

The Oswald "dirty rumor" ✓

1. Hoover to Rankin January 27, 1964 re: Hoover finds out about the secret January 24th meeting with Texas boys provoked by the article in "The Nation" which LHO is alleged an FBI informer.

Hoover sends on (unsolicited?) all FBI contacts with Lee Harvey Oswald.

FBI/SS Agree on sequence of the shooting ✓

2. Gauthier to Callahan 1/23/'64 re: FBI and SS share same view about the sequence of the shots. (Agreed also on three shots and three hits.) See other docs. to confirm this. WC staff sat in on the three-hour discussion using the FBI mockup of Dealey Plaza, etc.

Norman Redlich/"Security Problem?" ✓

3. Rosen to Belmont 1/3/'64 re: Rankin was shown the FBI investigative file on Redlich and asked if he was aware of this info. he was not. He gave no indication of what he would do with this info. (Check w/ Redlich file. When did the "get Redlich" campaign begin. Did FBI initiate this w/ help of Ford?)

FBI and the JFK autopsy/again ✓

4. Rosen to Belmont 12/24/'63 re: Rankin interest in the autopsy report. Again FBI cannot provide a copy. They rely on the old lie that Kennedy's wanted to keep report confidential so bureau did not request a copy of the report. (In short, admitting that it completed its CD 1 without the autopsy. This is shown in the Index to CD 1.) Hoover note: Exasperation! "If the WC is going to run down every wild news story it will never finish."

More on the secret January 24th mtg. ✓

5. Belmont to Tolson 1/25/'64 re: Story of the mtg revealed here. Wade confidentially told Shanklin about this meeting in which they were sworn to "secrecy." Wade thinks the meeting was called because of "The Nation" story. (See doc. 1 in Folder 2, above).

Recommendation that WC be sent again the record of FBI interviews w/ Oswald. See doc. 1.

Hoover note: He calls these "slimy tactics" carried out by Warren & Rankin.

WC Has some problems with the FBI/SS shooting sequence

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6. Rosen to Belmont 1/29/'64 Eisenberg is not totally satisfied with the shooting sequence. Comparing Z film w/ Nix film. Question about where the third shot was fired. Could it have come from the Grassy Knoll area. This is the fatal head shot.) ✓

E wants to be sure it all checks out. Check w/ Hal on Nix film and what it shows. If shot came from other than the rear then we have a conspiracy.

Hoover note: Oks further work on Nix film, etc. " . . . but looks to me as if they are 'playing games.'" Again: Hoover wants the WC to rubber stamp CD 1 and close down the investigation.

More on the sequencing of the Shots

7. Gauthier to Callahan January 28, 1964 re: FBI, WC staff, and SS working out the sequence. What is of interest is SS Inspector Kelley who remarks about someone's comment about 2nd shot going through JFK and into JFK (early single-bullet theory). Kelley remarked as aside to Gauthier in G's words "Shot two under those ridiculous facts would have gone completely 'wild' according to Kelley." ✓

Wade's comments to WC on January 24th

8. Belmont to Tolson 1/28/'64 re: reporting that Wade told WC on January 24 mtg. that his FBI experience the bureau did not keep records on its informants, etc. This would make it impossible for WC to track down this "dirty rumor." FBI would have to "correct" what Wade said. (Check on Rankin trans. of this mtg.) Wade now regarded as an enemy of the FBI. Belmont told Shanklin to be very circumspect in dealing with Wade (Ruby case). He was to be held at arms-length. ✓