

Chapter 10

Re: Notes w/ Criminal Division and possible perjury charges.

Source 51-16-1113

1. Keeney to Thornburgh 8/6/1975

This memo lays out the perjury rap on Shanklin in terms of his lying to effect that he had no knowledge of the Oswald note and did not order Hosty to destroy same. Shanklin had retired by this date.

2. Washinbgton Star 10/21/1975 story on the note destruction. Quotes Adams testimony to the House Judiciary subcommittee (Edwards Committee?)

Notes that note was destroyed two hours after Oswald was murdered.

Adams testified before Edwards Committee that there was no evidence, based on internal FBI review, that Hoover or any of the FBIHQ honchos knew of the note. He isolates the destruction to Dallas FO.

Adams had no explanation as to why FBI efforts to recruit Ruby were not in the WCR.

3. Lowenberg to Hantman 8/31/1975 Notes that JD bought Adams' story that FBIHQ knew nothing of the note and its destruction. See Sullivan's Thirty Years in the Bureau and the Allen tickler on this.

4. Lowenberg routing slip calling attention to Gary Wills piece on the Oswald note destruction. Favors Wills' interpretation.

Point made: If Oswald had been an FBI informant or source he would have had no need to write the note in the first place.

5. Tyler to Kelley 10/20/1975 Notice that Thornburgh's decision not to go ahead with a perjury charge against Shanklin was the proper course. No bootstrapping a criminal prosecution.

6. Hantman to Thornburgh 10/15/1975 Very good on FBI Dallas FO affidavits that FBIHQ ordered. . . . They are all conflicting and tell nothing. The only one who reports on note destruction was Hosty. Notes that Howe changed his tune from one affidavit to the next.

7. Abzug Committee gets into the act

8. Henderson to Thornburgh 11/2/1975 Lays out Shanklin's lying to Edwards Committee, committee of congress. Grounds for perjury and obstruction of justice. Useful memo.

*Adams piece
Tells me
of who
close to
FBI
3/11/88
March
19, 1984*

9. Memo to effect that JD will not follow up on Sandy Smith's Time piece that Mohr ordered the destruction of the Hosty note.

10. Copy of Hosty's WC testimony

11. Copy of James H. Adams testimony before the Edwards Committee=