

Notes for Introduction

Clear up what president JFK was—34th or 35th

Using Holland and Posner as the new apologists for the WC. Play them off of the "Honorable Men" of Weisberg's critique. HM The WC was right because it said it was right. What quotable stuff I have can be found in Hon. Men ms. the last chapter.

Holand's "methods and sources" rationale. Actually, the documents reveal something entirely more determining. Rankin steered the Committee and the staff while Warren wobbled. (See his loss of Olney as chief counsel and Hoover's victory in getting Rankin.

This was not the Rankin of (Ike scandal) see McCray. The Rankin of the Commission's major contribution to the cover-up was to allow the FBI to get away with murder in its investigation. He was determined not to antagonize Hoover unduly. This with limited and in the long run unsuccessful. Hoover adversarial relations with the Commission. Perhaps some examples to entice reader.

Rankin's role in conspiring to suppress. The January 24th mtg. And Oswald's possible CIA connection. The suppression of Russell's dissent on Sept. 24th mtg. Denial of the JFK autopsy pxs and X-rays to the staff.

Posner theory—while the Commission made mistakes, overlooked evidence, ignored other evidence and witnesses, etc. it still came up with the right answer: Oswald did it and he was alone. The vacuousness of this defense. It is not less unconvincing and egregious than the conspiracy hobbyist of the other camp who write their books with fear and without research.

My book tries to let the documents tell the story.

Need to check up Rogovin or Hood
→ M. Novak - objectivity is empty
→ Historical fallacies - Donald H. Fischer