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Katz File—Highlights

Folder # A

Chronology/Key Remarks

11/24/'63 RG 64 NARA Correspondence w/ Burke Marshall Regarding Declassification of Jenkins Memo, Box 10. This deals with the assassination of Oswald after FBI alerted Dallas PD of threats in wee hours of 11/24 that there was a threat against Oswald when he was to be moved on Sunday . . . (Hoover suspected Ruby). . .Hoover livid w/ Dallas PD for allowing Oswald to be cut down . . .Even Hoover admits that Oswald's civil rights were violated. This copy is filed with Chapter material under "Oswald As Sole Suspect" . . .

11/24/'63 RG 64 NARA, "Correspondence w/ Burke Marshall re: Regarding Declassification of Jenkins Memo, Box 10, NARA. Record of Hoover call on 11/24 at 4:00 P.M. Walter Jenkins to Johnson, Lyndon. Hoover said the following in this call: This follows Oswald's murder. Hoover notes: the threat to take Oswald's life. Alerted Dallas PD and were assured Oswald would be protected. Notes that FBI had agent at Oswald's bedside hoping for a confession.. . Ruby will plead emotional distress led him to take Oswald's life. P. 2 Hoover says that DPD did not have a case against Oswald until FBI gave them the evidence!!!! P. 2 Hoover admits that had Oswald lived he could not have gotten a fair trial in Dallas. He is anxious that we have something to issue to "convince the public that Oswald is the real assassin." Katz recommended a commission. . .But Hoover (to maintain control) that FBI make a report based on FBI lab work on the evidence and make a report and AG can make a report to Prexy and the President can decide whether to make it public or not. Bottom line for Hoover: (p. 3) ". . . that instead of a presidential commission, we do it with a Justice Dept. report based on the FBI report." (Keep it in-house, so to speak) and under FBI control. Hoover closes admitting that Oswald's civil rights were violated. 9

11/25 Katzenback Memo to Moyers 129-11 Dept. of Justice, Records Branch, May 1965.. .Two imperatives immediately after Oswald was assassinated. . .

!1/25 Katz memo /attached is Hal's 8 page treatment of that memo***

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11/25 62-109060-1399 Evans to Belmont . . .Katz after speaking w/ Hoover that CD-1 results be made public. . . .He was looking at the end of the week for the public appearance of CD-1. Secondly, LBJ wants the FBI Report released from the Justice Department and not from the White House. .

See Hal's note attached. Hal makes point re: Katz notes "it has been treated like a highly classified document" and Katz hopes WC would do the same.

Hal notes: FBI would want it kept out of the public domain. CD-1 is merely an FBI diatribe against Oswald and says almost nothing about the assassination. It has only 2 sentences in the 5 vols of the report that are on the shooting and it fails to give the cause of death.

11/25 DeLoach to Mohr 62-109060-362 Notes the "discovery" of pix of Oswald (alleged) in backyard w/ rifle, pistol, and holding copy of Socialist Workers Party(a militant Trotskyite anti-Soviet publication. (I need to check with Ian's essay on this. . . . and note to that if true indicates Oswald's anti-Sovietism . . .

11/27 Miller to Katz RG 200/Rankin Papers, Box 34, folder 445 Proposal of an outline for report on the Kennedy assassination, etc. . .This is based on no real testing of the evidence or questioning of any witnesses

11/27 Evans to Belmont 62-109060-1669 (section 21) pressure from Katz when can Justice expect the FBI Report. . . classic line: p. 1 reports out these from citizenry about Oswald's lack of rifle skills to have carried out the assassination and he must have had accomplices. Katz dismisses this with "Katzenbach recognized that obviously no report can resolve minutia of this kind. . . . " Hoover gets hot about the pressure from Justice. . . . **** Katz noted that he set up a "truth squad" [my term/not the best description] to handle rumors and speculations found in press and compared with those received by JD. Prepare responses. . . .like the "minutia" noted above. . .

12/30/'63 RG 200, Rankin Papers, Box 34, folder 445. . . Willens idea of major categories to be covered by the Commission . . . \

12/9/'63 Katz to Chief Justice This was released to Warren before the Commission received CD-1. . .He wants JD to release statement before WC receives CD-1 stating: That Oswald shot the president all alone (2) that he acted alone. Katz notes US public at present "more than half of the American public believe that Oswald acted as part of a conspiracy. And that Ruby acted in concert with others in taking Oswald's life. . . Point 2. That Oswald acted alone. . .

12/24/'63 Rosen to Belmont 62-109090-68 Rosen to explain why the FBI did not accept a copy of the JFK autopsy report from the SS. Key doc. **** Argument is that Kennedy family did not want to report to get into the public domain. BS. Hoover will even blow this apart in other documents. See attached notes ****

12/30/'63 RG 200, Rankin Papers, Box 34, folder 445 Willens to Rankin (Willens was Katz's man on the Commission). . . Willens has proposed a 5-point topical breakdown for the WC. . . .or what he regards as "major categories." See categories II and III. . . .

Folder B

More Hal on Katz memo. . . I may have this in Folder A. . . .Check because there is material here that I want to use.

11/24 Record of phone calls. . . 8:50 Moyers to LBJ; 8:55 Hoover to LBJ; 8:57 Katz to LBJ.

Master Sheet—Chronologyvaluable coverage of dates from 11/22 to 11/29 (calls for close review).

12/12/'63 I have notes on Hoover to Belmont 62-109090-1853 NR 3A. Check for the original source. Also for 62-109090-15 FBI to Tolson. . . .(Clay suggest)