleading. . . .A (something) cover-up with the larger cover-up.

Russell despite his poor attendance record, had the best understanding of the impossibility of the Report as presented.

Russell's two reservations about the WC's conclusions:

One, that there was no conspiracy. Secondly, that he could not support the S/B theory. . . .

Quotes Margaret Shannon from her interview with Russell. .

1. That Russell objected to language "no other living person had any knowledge of Oswald's plan." Russell offered that he wanted Report to say only that Oswald had "fired the shots that killed President Kennedy and wounded Governor Connally."

Point: The FBI and SS consistently reported and described an assassination that was beyond the capacity of one shooter. FBI account fails to mention the Tague bullet because it would have to account for a 4th shoot in the five or six seconds of Dallas.

The WC's or Specter's S/B theory accounts for all the wounds as the resultant of two bullets with one bullet missing the limo altogether. . .

Neither the FBI/SS nor the WC could admit to a 4th shot. . .From that rifle and that shooter.

Basically, Russell believed that Oswald was not alone in the assassination. But that others were involved. Oswald's pro-Castro tieshis years in Minsk . . .

2. Russell and the S/B theory. . . . He could not accept that JFK and Connally were struck by the same bullet. . . . As a matter of fact, Russell was perhaps the first or one of the first who could command attention, who questioned that JFK and Connally were struck by the same bullet. See Margaret Shannon's interview with Russell on September 28, 1964. . .in the *Atlanta Journal*

Has argument that the only bullet that could have struck both men had to be the first shot. . . .After that JFK and Connally were no in any alignment that would account for both being hit by the same missile.

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The only time that both men were in alignment allowing one bullet to hit both was when they were hidden behind the Stemmons Freeway Sign . . . So Connally was either hit by the first shot or he if not then his wounds can be attributed to none of the other shots. . . .***** This needs to be with Connally's wounds

Russell accepts McCloy's compromise language on p. 19 of Chapter 1.

Russell quoted in the Atlanta Paper when he asked that his 2 reservations be included as a footnote that Senator Russell dissented on the s/b idea and that Oswald acted alone without any assistance. . . .Russell noted that Warren wouldn't hear of it. "But Warren took that part and rewrote it himself. He noted that "Warren was determined to have a unanimous report."

Rankin waited six weeks before sending the fabricated transcript of the 9/18 meeting to the other members of the Commission. They merely filed their copies. . .

The McCloy "compromise" for the record. . . I have this in BOT.