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Re: Inventory of copied Files (62-109090)

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Setting up WC

1. Evans to Belmont 11/29/'63 Re: Katz states that LBJ went ahead with Presidential Commission because Sen. Eastland was adamant about going ahead with investigation by Senate Judiciary Committee. ✓

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2. Evans to Belmont 11/26/'63 Re: Katz's says his 11/25 memo waspenned after discussion w/ Hoover. Mater best handled by making FBI report public asap (rush to judgment). LBJ adamant about report handled by JD (Bobby Kennedy). Katz says this inappropriate. (twinge of conscience?) ✓

Release of CD 1

3. DeLoach to Mohr 12/7/'63 re: release of CD 1 discussed. Hoover's strong views. K announces that Olney was "dumped." K gave go ahead on Rankin. ✓

Rankin's FBI's choice

4. Director to Miller 12/6/'63 re:vetting of Rankin. Note says "Relationsbetween the Bureau and Rankin have been excellent." ✓

Setting up WC/ Katz gets CD 1 this day/Rusell on leaking of FBI report

4. Evans to Belmont 12/5/'63 re: says that WC did nt discuss chief counsel position today. Notes that Katz received CD 1 that day. Russell "sarcastic" --would WC get FBI report before FBI leaked all contents to the press. Katz defends the FBI before the WC on 12/5 so memo states he said. Actually Katz tells WC it could only be the FBI leaking!!! ✓

Notes: Carr and TCI is impossible. Carr is in WDC and will talk with LBJ and will tell press that TCI will defer to the federal investigation. "This will be the excuse for not proceeding with the State Inquiry" FBI memo states.

Notes that Katz called Belmont that night 12/5 and said report was "sensational" Report to circulate among SS, CIA, and State. Query of how report should be submitted to WH and WC. Katz also makes clear he aligns with FBI on spiking Warren Olney appointment. He will get someone from JD if Olney is appointed to keep eye on Olney.

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5. Evans to Belmont 12/2/'63 re: CJ Warren adamant about not having CD 1 made public. Only report should be the Final Report by the WC. Katz feels that Warren would resign if the FBI report was released. Hoover note: Waxer professional cool: FBI is indifferent to any arrangement. "We will make no statement & adhere to 'no comment.'" (After FBI was busy or was getting busy leaking its conclusions to the press.) ✓

House/Senate measures intro. to set up commission to report on JFK assassination ✓

7. Callahan to Director 12/5/'63 re: measures in both houses of congress to set up a commission

Leaks again

8 DeLoach to Mohr 12/11/'63 re: Rankin's appointment appears in Wash Post. It was leaked. DeLoach notes that CD 1 in the hands of the Commission. FBI seeking to blame everyone for the leaks. Story by Stern in Post attached. ✓

Hoover Mad on w/ Warren

9. Hoover memo 12/16/'63 Mally with liaison w/ Rankin. Mally on the ground in DL. Hoover notes "I told Mally he should keep in mind the background of the CJ because of the rather hostile attitude he has taken but at the same time we want to be of any help we can to Lee Rankin." ✓

Hoover expresses some concerns about JD & Conclusions of CD 1 ✓

10. Hoover memo of conversation w/ Rankin 12/12/'63 second phone conversation that morning.

Re: This is a 4-page memo. Hoover concerned that JD was assuming conclusions that had not been fully established when CD 1 was circulated. Did Oswald work alone? Did Oswald and Ruby know one another? Then there was the Cuban (read Mexico situation). Although at this time the FBI had killed the Ugarte "story." Hoover implies that JD was pushing too hard. That Katz's letter of transmittal with CD 1 was to be conclusive to suit Hoover.

Hoover specifies that JD held CD 1 for about 5 days before turning it over to the WC. It was JD he ~~is~~ claims who leaked about the Walker shooting when this was not known by Dallas police.

Hoover states that role of WC should be to evaluate the facts; and that it was the job of FBI to provide the facts and allow the WC to reach a conclusion. (Compare this w/ January 22nd WC meeting).

Hoover poses as all innocence here.

Hoover ends affirming that Oswald was a marksman and the shooting was well within his capability with a rifle. He goes on to



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say that FBI tested the rifle and were able to get shots off even faster than he did!!!!

Katz's letter of transmission

12. Katz's to CJ Warren 12/9/'63 re: Language to be checked against Hoover's memo of pc w/Rankin above. Clear that Katz wants the WC to make some kind of statement to scotch rumors. Notes that CD 1 as requested will not be released to public. But Kaz still asking for a statement making several points he outlines in the letter. He does make it clear that Oswald acted alone; and that there is not connection between Oswald and Ruby. (It is very possible that Katz & JD did some leaking. In any event this letter indicates along with other Katz concerns that he would have an interest in getting these half-bakes conclusions into the public domain. Should be considered that katz was doing his share of theleaking as well as the FBI.)

WH concerns over the rumors about a conpciracy. How to squash.

13. DeLoach to Mohr 12/9/'63 re; relewase date of CD 1 to WC. Was report held up while stalemate at WH was ongoing. Notes that Abe Fortas and Ted Sorenson were involved. Fortas felt the entire transmission document be released to press to stop all the rumors. Hoover wanted something more limited. Soenson sided w/ FBI. As a result there will be no release to the press. But the Katz letter to Warren (see doc. 12 above) will urge WC to quickly issue a statement concerning the rumors. That Oswald acted alone. That Ruby acted alone. No evidence of any international conpciracy or collusion.

Carr/Jaworski in WDC

14. DeLoach to Mohr 12/6/'63 Carr had visited WH and spoke to LBJ. Katz notes that was handed a press release drafted by JD and will read to press about TCI investigation being delayed until WC report is out. (See above on Carr doc. 4). Katz asks for an "audience" with Hoover. Hoover gives Carr and Jaws a "standup" meeting. This was their reward for cooperating I suppose.

See attached press release made by Carr.

Warren's Statement that FBI Report was "skeltal"

15. Story in Washington Evening Star (heck date w/ WC Ex. Sess).  
Warren quoted as characterizing the CD 1 as in "skelton form."  
Hoover note: "Certainly a statement not befitting(?) a Chief Justice."

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CD 1 Written without Autopsy Report/FBI fabrications ✓

16. Rosen to Belmont 12/17/'63 re: Rankin asks for certain 'raw reports.' One of these is the medical reports. FBI responds that Bureau does not have them because "President's family had indicated a desire that the report be kept confidential." WC will have to go to the SS. This further discussed with Rankin today!!!

Also Dulles passed on info. that Rankin was considering an investigative staff to conduct additional investigation. (Obvious reflects the WC disappointment with CD. See this with Ex Sessions eg., McCloy et al.) Also that WC will be in business for a long time and will cover a broad field and may talk to out agents, etc. This was not what Hoover wanted to hear. Belmont notes that Mally should be used to discourage Rankin in this investigative staff business.

Peterson canvassed to work on WC. ✓

17. Henry Peterson will not want job if he has to work under Howard P. Willins. Hoover wants to know what bureau knows about Willens. Attached see FBI report on Willens. Report finds some stuff on Willins' father.

Some idea of the mounting paper the FBI preparing for WC ✓

18. Several docs. in batch that give some early idea of Rankin's call for "raw reports"

FBI Persuaded to Revise its Dissemination procedures in wake of JFK assassination. ✓

19. Gale to Tolson 12/9/'63 re: 4-page memo detailing current FBI dissemination patterns re: presidential outings. This is all tied in with Oswald and Hosty note although this is not remarked in the memo. But there has already been criticism reflecting on the FBI for failure to alert SS about Oswald, etc. Useful document. Tolson supports a new look at the policy. Anticipating possible criticism from the WC in its final report. (Can FBI ever learn from its errors?)

More on FBI leaking/and Coverup ✓

20. deLoach to Mohr 12/17/'63 re: DeLoach con. w. Jerry Ford  
DeLoach blames everyone but FBI for leaks. Ford praises the FBI report; says other Commission members were impressed. Other issues discussed.

Ford receives an FBI briefcase. Mutual smoozing. Ford a fink on the WC.

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More on leaks

21. DeLoach to Mohr 12/20/'63 re: onversation w/ Russell; assures Russell it is not the FBI. Russell reports what Katz said about the leaks in Dec. 5 ex sess. Hoover note: "This certainly shows Katz's true colors." ✓

22. Story in NY Journal-American by Les Whitten on WC report being months away. Hoover note: "Looks like Warren is still 'leaking'" Hoover was convinced that Warren was close to Pearson. Date of story in Dec. 24, 1963. ✓

Hoover mad on Warren skeltal form story

23. Story in the Washington Evening Star (12/17/'63) Reference's CJ's reference to FBI report as sketal. Hoover note: "Certainly a needless dirty dig by the Chief Justice."

FBI interest in Norman Redlich ✓

24. Shows early interest in Redlich. Report based on three sources. Three-page memo attached.

The Director is Always Right

25. Belmont to Tolson 5/19/'64 re: Lists the names of the honchos at FBIHQ that went over Hoover's testimony to the WC. Insane use of manpower. All this attention to prserve the great man's wisdom(or even add to it after the fact)and have the revised copy submitted in the final vlume of Hearings.

FBI gaps-1CD 1 written without benefit of the autopsy report