

Notes for Writing  
Re: Reenactment business.  
April 30<sup>th</sup> Ex Sess.

Cooper brings up the point that McCloy had raised earlier about visiting the loquus en quo---Dallas.

Exchange begins on p. 5. Dulles asks Rankin's plans for the summaries of the staff interrogations that the Commissioners had not seen.

Rankin says there are about 300. Issue here was time to go to Dallas. But more pressing was getting the Redport written. Both Jenkins and Hubert were leaving the Commission by June 1, the Date Rankin and Warren had set for all staff reports to be handed in.

It was more important that the report be written than the staff take time to summarize these interrogations.

Rankin's proposal is that they let the staff get their draft of the different areas in by June 1 deadline than prepare the summaries. (p. 6) The Commissioners would see the summaries (maybe a couple of sentences" says Rankin) after the report has been put together and while it is under revision. (p. 6) Rankin is speaking of depositions and affidavits here. The Commissioners will get short summaries of those that Rankin and his staff feel are important. What a way to run an investigation.

Commissioners who went to Dallas did not see these. All they knew if they attended the hearings was what those witnesses said. They had a general outline in their minds of how the rfeport would read.

P. 31 ff. Rankin introduces point five on the agenda: The JFK autopsy pixs.

Rankin introduces the idea of having a dr. and a members of the Commission view thm for what Warren limits for verification only. That there is nothing in the pictures that would refute the Report's conclusions, etc.

p. 35 Warren agrees to this plan. But is adamant "We don't want those in our record." He goes on "It would make it a morbid thing for all time to come." (p. 35). Clearly, Warren has seen them.

p. 33 Rankin says that the family did not want them developed. But that now RFK would be amenable for purposes so stated. That is limited examination.

There is no follow up on this plan. But the transcript is consistent with Freeman's suggestion that Specter and others on staff were anxious to see the photos. Specter especially because he was responsible for area one in the report.

Accept  
pixs  
McCloy quote

They should have gone forward with this plan (as ridiculous as it was) before the trip to Dallas.

I have to note here that Warren may have been anxious about any leaking of these pixs. Check w. FBI files on the leaking problem---Oswald's diary; Ruby lie detector results; the JFK death certificate. My memory is that this all broke in August.