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FBI "No Comment" Policy on the Final WC Report

1. Director to All Field Offices 9/28/'63 re: see above

The Hoover lie that FBI would continue in case after WC Report is out

2. Hoover to Rankin 10/23/'64 re: Hoover confirms that FBI will continue to check out any info. that comes in after Report is in public domain.

Results of FBI check on leaks requested by Rankin

3. Rosen to Belmont 9/21/'64 re: WFO did the investigation and found that WC had no document control. Impossible to determine the culprits. Intersting memo

4. Copy of memo about report on JFK's death certificate and copies being peddled in San Diego. *****

More on Mark Lane and his parallel investigation

5. Hoover to Rankin 9/22/'64 re: see above

JFK's Death Certificate was leaked

6. Hoover to Rankin 9/18/'64 re: se above. See note at end of this doc. FBI identified the man in San Diego who had te certificate and was planning to make copies for sale. He said a source gave it to him but refused to name the source. The whole thing is dropped when the man, Leo Snyder, agreed not to go ahead with his little industry. ***** Incredible. Did this come out from the WC files? Value here is that the death crtificate never appeared in the WC 26 volumes.

Note: Any futher action on this? Was it dropped? No sustaining interest like the other "leaks" that Rankin wanted to run down.

SAC, WO to Director on WC security and control of docs.

7. SAC, WFO to Director 9/17/'64 re: 5-page memo on the slovenly WC and its desltory attitude toward its records.

8. Director to SAC, WFO, 9/14/'64 re: this is a detailed memo in response to Rankin's request on the three "major" leaks as R defined them. Hoover orders the investigation to go forward without fear or favor. This is a 6-page memo reflecting the seriousness of the matter. ** Interesting to contrast this w/ the leaked JFK death certificate that appears to have been dropped altogether and could

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have been the most embarrassing to the WC and its solution to the assassination. They apparently did not want to draw any attention to this. The leaking could only have come from inside the WC, the FBI, or the SS. At least these would be the most conspicuous culprits.

More on Lane and his parallel investigation

9. Hoover to Rankin 9/14/'64 re: response to questions Lane raised about the paraffin tests. Illuminates why Gallagher was last to testify to erase any concerns about the negative paraffin test results on Oswald. Need to check.

More on the lifted palm print

10. Hoover to Rankin 9/4/'64 re: Hoover confirms that FBI verified that palm print Lt. Day lifted was Oswald's. Day is being asked to make a statement on this.

11. Director to SAC, Dallas, 9/3/'64 re: WC's suspicions about the Day palm print are revealed in Note in this memo. About 4 to 5 critical questions raised. Hoover notes that imperative that these questions be answered to WC's satisfaction. **** This is a multi-page copy dealing with the above issue.

More on Mark Lane and Paraffin testing

12. Rosen to Belmont 9/11/'64 re: Note that FBI had earlier interest in Lane before Rankin asked that they place him under surveillance.