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Monday, February 24, 1964. This meeting lasted the taxing length of ten minutes, from 5:10 p.m. until 5:20 p.m. Including what they found necessary in a top-secret transcript, it encompasses only 5 pages!

1597. First item on the brief agenda was recent disclosures by Marina Oswald regarding Lee Harvey Oswald and Richard M. Nixon. How vague and general can you be about false testimony? And how much can you hide from even your own top-secret transcript? It was no "regarding" but the entirely impossible sworn testimony that Oswald was going to shoot Nixon when Nixon wasn't even there to be shot at!

Marina's lawyer's testimony was to be taken "promptly", three days later, and he was given a list of the documents wanted of him, including even notes of his conversations with Marina. (For this one they needed the friend of Nixon who planted the notion in her fertile mind.) But this is all on that item! No mention of the names of either Oswald or Nixon, the alleged "subject"!

1598 The next item was "security precautions", which took most of the page and dealt only with a letter to Treasury Secretary Dillon.

At the bottom: "The next item on the agenda is status report on allegations that Lee Harvey Oswald was an undercover agents for the Federal Bureau of Investigation or other federal investigative agency."

1598 All the agencies denied the story but Hudkins reaffirmed it but as a newsman refused to give his source.

1599 They had written the FBI for an explanation of the editing of Hosty out of its transcript of Oswald's notebook, "and we have not received a reply yet."

Of course, since all Hudkins had "was the number" by which Oswald was identified (false-he also had the compensation and he was not the only one), Rankin could downgrade it!

1600 Rankin was to prepare a list of those from whom evidence was to be taken and the means.

At the bottom came "the letter designed to bring about Walter Craig's appointment was approved." Warren and Rankin had had a meeting with Craig and his successor-elect, Powell. His capacity is specified and it is other than represented in the testimony "...concerning the involvement of Lee Harvey Oswald in the assassination of President Kennedy".

1601 Craig said he wanted the approval of his board of governors. He got it.

With whatever secret Dulles wanted secret from even the top-secret transcript, this is all the time and space devoted to these most serious questions, not one of which was explored at all, leave alone adequately. Again, a bare quorum were present: Cooper, Warren, Ford and Dulles.