

11/23/'63 FBI report by agents Gaston C. Thompson and Robert C. Lish, 105-82555-505 (S. 21) Brennen's ridiculous account of spotting the shooter w/ his height, weight, and what he was wearing. . . .Batch B, # 16. Check Hancock Project for cite on Brennen & failure to ID Oswald**** See Ian Griggs on Brennen and cite BOT as source on Brennen. Also Wrone's work on Brennen.

11/23/'63 See (SS folder 5) Item 17. For Curry on rush to judgement. *****Very useful w/ press campaign to hang Oswald. . See Handley to Rosen 11/23/'63 where Curry points to pix of LHO holding a rifle. . .He is quoted in press as saying this clinches it." Find in SS (6) item #13 for original.

11/23/'63 Rex Bradford and Hoover to LBJ 11/23 and article on the 14 minute gap.

11/23 See Hack's "Puppetmaster" p. 333 Hoover and Tolson went to the track in Baltimore in the afternoon. Did Tolson have a stroke at the track?(Batch B, #10)

11/23/'63 Rosen to Belmont (62-109060-278 (S. 4) Notes that Ass Attorney General Jack Miller anxious for FBI to settle the case and "certain that the Bureau's work" would support the charge brought by DA Wade. (See news stories on Wade's loose talk despite all the evidence that pointed away from Oswald. Batch A, Doc. 1A. See my file on Wade found w/ "Oswald as sole suspect." Is there any exact time Wade charged Oswald w/ the murder???)

Note: Check time of JFK funeral and Warren's comments at the Rotunda. The point is that Warren in his comments notes that the assassin was in custody(in short no conspiracy/ single lone nut).

Insert: 11/23 or 11/24 when LBJ called in Warren to head up a commission/Could have been later (11/25 perhaps) Earl Warren's interview w/ Brandeis on 12/11/'72 see pp. 19-20 where he recounts LBJ pressure on him to head up commission. Add here: Oswald motive on p. 24. . . and Warren's view of the case as opened and shut had it gone to trial.

11/24/'63 Walter Jenkins to LBJ RG64 NARA Correspondence w/ Burke Marshall, Box 10 ***** Very Key Doc. FBI warning Dallas Police about threat to Oswald;

See Capt Fritz turned down offer by AEC to use NAA on Oswald's shirt to see if he fired a weapon. . . Fritz reportedly said no "stating case is rapped [sic] up without this evidence." Copy of this filed SS 4 folder****

11/23/'63 Hoover to Rowley about results of FBI investigation into JFK assassination and background info relative to Oswald . .

11/23/'63 Hack's "Puppetmaster" notes that on Saturday Hoover and Tolson spent the afternoon at Pimlico racetrack . . . Tolson suffered a TIA. . . (mortality issue). . . Was the racetrack visit by way of a celebration that w/ JFK gone and Hoover's old neighbor LBJ in the White House the Director's hold on the Director's post was assured. . . (Batch B, 1A). See also DiEugenio, Part 9 on Hoover for citation from Summers. Check Summer's article on this. . . .

11/23/'63 ASAC (Sylvester) to SAC of New Orleans (989-69-29 FBI Main NO Oswald File) Notes that the drag net approach of 11/22 was now off. . . Focus totally on Oswald as the assailant. . . (no conspiracy). Notes at the bottom of doc that all the evidence was in the Laboratory (in WDC). Oswald admitting nothing. Note: When did FBIHQ learn of Milteer and his threats against JFK in Miami. Nothing here suggests that Milteer's name drew any attention as it should have. Batch C, # 2 11/23/'63 McCone to Rowley 3/3/65 (use for 11/23 McCone calls with LBJ on Saturday morning). Copy of same doc. in CD-1 Chron folder/#19

11/23/'63 at 10:01 A.M. Hoover/LBJ phone conversation (with 14 min. gap) In this conversation LBJ learned about an Oswald imposter in Mexico City. This came on the heels (a surmise) of news from McCone that Oswald was a CIA asset (part of the false defector program). Note Hoover says that case not strong enough at this time to get a conviction. Hoover's words (. . . evidence that they have at present tme is not very, very strong."(No reason to believe it would have ever convicted Oswald with the evidence collected).**** See copy of this doc. EE f.#1/doc. 9

11/23/'63 Hoover to All Sacs (62-109060-41) LBJ declared 11/25 "A National Day of Morning" for JFK ,Batch B, # 14

enraged about Chief Fritz doing a lot of talking (and Curry too). . .Hoover says that Dallas PD did not have a case against Oswald until the FBI took over. . (p2); he notes that Katz is preparing a statement (the 25th memo written on 24th night) after Oswald's death . . Hoover notes that he suggested to LBJ that FBI make an investigative report and send it to the AG (Bobby Kennedy) and Kennedy can make the report to the President. ..So Bobby is brought into the circle. . .Hoover has LHO writing a letter to Soviet Embassy in Washington (to Kostikov). . . .Hoover case of his perpetual confusion in the case . . He notes that the recipient of the letter was noted as assassination chief of KGB. . .He ends with Oswald's execution was inexcusable after the FBI warning based on call to FBI on Saturday night. This document is attached to the Master Copy of the Chronology. . . .also a separate copy files under "Oswald as Sole Suspect." . . .

11/24/'63 SS page on LBJ's visitors. . . .Note: That he met with McCone at 10:09 at his residence. So he McCone twice on 11/23 and again on Sunday.

11/24 Jenkins memo Hoover says Oswald alone killed JFK. Bureau must "convince the public Oswald is the real assassin." (See Allen Tickler)/ question: When did Hoover write this memo: before or after Oswald was murdered????

11/24/'63 Malley to File Secret 4:10 P.M. (CST). Source: HSCA Malley's testimony, Vol. III. (check out). ***** Two points: Hoover says that Dallas PD/DA did not have a case against Oswald until FBI stepped in and came up with the incriminating evidence. (Same old FBI shit). Point: Hoover dropped any investigation on 11/23 because Dallas PD had accused Oswald of JFK's death. Second point: He notes that Oswald's death or JFK's now falls under conspiracy charge under Section 2-II. . . .Hoover wants DA and Fritz to shut up. Is this a reflection of Hoover's suspicion that there was a conspiracy in Oswald's death because of the FBI's warning to Chief of Police. . . .Check w/ Allen Tickler. See under I, C.Jack Ruby 2. Hoover suspicion of base entry and assistance.

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11/24/'63 Malley to File (89-43-440) at about 8:50 P.M. (after Oswald's death)Hoover talked to LBJ and they decided "to make a report showing the evidence conclusively tying Oswald in as assassin of President Kennedy." Notes two reports: One of JFK will "be along the lines we have previously discussed. . . ."

11/24/'63 Belmont to Tolson, 11/24/'63 (105-82555-95, S. 3) Sending to Dallas Supervisors from SOG Rogge and Thompson to go over the written interviews and investigative findings (to kick out any that contradicted the case against Oswald, eg. Bogaard & cars/trucks business; Rowland) I have this doc, somewhere. The two supers were leaving by Air Force plane that evening. So this was put together after Oswald's death on Sunday). Note also that Katz wanted to put out a statement (after Oswald's death) "We are now persuaded that Oswald killed the president. . . ." FBI opposed. Katz in a big hurry. . . . That evening he wrote his memo to Moyers.

11/24/'63 SS White House Detail phone logs. Check for 11/24 exact times for Moyers, Hoover, and Katz call to move ahead after Oswald's murder. Batch # B" Chron Box.

11/25/'63 10:42 A.M (After Oswald's death). Hoover memo (62-109060-62) Hoover notes he heard from LBJ about WP story that pres, wanted a commission. Hoover says that LBJ upset. . . He did not want a commission he wanted FBI to turn out 2 reports: One on Oswald and one on Ruby. **** Note: Here a day after Oswald's murder LBJ does not raise question of possible conspiracy that lay behind the murders of JFK and Oswald. . . He is tormented by prospects of a WP editorial pushing for a commission. So LBJ was more interested in managing the news than the JFK assassination and the Dallas shootings. . . *****

*This is LBJ's
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Clear that Hoover suspected a conspiracy in Oswald's murder. Hoover expects the CD-1 by Wednesday (11/27) This was before the Alvarado business hit the fan . . . and Keenan was dispatched to Mexico City. Attached see Hoover memo 10:25 A.M. Hoover noted that LBJ wanted as Hoover had suggested 11/24 (Day Oswald was murdered/no trial and testing of evidence) The report than made to the AG and the AG (Bobby) release from his office. (LBJ's hands are clean). See note attached in Chron—Master Copy re: Bobby's refusal to hand stamp official story.

11/24/'63 Belmont to Tolson 105-82555-95. Written after news of Oswald's death. . . .FBI now free to put Oswald into the frame despite lack of any evidence. Note 11/23 Hoover to LBJ where he says evidence "not very, very, strong."(see F. 3/Item 19 Oswald as Sole Suspect

A second report on Ruby. Kicker: LBJ wanted the two reports turned over to Justice Dept. "this Tuesday." (that was 11/26!!!!). Copy also to Dallas Ruby file 1639. Also copy in CD-1 file as #13. LBJ great haste.

11/24 Katz writes his memo see Hal's disquisition on the Katzenberg memo***Key stuff if needed. See Hal's notes on this Batch B, #6. Also best treatment of Katz memo found in Specter v Specter folder.***** Give thought on where to use. My original idea was to use with Chpt. On JFK's collar (providing I find NAA results showing chromium on the collar . . .)

11/24/'63 (4:00 P.M. EST) Walter Jenkins conversation with Hoover (RG 64 NARA. . .Box 10.. .if I use get full citation from doc.). Read carefully the letter for detail.****Also Hoover's confusion re: Kostikov at the Soviet Embassy in WDC who Oswald contacted. (Kostikov was in Mexico City not WDC). Hoover's field day with misinformation . . . All he was set in concrete was Oswald did it and no conspiracy . . . Hoover covers the call to Dallas Police on Friday night that Oswald would be killed. . . .Point here: See Tickler File that suggests Hoover smelled a conspiracy on this. . . .*****Need to review this carefully(Batch B, # 3&3A). Also when available a close read of Clay's work on the Ruby file with evidence of warnings about threats to LHO's life that went to FBI, Dallas Police, and Dallas Sheriff's office. . . still made no difference. . .

Make point that Hoover's suspicions of a conspiracy had to deepen with Oswald's elimination. See this inferred the Tickler File (BOT). copy of this found in Batch C, # 3 (I think this is a more complete copy of the doc.)

11/24/'63 Belmont to Dallas, SAC, (44-1639-13 Ruby File) Wants Ruby interviewed t see if anyone else was involved (reflects Hoover's suspicion of a conspiracy; possibly involving the same conspirators who killed JFK. I can make that stretch here). Belmont also adds that Dallas police need to put a sock in all the loose talk from the dept. (Batch B, # 6; Batch C, # 6).

11/24/'63 Secret Service Logs reported that at 10:09 McCone briefed LBJ at this residence. Batch B, #15

11/25 Hoover memo 11:20 A.M. (62-109060-61) Recounts conversation w/ Jenkin. Hoover affirms that report (CD-1) will speak for itself. . . .These were Jenkins' words. . . .But Hoover said it would. Hoover said he was aiming for a deadline of Wednesday (11/27) for both reports: on Oswald and JFK murder and one on Ruby)****Batch B, # 7)

11/25/'63 Director to The AG (Katz) 62-109060-7 (Sect 1) No time of day But message says that enclosed "the results of our inquiry into the assassination of JFK w/ info relative to Lee Harvey Oswald. . . .(day after his murder the case was closed) . . . Effectively. . . (Copy of this found in LHO as sole suspect # 13).

11/25/'63 C.A. Evans to Belmont (62-109060-1399) Katz anxious that FBI investigative results be released to the public. Hoping it might be ready by the end of the week. Rush to close off all the speculation about Dallas being a conspiracy—domestic or foreign . (How much did Katz know by 11/25 about an Oswald imposter/and Oswald as CIA asset. . . .Clear that LBJ did not want the report issued from the White House(Macbeth syndrome). Batch A, # 1)

11/25/'63 Walter Jenkins record of conversations for the day: Note Abe Fortas spoke with Dean Acheson and said that a Commission would be a bad idea. (Batch B, No. # 5)

11/25/'63 DeLoach to Mohr (62-109060-unrec S. 6) FBI trying to get the Wash Post from writing an editorial stressing the need for a presidential commission. Post Wiggins refuses to accommodate. FBI furious. Dupe w/ Hal cover note (Batch B, #4; and Batch C, #4)

11/25/'63 Brennan to Sullivan (105-82555-199) FBI never checked on how Oswald left England on 10/10/'59 flight and got to Helsinki (esp. how did he know that Sov. Embassy was only one to clear visitor travel to USSR in 24 hrs. The only one on the planet. (I have a source for this some place. Possibly in DiEugenio's series of Bugsie. . . Batch B, # 10/ Need to see Simpich article on Oswald in Helsinki and how he entered the Soviet Union in a matter of days and Griggs on the up class hotels he stayed at in Helsinki. . . CIA/ONI operations/false defector programs. . .

11/25/'63 two FBI docs making the point that Oswald started work at the TSBD on Oct. 16 and never missed a day of work up to and including 1/22/'63 . . . Nov. 11 that was a national holiday.

11/25/'63 Hoover Memo 3:28 P.M. (62-109060-212) p. 2 Hoover has positive impression of Wade (he just learned from Jenkins that Wade was a FBI agent. Batch A, # 2. (Occasion for me to draw on evidence about Wade's record of being a {"hanging DA"}).

11/25 DeLoach to Mohr 11/25/'63 (62-109060-unclear S. 3) DeLoach makes clear he had objections (perhaps from Hoover or Mohr) of a proposed statement to the press coming from JD (Guthman) . . . Guthman returns call later that day and agrees with DeLoach. . . there will be no statement. . . ***Note see Doc. # 6 in CD-1A (p.# 3) folder for more insight into the FBI leaking strategy****

11/25/'63 DeLoach to Mohr (62-109060-362, S 5) He notes that on 11/24 word got out that Dallas police had pix of Oswald holding a rifle and a pistol. The newsman's inquiry was confirmed. The pix was found in Ruth Paine's garage. . . .(Note this search was conducted without a search warrant. Had there been a trial it would have been thrown out of court. . . (see Fredda Scoby RG 272 on this). Second point is the emerge in the media that the SS was charging that the FBI had interviewed Oswald recently and never told the FBI. This will prompt Hoover to get to Rowley to bug out . . .

11/25/'63 DeLoach to Mohr (62_109060-unrec. S.6) FBI trying to get the Wash Post from editorial on need for a Presidential Commission. Post's Wiggins refuses to accommodate. FBI furious. Dup/Hal cover note (batch B, no. # 4)

11/26/'63 Belmont to Sullivan (105-82555-243 S. 5) Key**** In the course of one day FBIHQ is confronted with the need to include "anything of relevance to the case" . . . to "settle the dust of Dallas." Which means to have answers to all those questions raised in the public and press. In short, CD 1 will not be released by the end of the week. . . See the fiction at bottom of p. 1 about the police turning over the evidence to the FBI. . . This was staged turning it over to a large degree except for the stuff in Paine's garage. . . See more on this key doc.***

11/26/'63 Baumgardner to Sullivan (62-109060-1696 S. 21) See Hoover's marginalia. He is not happy with the delay in "setting the dust of Dallas." The longer the FBI takes to get the report out the more bad press the FBI is getting or exposed to. . . . (Doc. 7 in Batch A)***

11/26/'63 Evans to Belmont (62-109060-1490 S. 19). The Call from Hoover/Tolson to get the report out. See Tolson marginalia: "It seems we have the basic facts now." For more on this see CD-1A in Supplemental folder 2A***

@@@@ Odd inclusion Rosen to DeLoach 11/12/1966 where Rosen says that the basic investigation was substantially completed by 11/26/1963 @@@@ Make the most of it . . .Batch B, #15 (62-109060-NR). Be sure I ID Rosen as Ass. Director 11/26/'63 Hoover memo "wrap up investigation: seems we have the basic facts now." Citation listed as 62-109060-1490 (see Allen Tickler). Point: case set in concrete. . . .Did F BI intend to do any more investigation????***** There was hanging over the Oswald in Mexico business. . . .Larry Keenan in Mexico. . .

11/26/'63 see box # 2 Folder 5 item #6 News story that DPD turned over evidence to FBI on 11/26 (this was staged for the press). Add to Master List***

11/26 DeLoach to9 Mohr 62-109060-1435 (sect. 1435) This doc makes clear that 11/26 is when the staged turn over of all the evidence from Dallas PD to FBI took place. . . .with press coverage. . .

11/26/'63 NY Times story by Cabell Philips that LBJ ordered FBI to do a full investigation of all the facts, etc. . .This 11/26 dates was LBJ's initial date he expected Hoover to have finished his "investigation" and have report ready to send to the White House. . . I need to find the doc. that denoted 11/26 as the date

11/27/'63 Courtney Evans to Belmont (62-109060-1669). Katz and the Wednesday timeline Hoover promised and will not be met. (Note: Hoover had sent Keenan to Mexico City to shut down Mann and the CIA talk about a Castro-Oswald connection.) This was a factor in holding back on CD-1. Hoover marginalia: Now he says we will give no "time table." At tale end of Hoover marginalia he

notes that Mexico is a concern, etc. . . . ***** (note Katz comment of “resolving minutia” like whether LHO was a marksman or not. . . see Chron supplement #21.

What had changed? See above Batch B, # 7 when Hoover set Wednesday (11/27) when both reports would be ready for LBJ. Note Katz’s response to critics who questioned Oswald’s rifle skills. Katz calls this “minutia”. See attached Hal’s comment on this. . . . ***** (Batch B # 8). Note: Katz wants to control what the Texas Court of Inquiry might come up with because they might come up with “some pertinent information not now known.” In short p[lace in jeopardy the official story in the making. . . See Doc. 14 in SS 5.

11/27/’63 Belmont to Tolson 62-109060-1492 (Sect. 19) Notes FBI plans to have report on Oswald and Ruby by 11/29 (but investigation in both areas will continue . . . in the absence of being able to prove Oswald’s motive and complete activities we must check and continue to investigate. . .” In short: verdict first and then investigate (Like the Queen in the Mad Hatter in Alice in Wonderland ***** Can I find this exact quote ***** I have filed this doc. w/ Chron Master Copy folder.

11/27/’63 Belmont to Tolson (105-82555-NR, Section 3) Now new date for CD 1 was moved to Friday (11/29) . . . The cause for delay is hinted at: that there might be others involved—a conspiracy. Batch B, # 9). Original memo was 62-109060-1492 (S 19). Batch B, # 17 ***** See fuller development of this in item #22 in supplemental Chron. File. ***** This is well after the FBI leaking of conclusions of CD-1 to the press following the Katz memo (Oswald did it alone; no conspiracy, etc) ***** Key documents

11/27/’63 Jevons to Conrad RG 65, Box 109, Folder ? Notes the new NAA testing. . but then adds that at this point not necessary “in view of the . . . massive evidence already available (xxx) Oswald’s guilt.” What evidence??? One is prompted to ask??? Copy in F.3/Item 16 in Box 9 (Oswald as Sole Suspect.”

11/27/’63 Handley to Rosen (62-109060-260-faded?/S. 3) Speed again to get CD 1 to the Pres. More needed on Oswald’s finances. Malley responds to Handley that Dallas FBI has all the evidence back from the Dallas Police after the occasion for the press of the turning over of the evidence to the FBI (after the FBI returned

it back to Dallas to keep up the fiction of chain of evidence.) Malley is put on notice to get the evidence back to FBI Hqers. . . .(Batch #B, #9A)

11/27/'63 Keenan was on a plane from Mexico City. **** That very day the FBI began leaking the conclusions of CD-1 (Oswald acting alone killed JFK. The agreed upon official account of Dallas). See Les Whitten in NY-Journal American on 11/27/'63 "Report to LBJ Calls Oswald the Assassin."

11/29/'63 Evans to Belmont (62-109090-2) LBJ decides to go w/ a Commission after resisting this from day one. Eastland determined to open his own investigation is a factor perhaps a determining one. . .

11/29/'63 President announces his Commission and the names of the commissioners and the task assigned to the Commission Batch B, #

11/29/'63 SS Howlett referencing the Zapruder film notes that JFK struck w/ ist and third shots and Connally hit with the 2nd shot. (Commission No. 5) I should have this with FBI serial. . . Batch B, # 11). The movies Howlett refers to has to be the Zapruder film. Copy of doc. here is Commission No.5

11/29/'63 (62-109060-NR (section 1) re: Presidential statement about the case. Text of prepared statement has "Its report (FBI) . . . will quiet all rumors and speculation about the evidence." Report

11/29/'63 Gale to Tolson 105-82555-356 Hoover ordered a full investigation in the way the Bureau handled the Oswald matter. . . .Led to Gale in-house investigation. . . .

11/29/'63 LBJ summoned Warren to the WH and gave him the treatment to persuade him to Chair the Commission.

12/1/'63 FBI knew of Schrand case by 12/1'63 105-82555-619 (sect. 29)

12/2/'63 Evans to Belmont 62-109060-1715 (S. 22) ***** Warren opposed the publishing of the FBI Report. . . Katz wants something public from FBI as remedy for all the rumors in circulation (does this really reflect the MSM skepticism). See Hoover's marginalia. . . . Of course this was the spur (if actually ever needed) for

the FBI (Hoover) to authorize the leaking of CD-1. Also pickup comments on this in Supplemental Chronology Folder 2A under CD-1A (p.4) *****

12/3/'63 62-109060-1717 (S 22) p. 2 pressure for when CD 1 will be ready for circulation . . . FBI . . . "we are pressing the investigation and the writing of the report." Weighed against Rosen's comment in Tickler about Bureau standing around with pockets open waiting for evidence to drop in. . . . (a writing strategy)

12/4/'63 62-109060-1672 (S. 21) Belmont to Director 12/4/'63 Katz sets date for showing "high officials" of CIA, State, and SS" the FBI CD-1 on morning of 12/6. Katz calls CD 1 "sensational."

Note date of 12/6. . . . CD-1 into select hands outside of FBI & Katz hands and presumably White House. . .

12/4/'63 Belmont to Director (105-82555-NR S. 10) Note Belmont's building case for all the work the FBI did. . . .He even mentions FBI interviewing 88 Dallas officers who were in the basement when Oswald was killed. . . .(but not the motorcycle jockies . . . I deal with this in JFK Visits Dallas . . .;*****

12/5/'63 Hoover to Katz 62-109060-1225 S. 16) Katzenbach receives copy of CD-1. Calls report "sensational."

12/6/'63 Katz will make available CD 1 to "high officials" of the CIA, State, and SS.

Sub theme: FBI leaking of CD-1

12/6/'63 Director to SAC, Dallas, 62-109060-NR (S. 17). Original filed in 105-82555-286. Hoover wants Dallas office to lean on Rowland and Bogard and many others whose stories conflict with the official "truth" to get them to chance or shut them up. (Locate this doc. for exact language).***** Oswald double had to elicit tension with Hoover since he was alarmed about this back in 1959 w/ Oswald in Russia and possible Oswald impersonator. . . .

12/6/'63 Hoover to Miller (62-109090-5) Hoover vets Rankin as chief counsel . . .

12/6/'63 (old # 4) Scelso's account of his examination of CD-1. It is a good description of the 5 volumes in passing. There was absolutely no mention of the CIA at all in the report and only 2 pieces of docs originating from the CIA. (This is worth a comment from me). FBI had to know what McCone told Rowley. . . .(also Batch B, # 2

12/6/'63 Katz calls CD-1 sensational. . . .Batch B, #

12/7/'63 Katz shows CIA the FBI Report (also the State and SS). . .Belmont to Tolson 12/7/'63 109060-1703 (Sect. 22)

12/7/'63 Belmont to Tolson 106090—1703 (S. 22) deals with inner conflict about a public statement but there was disagreement at the White between Sorenson and Fortas (?). Decision was to have a cover letter to Warren w/ CD-1. Note that Katz says that public sentiment almost 50% of the people believe JFK was the victim of a conspiracy. Therefore Katz recommends that WC allow Justice to release a short statement making the following points. The 2 points are both lies. ***** This has good possibilities *****

12/7/'63 Belmont to Tolson 62-19060-1703 S. 22) Katz notes that CIA saw report on 12/6. LBJ wanted a statement to the press and Katz drafted one. (Check w/ press for 12/6 or 12/7 to see if a statement was published. Katz notes that while he did not want to make a public statement at this time that LBJ wanted one made. Katz drew one up in draft letter to Justice Earl Warren which states 2 conclusions in a statement to the press: (1) FBI Report will show that evidence convincingly convicted Oswald of the crime and (2) that he acted alone. . . .This memo attached to the Belmont to Tolson exchange above. . .62-109060-1703 Sect. 22).

12/9/'63 FBI Summary Report on assassination turned over to WC. Attached was a letter signed by Katz. Recommending immediate release a press statement (1) FBI establishes that Oswald shot JFK (2) that Oswald had no help. Before HSCA in 1978 Katz said that FBI wrote the text & Katz just signed it.

12/12/'63 SAC, Little Rock, To All Agents (105-406-39) Key Doc. in that I can use this to critique the whole investigation. See Hal's cover note for thrust. Perhaps

this was best place to add Rosen's Tickler comments about FBI standing around w/ pockets open, etc. . .

12/12/'63 Hoover memo to Tolson (62-109090-1853 NR 3A Very Key Doc. See it in separate folder.*****

12/16/'64 McNaughton's critique of CD -1. . . .He notes some serious (but accurate) omissions and commissions in the report. One of the things he notes is the absence of reference to results of paraffin tests to Oswald's face. Good stuff worth a review for end note citing. And how JD honchos found reasons to confine the McNaughton critique to non-published and "restricted WC papers." ****Batch C, separate file.

12/17/'63 Piece in Washington Evening Star (12/17/'63) [62-109060-49] where Warren characterized CD-1 as being "skeletal in form." Hoover's marginalia: "Certainly a needless dirty dig by the Chief Justice." 3 copies Batch B, # Beginning of WC skepticism of FBI Report. . .

12/9/'63 when WC members receive copies of CD-1. See Katz cover letter to Warren where he underscores the 2 points he would like released to press(since CD-1 will not be made public. Essentially telling the WC what it will be expected to conclude in its investigation (!) Evidence ties Oswald to the crime and no one else (2) there was no conspiracy foreign or domestic. (Of course this will be driven home by the FBI leaking of the conclusions of CD 1). [Batch B, # 1#1A for dupe copy

12/9/'63 DeLoach to Mohr 62-109090-16 See statement from Katz to Chief Justice that accompanied Warren's copy. Query: Did each member of the Commission receive the same statement???? **** Worth reading and may need to be commented upon.

12/12/'63 Hoover to Rankin (62-109060-14) Classic Hoover altering the facts to fit the exercise to convict Oswald and at the same time to appear above any rank partisanship in the case. Ties Oswald to Castro via the Pedro Charles letters that were frauds and the FBI knew it. . . (see detail in "Oswald as Red.") p. 3 Hoover blames Katz for the leaking of CD-1. End of p. 3-4 Hoover makes case that FBI

agents were able to get shots off from the K1 rifle even faster than Oswald. . .so even a duffer like Oswald could do what the govt. said he did. Hoover gives impression that FBI's case was air tight. . .Bureau did a crack job. Might want to counterpoint with Rosen's statement in the Tickler File in BOT. Batch B, # 11. KEY DOCUMENT*****

12/12/'63 DeLoach to Mohr 62-109090-36 He notes that Ford is willing to be FBI confidential source on the Commission . . . Ford the fink . . .

12/14 Memorandum for the President (White House Central Files. Box # 1, folder FE 3-1, folder1 in Box 1). This is largely the for public release of LBJ & events for 11/22 to 11/24 . . . p. 4 especially w/ official mythology. Batch B, # 10

12/16/'63 See McNaughton's comments on CD-1. . . .He sees the immediate flaws but soft peddles his criticismThis is the only minor blowback . . .I wish I could find the FBI's counterattack on McNaughton . . . But senior members in the Justice Dept. saw to the smothering of his criticisms. . . .***** Be sure to find use for this. . . .very important and be sure to read Hal's insightful comments. ***

12/19/'63 Rosen to Belmont 62-109060-2139 Essentially: FBI complaints about SS attempt to id FBI agents who had interviewed or tried to Marina Oswald. FBI raised a fuss. Rowley was all for cooperation between the agencies. . . In the name of respecting "turf" he "instructed his entire Service not to conduct any investigation regarding Oswald after it became apparent that some of the field Agents were making inquiry which was within the FBI's jurisdiction."

12/20/'63 DeLoach to Mohr (62-109060- 38) DeLoach lies to Russell about the leaking of CD-1 conclusions. He blames the leaking on the Dallas police. . .and Hoover furious w/ Katz for telling the Commission it was the FBI who leaked and "Hoover chewed his men out and they won't be doing any more of this." Hoover pens "This certainly shows Katz's true colors." Batch B, # 12

(Writing note: Might want to connect the leaking with the FBI control over the witnesses and their accounts. . . .silence them so they did not speak to the press. In short, scare them . . .controlling the case. Control was the FBI's strong suit. . .the name of the game. See attached Armstrong page on Hoover's tactics to limit the WC from the get go.

May 14/1964 AP Report Hoover says the JFK case will remain open for many years to come." Filed under Chron. Batch C , #1