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Re: Inventory of Rankin Papers

1. Fredda Scoby memo questioning the language and phrasing of some of the allegations made in the (must be) 3rd draft of the Report or Chapter One. (Not clear which)> These are made to strengthen the Report and not to contest the meaning.
2. Copy of Dr. Burkley's account of his activities on November 22nd. This is the same vacuous account that I have in another file. The date is 11/27/'63. This would have been a report written when B's memory was at its sharpest; his recall powers the best. Yet he says nothing that is helpful.
3. Rowley to Rankin, June 11, 1964, re: presidential protection. Attached are notes (no sourcing) on p. 69 that would be useful in eriting about the FBI's failure to alert the SS about LHO. Very useful for this section.
4. Rankin notes (presumably) re: the "Dirty rumor" and the need to bring thre Tci Boys to WDC. Doc. recorded in Guide as Notes from Rankin.
5. FBI interview of Alexander re: the publication of LHO's diary.
6. Gemberling Report of the publication of LHO diary. Wade is of belief that Alexander was the source.
7. Dr. Cameron psychiatric report on Oswald dated 6/17, 64
8. Dulles to Rankin August 10, 1964 re: Dulles' views on LHO's motivation. Dulles does not want to attribute this to "The Spirit of Dallas," that is, its right-wing political climate. He wants it based on LHO's leftist views, etc.
9. Cooper's submitted comments on Report's draft copy for Chapter three. 8/20/'64.  
Cooper questions and refuses to accept that two bullets caused all JFK's and Connaly's wounds. He also raises "what proof "probably missed" bullet. Does Report mention Tague w/ this conjecture of a missed shot? Check the Report on this for the careful wording.
10. Newsstory on D. Kilgallen (I need to check to see if she wrote a book)>
11. Historian Goldberg's recommendations that report comply with the canon of historical accuracy. Very good advice that was wasted on the commission. Could use this for my own purposes.
12. Belin to Rankin May 15, 1964 re: Belin's account of the May 7-9 trip to Dallas (locus enquo scene of the crime; check spelling). Basically a run through that raised no serious concerns by the attending members listed on the first page. This was the

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Commission's first look at the scene of the crime.

13. Testimony of Ruth Paine by staff

14. Coleman/Slawson to Rankin 1/24/'64 report on LHO's foreign activities re: Russia and Mexico.

15. Coleman & Slawson report to Ball/Belin & Jenner/Liebler March 16, 1964 re: LHO's marksmanship as related by Delgado. Delgado here reports that Oslwad was a lousy shot. This was in March. Did FBI interview him and get him to change his opinion? How is Delgado represented in the final report?

16. Ford editing of Report on moving the back wound to back of the neck. Draft 6/26/'64

17. Specter to Rankin 4/16/'64 re: Specter's list of what needs to be done and who needs to be called re: the shooting and wounds that they are dealing with. Some of his points are interesting esp. as relates to Connally and Dr. Shaw on Connally being hit w/ the same bullet as JFK. etc.

Also this April memo alls for finding tv & radio transcript of Perry's press conference. When did Perry testify because even at that point Specter could not come up with a transcript. Hal has some of this. Where? (Try "Bogus").

18 (A-E) SS Godpadze interviews w/ Marina.

19. Griffith & Hubert memo to Rankin 3/24/'64 re: see especially interview w/ Sorrels and Sorrels' impression about SS/FBI cooperation since the assassination. It changed (probably for the better)> Sorrels has something to say about Hosty that is vey important. It was his view that Hosty would lie to the WC.

20. Slawson to Rankin May 20, 1964 on State's files on LHO passport to Mexico. The "NO" and meaning.

21. Slawson to Rankin 6/2/'64 on' Levine's questioning of Marina in pretense of helping her with her reort, etc. Dulles aranged for this. I have just the cover memo. There followed a rather long report not copied.

22. Slawson to Rankin on March 27, '64 mtg. with CIA re: the need for a visit by WC staff to Mexico.  
Useful if I go into detail on Mexico.

23. Slawson to Rankin 3/27/'64 re: Trying to get name of informant on Mexico from the Senate Internal Security Committee. Eastland refused to give up the name. This is related to Sourwine's

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allegations about LHO and Cuban and exchange of monies to carryout assassination of President. This is covered in some FBI docs.

24. Slawson to Specter 3/13/'64 re: CIA's hot on trail of Oswald as Soviet brain-washed agent. They wanted LHO's body exhumed to see if he had slashed wrists; FBI opposed. If he did not then the time he spent in hospital was a cover for brain-washing by Soviet KGB, etc. Part of FBI/CIA tensions over the assassination and foreign involvement, etc.

25. Memo to files re: SS Sorrels 4/10/'64 no name attached. Must be Burt Griffith

Establishes Sorrels' long record in SS. Sorrells believed that all the shots came from the Grassy Knoll area. He also notes that back door of the TSBDB was unguarded after he arrived there 20-25 minutes after the shooting. His relations w. DL police were excellent. He has nothing negative to say about DL FBI. Implies that there was no connetc on the day of the presidential visit, n=but this was not unusual.

26. Staffer Stern on seeing CIA's Oswald file. Clear that all he saw was a simdgeon and knew nothing about the #201 file.

27. Stern to Rankin 3/30/'64 re: his first interview w/ Bouck  
Some detail on the PRS system operates. Then on p. 4 Bouck and Kelley on what they would have expected: that is, the FBI notifying them about LHO considering his record. In hindsight, they both agreed that the SS would have placed him under surveillance.

27A Stern reprot on 2nd interview w/ Bouck March 30, '64 to Rankin. Bouck on 2nd interview firmer in his conviction that FBI should have warned the SS of Oswald before JFK visit.

Q. When did Bouck testify before the WC

Q. Did this influence Stern's own opinion re: FBI? See his statement about FBI being flat-footed and unimpressive.

28. Stern memo to Rankin 2/10/'64. Note this was before Stern spoke to Kelley and Bouck. He already lists in this memo reasons that FBI needs to explin why they let LHO slip through and not notify the SS. Stern's work explains why Rankin could write Hoover that WC Report could have been sterner in its criticism of the Bureau. They had enough to show real negligence if they wanted to lay it all out. Rankin did modify what could have been said. And all this without bringing in the hosty note destruction whic presumably the WC did not know about at the time.

29. Rankin summary of the 9/18/'64 Ex. Sess. (I have this elsewhere but might want to cite from Rankin Papers).

30. Specter to Rankin 5/12/'64 re: on medical evidence.

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stressing the use of the x-rays and autopsy photos to determine precisely the JFK wounds. Interestingly, Specter refers to the wound in back as the back wound on two occasions. This was before the Ford editing of June 26th.

Note: Did the WC ever see the x-rays or photos? They had them but may never have looked at them.

31. Specter to Rankin 3/12/'64 re: interview w/ Autopsy surgeons

He notes that "All three describe the bullet wound on President Kennedy's back as being a point of entrance. . . ." S still referring to this wound as a back wound and not back of the neck or lower neck, etc. S notes that Admiral Holloway (no other description of who he was) illustrated the path of this bullet. It's all ridiculous the trajectory that enters the back on a downward angle and exits the throat without striking bone. How could he run with this?

32. Specter to Rankin 3/12/'64 re: interview of Siebert & O'Neill. Both clear in memory that Drs. did not explain the missing bullet as a result of heart massage, etc.

33. Staffer Richard Mosk draft on LHO's marksmanship. He is sceptical about any evidence that Oswald was practicing with rifle before the JFK trip. The only witness they had on this was Marina. His draft picks out her inconsistencies on this question.

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