NOTES WITH FBI DAMAGE CONTROL TICKLER

This document (Tickler) was released to WDC lawyer Mark Allen in April 1985 in a FOIA law suit along with a host of FBI documents.

It was a mistake on the Bureau's part to have made this public. FBI Ticklers were confined only to in-house inspection. It was never intended to be seen outside of the Bureau. It was probably created in the 1970s in anticipation of defending itself in the likely event that Congress was likely to investigate the FBI along with other elements of the intelligence community. There was public discussion in the 1970s of the "Hoover horrors" by some of the national press.

There is a copy of the Allen Tickler in my "Breach of Trust."

Here are just a salient points that provides a flavor of this internal FBI assessment of its role in the JFK assassination:

Under B. General Investigative Division (GID) headed up by Alex Rosen (4th man in the FBI headquarters hierarchy: Rosen characterized the Bureau's handling of the investigation into the JFK assassination as "Standing with pockets open waiting for evidence to drop in."

Under 3. Bureau Relations w/Warren Commission

A. Formation of Commission

3. Early memos. . . adversary relationship

4. Hoover blocking Warren's choice for general counsel (Warren Olney . .challenged Hoover on organized crime in US. It was on the upswing. . .Hoover refused to acknowledge there was any organized crime in the US).

5. Preparations of dossiers on WC staff & members

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C. Related Bureau Actions and Activities

1. Preparation of dossiers on WC Staff after Report was out (Sept. 24, 1964).

2. Hoover's early leaking of FBI report (Before the FBI even bothered to get a copy of the Bethesda Naval Hospital autopsy report. The FBI leaked the results of CD-1 only days after it was passed onto the White House. According to the SS the Bureau did not request a copy of the JFK autopsy report until December 23, 1963. (See Thomas J. Kelley, Assistant Director-Investigations). SS Report File 24, LBJ Library. Memo to File Co-2-34030

7. Subsequent preparation of sex dossiers on critics of probe

8. Questions regarding FBI's continual pledge that "case" will remain open for all time;" actual designation of it as "closed" in internal Bureau files.

Attach to FBI Damage Control Tickler

FBI RELEASED CD-1 (THE FBI REPORT ON THE JFK ASSASSINATION) WAS TURNED OVER TO ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL NICHOLAS KATZENBACH ON DECEMBER 5th.

KATZENBACK READ IT OVER NIGHT AND RETURNED IT TO THE FBI WITH HIS REACTION: The Report was "sensational."

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE FBI WROTE ITS REPORT ON THE ASSASSINATION OF JFK WITHOUT EVER ACQUIRING THE OFFICIAL DEATH CERTIFICATE.

THE BUREAU NEVER REQUESTED A COPY OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE FROM THE SS (ALTHOUGH IT HAD BEEN OFFERED WEEKS EARLIER) UNTIL DECEMBER 23, 1963.

THE EXPLANATION THE FBI GAVE WAS THAT THE KENNEDY FAMILY DID NOT WANT THE AUTOPSY REPORT AVAILBLE TO BE MADE PUBLIC. (NONESENSE).

SOURCE: SS REPORT, FILE 24, LBJ LIBRARY, MEMO TO FILE CO-2-34030