

FBI interest in critics of WC Report

1. Batch on Sylvia Meagher

FBI Dismisses Epstein's book as superficial

2. Hoover to Mr. Clarence Smith 10/14/'66 re: see above and note to copy of this letter for charge of superficiality since Epstein spent only 2 days at the National Archives . . . .

3. Rosen to DeLoach 10/5/'66 re: Synopsis of Leo Sauvage's 'The Oswald Affair.'

4. Jones to Wick 10/18/'66 re: FBI includes the WC Report as subject to a synopsis for reply by FBI. Memo notes what Director said to newspaper people on Nov. 18, 1964 background briefing and subsequent Hoover public statements. Also synopsis gives rebuttal to pages in Report that FBI regards as detracting and diminishing to the FBI's reputation, etc.

5. Rosen to DeLoach 10/6/'66 re; more on Mark Lane's "Rush to Judgment."

6. Jevons to Conrad 11/8/'66 re: Weisberg request from Nat'l Archives re: spectrographic report by the FBI. Marion Johnson of Archives notified bureau; bureau alerted Johnson that Weisberg was suspected of Communist background, etc. Message was that Weisberg was to be denied what he was after.

7. FBI synopsis of a 3-hr radio program on the WC. Included Weisberg, Sauvage, Jacob Cohen, Mark Lane, Penn Jones, and moderated by Jim Bishop. This is an 11-page FBI "refutation" of the allegations made by these critics. Read carefully because some are outright lies. Eg., that FBI never placed Mark Lane under surveillance. (Very cagey.) Is this a case of the FBI lying to itself or was this to establish what the FBI line would be if questioned, etc.

8. Batch of docs. in response to Richard Whalen's request for FBI assistance in his Saturday Evening Post article taking the WC critics to task. Sullivan recommended that he get that assistance. Not clear about Hoover's response.

Memo of the Hoover/Manchester interview in June 1964

9. DeLoach to Mohr June 4, 1964 re: see above. This is a useful 8-page document (I have a copy of this in other file.)