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On the FBI FILE System

1. Walkart to Tavel 4/20/64 re: WC request for FBI file system info. see the doc. attached ✓

More on the Griffin Interview (See Folder 9)

2. Brennan to Sullivan 4/23/'64 re: the SA in question Ellsworth was from the Alcohol, Tobacco Tax Unit.

Gov, Connally's Clothes/FBI Lab Results

3. Hoover to Rankin 4/19/'64 re: Hoover notes that Connally's clothes were cleaned before FBI had them. This means as Hoover spells out that they had no evidentiary value at all!!!! ✓

FBI Peeked at WC's 30 questions ✓

4. Branigan to Sullivan 4/3/'64 re: Branigan characterizes these set of questions as those of a "cross-examining attorney and it is evident that this is a cross-examination of the FBI or a part of it in the case of the assassination of JFK." Useful doc. Hoover notes but illegible.

Branigan draws particular attention to question about FBI knowledge of Oswald prior to assassination an inkling of violence pronness. See Hoover response in next doc. and then the FBI answers to te 30 questions.*****

FBI touchiness re: WC requests. This deals with exhibits ✓

5. Rosen to Belmont 4/14/'64 re: applies to the exhibits. Rankin requested that Bureau house these. hoover had said no in earlier folder. Rankin relents.

Hoover again a mad on w/ WC ✓

6. Branigan to Sullivan 4/14/'64 re: WC making more demands on the FBI re: Oswald's SWP's associations, etc. and other documents asap. Hoover note: "The Commission is not giving us enough tme. Take our time. They are unreasonable and presumptious."

More on Mark Lane

7. This two-page doc. deals with results of FBI interview w/ Lane.] ✓

FBI touchiness again on exhibits ✓

8. Rosen to Belmont 4/4/'64 re: Hoover takes off on the exhibits Hoover note: "I don't see why the agency preparing exhibits should act as custodian. The Commission has not shown any confidence in ex

in FBI -- they have called on other (illegible) experts to check our work and have squads of attys to Dallas and New Orleans to reinterview persons already interviewed."

More on the Hosty flap

9. Rosen to Belmont 4/24/'64 re: report on Rankin's views about the story in the DMN paper. That WC received affidavits from Revill and Bryan. Rank makes no problem for FBI over this.

Re-enactment of the shooting/a second re-enactment

10. Rosen to Belmont 4/20/'64 re: FBI unwilling to be part of a second reenactment. Rankin does not believe another will be necessary. Rankin as this time seems to be currying favor with the FBI. Apparently the bureau's complaints about excessive demands have gotten to him.

11. Gauthier to Callahan 4/15/'64 re: on the FBI resistance to any reenactment.

Memo on Rankin and relations w/ Malley

12. Rosen to Belmont 4/15/'64 re: Rankin reveals for first time to Malley a confidence re: SS agent reported that FBI screwed up by not giving SS info on Oswald.

WC interest in FBI's filing system(See above doc. 1 in folder

13. Rosen to Belmont 4/17/'64 re: implied here is FBI suspicion that WC believes that FBI systems are antiquated (compared with CIA). It was staffer Sam Stern who originated this request. Stern had a low opinion of FBI. See the Stern affidavit in my files.

Memo on above Rankin/Malley business w/ SS statement

13. Rosen to Belmont 4/22/'64 re: FBI went to Rowley and Rowley that there was no info. on Oswald and penchant for violence and therefore SS would not have placed him under surveillance. Rowley thanked for info. It was important since SS was to testify tomorrow before the WC. In second doc. Rowley assured FBI that SS testifying before WC would not make any such charge in fault finding with the FBI.

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14. Rosen to Belmont 4/23/'64 re: Lane held press conference n Rome and FBI legat passes on his statements.

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More on SS Flap

15. Rosen to Belmont 4/24/'64 re; SS Bouck's testimony before the WC as reported by Rankin to Belmont. Bouck testified in ways that were not what Rowley had promised. Rankin says that the Commissioners did not buy his testimony. Rankin calls it a "push." But Ford was one of those Commissioners present and he probably gave the FBI the lowdown.

More on Rankin/Malley/SS flap