

Chapter 17. Hosty's "Bombshell" . . .

p. 281 Hal notes on the set up. . . . Notes Sam Stern told Mike Ewing that they could not control agencies like the FBI and the CIA. . . (check source here: Hal's archive). . . The actual work of the Commission was conducted by the staff. . . Policy was determined by the Commission. . (p. 282). Cites CIA taking over from the get-go . . . The Commission took the CIA's word on Oswald. . . It did not bother to look at the records the CIAZ had on Oswald (see Ed's list of these CIA docs. . .)The point here: The Commission had no idea of the enormity of the CIA relevant records that the staff and the Commission did not see; they did not even know they existed. . . (p. 283).

The Commission had the power of subpoena and could have had access to these records. . If they had nothing to hide why were they hiding so much could have been popular response. . . P. 284 Hal notes that when Congress learned of these abuses it amended the law. . .

Shifts to Hosty on p. 284-5 . . . He notes Hosty's instant vision and "understanding" of Dallas. . . Oswald was a Communist (a Red). . . The same vision that Hoover had when the 112th Intelligence unit in Texas disclosed that Oswald had "defected" to the Soviet Union. . . .which he was careful not to do.

Hal cites Richard Snyder here (US consular employee in Moscow when Oswald showed up. . . .Snyder was CIA at that timerevealed in an East German Book "Who's Who In the CIA". . . .it was admitted, including by Snyder himself. . .(p. 286). Note: When he testified before the WC he was described in the Report as a foreign service officer stationed the Embassy in the Soviet Union." (p. 286)See page 497. . .