

2nd Reading

Supplement to Oswald as Sole Suspect FILES

Brennan stuff F.5/doc. 6 Joe ball interview w/Mike Ewig(sp)from Hal's office files under Joe Ball. Here Ball represents himself as a defender of Brennan . . . .and was unhappy with Rankin "and others" dismissal . . . ."because in the final report that sort of pissed on Brennan's credibility." He went on "They said in the final report that he may have been correct and left it at that." Hardly a vote of confidence in Brennan. . . F. 5/doc. 7 \*\*\*\* Key doc on Brennan & official account. . . This is the document where Griffith (FBI Hqers) and Frederick E. Webb examined the Bronson film and then sent it to Navy Photographic Interpretation Center at Suitland, Maryland.. . all both reported was possible boxes at the "sniper's window" but no figure. . . I may want to round out w/ text from "Breach" w/ some material on Bronson . . . \*\*\*\*Hal's destruction of Brennan's testimony as marked out F. 7/doc. 9. WCR lukewarm crediting of description of assassin notes that Brenan was "probably" the source of the witness id-ing Oswald as the assassin. Hardly a thumping assertion. \*\*\*\*\* Brennan FBI statement 11/22/'63 notes that Brennan failed to id Oswald as the man "standing in the window with a rifle . . . Brennan volunteered that he was far sighted. F. 10/Doc. 2. Belin championing Brennan as "the key witness" to Rankin F. 10/doc.18\*\*\*\*(contrast w/ WC final language on Brennan which was much less "grandiose" than suggesting he was central to the entire report. F. 10/doc. 18\*\*\*F. 10/doc. 19 here Liebeler going over galley proofs of Report for Chpt. IV notes re: Brennan description that WCR credits as "most probably" led to iding of Oswald and was the source of the description on police radio. (Assume it is Brennan's description of the shooter on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor SE corner window that nails Oswald as the assassin. Can it be more definite otherwise as stands this infers (or can imply/leave no other impression) but that Oswald "had been picked out as a patsy before the event." F.10/doc. 19\*\*\*\* Belin championing Brennan again as the key to the Kennedy assassination. F. 10/doc. 20. This underscores the great dilemma of the WC Report. Rankin to Hoover 11/2/64 the problem here was to connect Brennan's description of the shooter in the SE corner of the 6<sup>th</sup> floor as the source for the description that Sawyer received on phone at 12:43. . . .(point here is that none of this was possible). But Rankin looks to Hoover to square the circle. Rankin

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conversation). Scandal of Oswald's interrogation F. 5/doc. 8 Head of Phila Bar says Oswald was lynched. . . \*\*\*\* Use this for Chapter keynote. . . F. 6/Doc.9 See Bookout WC testimony on the line ups. . .Finds nothing untoward about Oswald's treatment. Note : He says after writing interview report he destroyed notes (this was policy). He was joined in interrogation w/ Hosty. (note Hosty quotes from his notes in his book. Check his book). See attached Weisberg account of the Oswald interrogations. F. 6/doc. Overall interrogation time over the weekend was about 12 hours. WCR pp. 180-181. F. 6/doc. 10. Oswald "I am a patsy" comment Hal spends time on when and under what circumstances Lee said this F. 6/Doc. 12 Fritz's scandalous account of his interrogation of Oswald Vol. 4 pp . . . (p. 153 why no tape recorder). . . Review the interrogation . .See Ha'[s WW I pp. 75-76 on Bookout's WC testimony. . .F. 6/doc. Oswald as "almost model prisoner" say Detectives who guarded him these 2 ½ days review for color material F. 7/doc. 1. Mae Brussell's piece on LHO's "Last Words" to be reviewed for chronology. F. 7/doc. 3. WC staffers Stern and Ely on Oswald and interrogation—names of authorities who were present at some stage of interrogations. . .also p. 10 re: Oswald's careful steps in his approach to seek counsel . . .The note LHO's careful and deliberate approach to seeking counsel : . . .explained " . . . in the not unfounded belief that he could take care of himself." F. 10/doc. 3 \*\*SS had tape recorder on 11/24 used w/ Marina (after Lee's murder) when she and Margarete were taken by SS to In of Six Flags in Arlington, Texas. . . F. 10/doc. 4. Belin's fatuous account of his Cooke's Tour of the locus en quo (May 7-9) trip w/ some commissioners . . . .p. Belin insists that no shot could have come from the Triple Overpass and from behind the fence all according to Belin . . . (Can I find offsetting claims that a shot came from the front (see Parkland Hosp. drs on this). . . F. 10/doc. 5/ According to Rankin Oswald thought his conversations w/ family members were being recorded. F. 10/doc. 7\*\*Ford raises same question about taping of conversations bet. LHO and family members. F. 10/doc 8. Hal note that Gandolfo had possession of taped interrogation of Oswald by Fritz. . . .Hal was not totally skeptical.. . nothing came of it. F. 10/doc. 12. Fritz on record affidavits, deposition, and WC testimony all cited here. F.10/doc. 13. Rosman piece on Fritz. This is filed in a separate folder.@@@@@@@@ Postal Inspector Holmes' views on Oswald during interrogation (this was the Sunday cross-exam)... .Most

interesting view of an Oswald who was generally cooperative and indicated intelligence. . .composed. . .would not, however, respond to any questions about Tippit/JFK murders. . . \*\*\* Note: read carefully it is best balanced account of Oswald and his state of mind. . . . Get a sense he was expecting intervention from some elements in govt. F. 12/doc. 8 & doc. 16 for Holmes; also see F. 12/Doc. 6 for Griggs on Holmes; Oswald was almost always no. 2 in line ups. F.13/doc. 10. Note the DPD total lack of security in transferring Oswald. FBI interviewed 98 Dallas Police officers who were in the basement at time of Oswald's transfer; notes further that 150 newsmen were in the basement at this time!!! The FBI had been able to interview 51 so far at this time. F.16/doc. 16 (I made copy of this doc. and filed with FBI and bike jockies and failure to interview one of the 18 (except Butler who was one made contact with Oswald in TSBD). F. 16/doc. 16 . Arrest form for Buell Wesley Frazier 11/22/'63. \*\*\*\* SS had a tape recorder on 11/24 (had Marina on tape from approximately 4.00 PM until 11P.M. on day of her husband's murder. Kelley noted that the tape of Marina's x-examination was placed on a plane to Rowley that night. Tape was not transcribed in Dallas nor was tape listened to by FBI agents in Dallas. Made available to FBI if it desired. Attached doc. that FBI agent Bartlett to obtain copy of the tape.

WCR slams Oswald as a "liar" at least 6 times R. 20 , 118, 130, 180, 185, and 152. Important that I review SS Kelley's conversations w. Oswald. See WCR p. 630 right before Oswald was led to basement for transport to Sheriff's Office (and was murdered). . .Kelley appealed to LHO that since SS had job of protecting the president he would like to speak with Lee in relations w/ this matter of security, etc. . .Oswald said he would raise this w/ his attorney once he had one and if it was regarded as safe he was very willing, etc. to speak to Kelley (that is, SS). He made same point at another time that he would take a polygraph but only after he had counsel. (check p, on this). P. 629 Oswald confides in Kelley w/ the Pierce Allman story. . .(which SS finds to be true). . .

The Newspaper Trial of Oswald (starts in on 11/25 or sooner) F. 5/doc. 9 See also newspaper trial under Wade in trial of LHO over weekend F. 5/doc. 12 for more

on Wade putting Oswald in frame (w/no evidence). F. 5/doc. 2 no. 12s. More on newspapers putting Oswald in the frame. F.6/doc. 5 (multiple examples); New York Times, the Paper of Record w/ series of stories on LHO's quilt and other newspaper accounts championing Oswald's quilt F. 7/doc. 10. NY Times 11/26/'63 Wade notes the map from Oswald's holdings with trace of the motorcade past the TSBD and Dallas PD (Day) lifted a palm print off the murder weapon (off the dead hands of LHO). F. 12/doc. 2. Dallas Morning News 11/23 notes the 3 shells on 6<sup>th</sup> floor and the remains of a chicken lunch. Key\*\*\*related Clark to SAC, Dallas, 11/22/'63 Barefoot Sanders noted that Ass DA Alexander was filing complaint against Oswald for JFK murder. . .(rush to judgment/but Curry made known that complaint would not be filed (no indication of time).. .Also doc. notes chicken lunch and Sanders that Oswald's "voids" should be inspected for evidence of chicken consumed. . . F. 12/doc. 3. Dallas Times-Herald, 4/12/'64 Houston lawyer asserts that Oswald "was nailed to the cross by press and DA Wade. F.12/doc. 5. Dallas Morning News 11/25/'63 more on LHO's "map of Bullets' Path." F. 12/doc, 6 . Note: see Meagher's 4 pages on Fritz x-examination of Oswald,F. 14/doc. 6; also Mae Brussell on LHO's last 46 hours. Dup F. 14/doc. 7. G. King on journalists & JFK case, F. 14/doc. 8 might be worth a look. WC staffer Ely notes that Oswald being subjected to 12 straight hrs of interrogation could be characterized as "coercion." He notes this to Rankin F. 15/doc. 6. Reference to the map The "Dallas Murder Map" . . .used. Note re: Public lynching of Oswald check Clay's info dump on this 62-109060-Sub As. . .F.15/doc. 9. Wash. Daily News 11/26 makes claim of forensic connections of Oswald to the alleged murder weapon. . .O's prints on the murder rifle and fibers from his shirt found on K1 F. 15/doc. 8.

News stories on case. Memo to Bill Moyers on international press reaction to the JFK assassination. The foreign press sniffs a conspiracy F. 16/doc. 11

NOTE: I WILL HAVE A RELATED FILE / NEWS STORIES ON OSWALD AS THE ASSASSIN OF JFK AND THAT WILL BE KATZ'S 11/24/25 OFFENSIVE TO CONTROL THE STORY (ALONG W/ FBI'S LEAKING OF ITS CONCLUSION OF OSWALD AS SOLE ASSASSIN). F. 5/DOC. 14 as a starting sample. . .See also F. 5/doc. 15 11/26 (2 days after Oswald's death) Katz's time is of the essence.. .Hoover note: How long

do you estimate it will take?" and Tolson "seems to me we have the facts now." F. 5/doc. 17 news report on 11/23/'63 re: pic found of Oswald in backyard holding rifle which killed President Kennedy." Police Chief Curry quoted as saying "this clinches it." F. 6/doc. 13 Curry again Handley to Rosen 11/23/'64 62-109060-128 add here newspaper follow up of Curry quote F. 6/doc. 13. F. 6/doc. 14 Trevor Roper's comments on impossible assertion that no notes existed of the 12 hrs of interrogation of Oswald. Impossible to accept that FBI, SS, and even Dallas PD did not have notes or a tape recording of the interrogation of the alleged assassin of the President of the US. Equally, unbelievable that the WC made no effort to find out the truth. F. 6/doc. 14\*\*

Paul Hoch essay on US Army Intelligence and role in the JFK case. . . .F. 5/doc. 13

OSWALD IN THE FRAME. . .F. 6/DOC. 1 For Sawyer's deposition in Vol. VI beginning p. 321 Sawyer received call on phone net at about 12:43 or 12:45 on the shooter: "The person in this is a slender white male 5 foot 10 inches, 165pounds, carrying what looked like a 30-30 or some type of Winchester." Interesting not a mention of the clothes he was wearing (of course not, the framers here could not know what LHO was wearing to work that day). . .How did Sawyer get this: over police radio or from a walk-in source. (320-321). Sawyer broadcasted this to all sources.. . Name or nature of the source: p. 322 Belin gets back to this . . . source of description. P. 322 source Sawyer gives is Brennan . . . but cannot recall his name (some cop w/ 23 yrs of service). . .See p. 322 for Sawyer's pitiful description . . Belin describes Sawyer's pitiful description "as the primary description witness." P. 323. Belin asks Sawyer whether he or anyone else saw a rifle in any other window of the TSBD. . . .p. 322. Rowland's name does not come up. . . \*\*\*\*\*See attached 1A Sac, Dallas, to Director 1/9/'64 105-82555-1354 (section 64). . . .Here is the official post-facto account of how all the pieces came together to put Oswald in the frame on 11/22.This is classic stuff \*\*\*\*\* also review\*\*\*Rankin to Curry WC exchange on this question of LHO's "bagging" by the police. . . all more BS. . . Star quality stuff\*\*\*\*\*Also F. 6/Doc. 2. Peter D. Scott on description picked up by Sawyer as "about 30 years old, 5'10" and 165 lb. These are same vitals of a CIA file on a "Lee Henry Oswald," one of at least 3 separate files held by the agency before the Kennedy assassination . . F.

to Hoover, 11/18, 1964 If Brennan's sighting of the gunman in the SE corner window of the 6<sup>th</sup> floor is the source of information that Sawyer received at 12:43 and circulated on the police radio channels, etc. . . why if Brennan was the source did it take more than 37 minutes before police were doing a evidence search of the SE corner of the 6<sup>th</sup> floor??? F.10/doc. 21.\*\*\*\* The abiding dilemma that was never resolved because the conclusion could only be that Brennan saw nothing. . . .since no one was at the so-called sniper's laire on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. Fritz cold not remember if Brennan had attended a show up. Remarkable, in that Brennan was the WC's star witness. . .F. 10/doc. 22. Fritz notes that he wished he had a tape recorder. He asked for one in last two budgets but was denied!!! Can this be believed. Of course not. . .F. 10/doc. 22. Brennan's totally ridiculous account of seeing the shooter and the shooting. See esp. p. 13(p. 2of doc). for all of the impossible claims made by Brennan. . .on p. 13 B describes the shooter as". . .early thirties, about 5'10" tall around 165 lbs, and in his early thirties. . .and attended a lineup but couldn't positively pick out Oswald as shooter.. (note here: check Brennan's WC testimony where he tells McCloy he did not see the rifle fire. \*\*\* Check this out. . M. Griffith's essay on LHO's location prior to the shooting F. 12/doc.18. Oswald's vitals at time of assassination. (County Medical Examiner) Dr. Earl F. Rose at autopsy has Oswald at 5'9" and estimated weight 150 . . .(he just eyeballed his weight). Attached to doc. Bill Simpich piece has Lee at 5' 9" and his weight in 1963 (varied over years 1956-1963) between 131-136 lbs. . . Simpich states categorically that a day after his death Lee weighed 131 lbs. In this batch there is sample of card w/ Lee HenryOswald. Belin's arranged "Cooke's Tour" of the assassination scene in May 1964. . . .all the usual BS. F. 16/doc. 19

Tippit shooter. . . See description F. 10/doc. 6 nothing like Oswald. . . Comm. Doc. 290.

Scandal of Oswald's interrogation. WC report that Oswald was questioned for 12 hours on 11/22 (almost steadily/w/ breaks for various administrative details). On Saturday for about 2 hours (and allowed to sleep for over 12 hours). On Sunday he was questioned for less than 2 hours.(total of 16 hrs w/o tape recorded

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booked as Tippit's killer, F. 15/doc. 5. This refers to Katz 11/24/'63 Memo (see Katz files). Closely associated w/ Katz files is Jenkins Memo of 11/24/'63 right after LHO's own assassination. Review piece. P. 3 Hoover makes huge mistake when along w/ LHO's for Fair Play for Cuba (he was only member in New Orleans) Hoover notes a LHO letter to Russian Embassy in WDC to Russian "in charge of assassinations and similar activities. . . ." (He is clearly confused with Kostikov of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. . . .\*\*\*\* This can be folded into Katz memo. . . check w. Katz files. F. 16/doc. 12

Note: DO I NEED A SECTION ON OSWALS AS GOVT. ASSET? Oswald's inference of such see F. 8/doc. g Hal on LHO's assertion see WCR 710. . .Oswald's letter. I could use this as occasion to lay out support for Oswald as a US govt asset. . . P.D. Scott piece on this topic \*\*\*\* F. 8/doc. 6\*\*\*\* and F. 8/doc. 7. P.D. Scott another piece on LHO as US agent F. 8/doc. 9. LHO's Russian language skills, F. 14/doc. 2 CE. 384).

Oswald as only missing employee from TSBD (essential lie). . .F. 6/doc. 4 Note Shanklin to File, 1/9/'64 100-10461-2418 where Rankin asked about the source of the description of the shooter at 12: 43 P.M. Clearly, Rankin was suspicious but wanted an FBI explanation.. .Rankin asked Malley and . . . .Malley rolls out that old lie that Oswald was the only TSBD employee who was missing. . .\*\*\*\*Check all pages.. . for same rendition of this lie. . .See also last p. in Doc. 4 where Curry responds to McCloy question how description was on police radio so soon after the shooting. . . Curry says he thinks it was because Oswald was missing from the TSDB. . . .which of course makes no sense at all. . .Query: Did McCloy let this abysmal nonsense pass w/o questions??? F. 6/doc 4 (Note follow this up 4H 191\*\*\*\*

Note: Check my "Motive" file for Oswald. When arrested he had \$13.00 and 87 cents. He left \$ 170.00 with Marina on 11/22 according to the official account. .

.Was he not thinking of an escape???? See my "Motive" folder in file drawer A or B. Pris. Johnson 11/24/'63 piece on Oswald "The Stuff of Which Fanatics Are Made," paints Lee as a nut case, F. 15/doc. 4.

\*\*\*\*NOTE: Folder 11 in Box 9 to be treated as separate but part of Oswald As Sole Assassin. See cover note.\*\*\*\* Will explore when in writing mode.

6/doc. 16 . Roffman piece raises question: When or how did Oswald learn of the motorcade route pass the TSBD on 11/22? See his WC 2H222 testimony that Oswald asked for a ride to work on 11/21 before the Dallas Times Herald appeared on the streets on 11/21 until after 10:30 A.M. on 11/22. . . .F. 6/doc. 17\*\*\* F. 7/doc. 2 & F. 12/doc. 8 a 2<sup>nd</sup> copy of DiEugenio piece on the Dallas cops.. . .review. P.D. Scott's piece. . .review pp. 1& 2 for speed w/ which LHO's vitals were on police ban radio, F. 7/item 8. Oswald voice on tape in Mexico City(talking to Russians) was not Oswald F. 8./doc. 9A. According to Kellerman Bobby Kennedy turned to him while they were on the way to Bethesda Hosp. and said " . . .did you hear they caught the fellow who did it." F. 10/doc. 1. Eisenberg to Ball & Belin re: (March 18, 1964) when Eisenberg notes were there any other TSBD employees "missing" at time Shelley notice Lee was gone. F.10/doc. 17\*\*\*Truly account of "missing Oswald" after the shooting and reporting him missing to Capt. Lumpkin F. 12/doc. 14. Fritz notes that after "reviewing the evidence" on 11/22 w/ Wade, Alexander, and Jim Allen, a former prosecutor, Fritz at 11:26 P.M. on 11/22 filed a complaint re: Oswald for killing JFK. Based on what? The FBI had all the evidence at this point. . . F. 13/doc. 1... .May want to review all the attached docs from DMARC. Check w/ Hancock's "Someone Would Have Talked" for phone calls from WDC by Cliff Carter to Wade, Curry, and state AG Carr. . .to focus only on Oswald and no discussion of conspiracy. . . .Check w/ Larry's book. Wesley B. Frazier as suspect in case. F.14/doc12; Vicky Adams story. F. 14. By Barry Ernst. Dallas PD has LHO on "investigative prisoner" form as the man who shot Tippit, Connally and JFK. This form was dated 11/22 at 1:40 P.M. DPD police affidavits of the arrest of Oswald F. 14/doc. 14 A. Construction of Oswald's post-assassination movements F. 14/doc. 15. Dallas PD radio traffic transcript for 11/22, F. 15/doc. 3. Hoover to RFK 11/25/'63 notes to Bobby the FBI's results of investigation so far that LHO was the assassin (62 109060-7)F. 16/doc. 5. H. Louis Nichols, the president of the Dallas Bar Association criticized Dallas justice in the Oswald case, F. 16/doc. 6 Epigram from Alice in Wonderland, "No, No, Verdict First then the trial." (check w/ source). F. 16/doc. 8.

Chronology assist for putting Oswald in Frame, F. 15/doc. 1\*\*\*\*\*and Doc. 2.\*\*\*\*\*add F. 15/doc. 5 Rosen to Tolson notes on 11/22 that tonight Oswald