

Katz Memo(Notes)

Written Sunday evening in long hand as his home. Written after phone conversation between LBJ, Hoover and Katzenbach.

I need to say a word about Katzenbach and relations with the Kennedys. His WW II record. Shot down over Germany and ended up in a German prison until he escaped and returned to action.

(Then typed by secretary at JD on Monday. Made ready for circulation to Bill Moyers (LBJ's top assistant).

Katz makes the correct point about what the crisis calls to be done. He does express the unquestioned national need.

Point 1. A consummation devoutly to be wished. But that time 11/24 it was impossible to assure this was possible to have convicted Oswald at trial. . . .and given how the government went about "investigating" the crime there was nothing but reason to believe it would never be possible.

Point 2. A vigorous and open investigation into Dallas is not what Katz has in mind when you read point 2. . . .By Sunday, 48 hours after JFK's assassination and the evening of the day the Oswald was murdered how could Katz know who or what forces, if any, were involved in both murders. He couldn't this is little more than propaganda. (Sweep it all under the rug of national security).

Point 3. One couldn't agree more about Oswald's death. (Explain).

Finally, There is no mention of any INVESTIGATION in the Katz memo. Only mention of FBI is in reference to a report the Bureau will make that would be made public to quiet rumors and resolved discrepancies.

What else would you expect considering that Katz says in first paragraph that the facts of Dallas have been compiled and that Oswald alone was responsible for JFK's assassination. . .Case closed.