

Marina—FBI Surveillance

Chronology Set up.

Writing note: Using the Crewdson and O'Leary pieces on FBI surveillance of Marina. . . .Questions raised: when was the surveillance started. . . .Fisur was requested by Rankin. . . . but what about technical bugging of phone and bug in her house? Read docs carefully to try and determine whether Rankin approved more than just fisur. . . .thaqt is bugging her phone and her house.

Up front: Dir. FBI to Attorney General 11/3/1975 serial 62-109060-738 (?) section 182 It reports that in addition to FISUR in discussion between Rankin and Hoover (2/24/'64) phone bug was discussed. . . (not house bug). Notes that a bug inside the house was planted without specific authority from Att General (Kennedy). . . .said "under general authority then existing. . . ." which translated in action to FBI's own determination . . .

See also Cooke to Gallagher 10/31/'75 62-109060-738 (could be 0 or 9). Multipage FBI response to Crewdson NY Times piece.

See also Kelley to Katzenbach 11/21/'75 response to Crewdson NY Times piece. According to Katz he denied that any authorization for electronic surveillance³ was ever authorized (by Bobby/and himself). Very sensitive about legalities.; Pity this was not evident when Katz was busy framing Oswald. . .

FBI doc. 105-1435A-1A This is a chart of the Marina mail intercepts by the FBI beginning 1/1/'64 . . .

add on to Chron.

_____none chronological notes above-----

12/9.'63 DFO 105-1435 -A-1A Sub A Series 1-95 series of checks from American citizens to Marina . . .Checks seem to be of 2 or 3 figures. . . .These checks were routed to Marina by FBI agents Boguslav and Heitman. . . .perhaps security was the uppermost concern but it was also a form of control over the young widow. . .

Can I write the docs!!!

12/13/'63 100-10461-8719 (vol. 73) FBI haul of 10 spools of 35 mm film of pics of Marina's correspondence (coming in) including checks received. . .Pics taken by Dallas office

2/24/'64 Hoover to Attorney General (was Bobby on duty) requesting that he authorize "installation of a technical surveillance" at Marina's residence or wherever she is residing. . . (Did this exceed what Rankin approved)???? 105-82555-2402 . . .

2/24/'64 Clark to SAC, Dallas 2/24/'64 100-104061 -3769 (check accuracy of 104061). Key here is that Hoover after speaking with Rankin gets puts out that FBI will begin FISUR (and only fisur) of Marina. . .After his talk with Rankin.

2/24/'64 fisur (Physical surveillance) schedule on Marina's 629 Beltline Rd. Richardson, Tx address. First detail assigned on 2/24-25 4-man assignment for 24 hours. . . ***Correction: This fisur surveillance started 14057 Brookcrest, Dallas, address and was reinstalled when she moved to Beltline Rd.

2/24/'64 Hoover memo to inner SOG regulars re: phone conversation he had w/ Hoover this day. . . According to Hoover Rankin was concerned that Marina "might run out on us" . . . and Rankin thought it possible for a physical surveillance of Marina. . . .

2/24/'64 Memo for Attorney General (105-82555-2402) June Mentions request from Commission (Rankin) "for a technical surveillance " on Marina wherever she is residing.Did Rankin authorize anything more than fissure??p. 2 where it says recommended that WC be advised. . . Belmont notes "Let's wait until it is done" an exercise in fait accomplithat Hoover approves.

2/25/'64 Sullivan to Belmont 105-82555-2401 (June) under Internal Security—Russia-Cuba. . .Shanklin notes that the phone tap is in place and it is "working smoothly under discreet conditions."

2/27/'64 Sullivan to Belmont June 105-82555-2408 Here is the recommend for placing a bug in Marina's 629 Beltline Rd. home. . . the bug "should uncover information which could not be obtained through any other sources."

2/28/'64 Shanklin to File notes that authority received today to install microphones (on phone and bug inside house?)

2/29/'64 SA Barnett to SAC, Dallas, Notes that SS Sorrells notified by Declan Ford that Marina just moved and now living at 629 Belt Lane Rd, Richardson, TX, . . .

3/2/'64 SAC, Dallas to Director 105-82555-236(3?) [June Mail] to rationalize the installation of a bug into Marina's 629 Beltline Rd. in Richardson, TX. . . the operation was characterized as IS-R-Cuba. Assumption here or argument was that Marina had some valuable intelligence on Oswald and his communist/Cuban connections leading to his assassination of the president. . . *****Notes that surveillance began on 2/29/64

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3/2/'64 Shanklin to File June 66-1313A-9 notes conversation with Brannigan (SOG) who wants Dallas office to report info gathered from phone tap as if it came from some other source. . . this would be true also of

3/3/'64 fisur picked up lisenca plates of cars of female visitors to Marina's house. . . FBI run names thru the system . .

3/3/'64 Boguslav to Shanklin transcript of FBI take on phone taps. . . Robert Oswald was tapped. . .

3/4/'64 Branigan to Sullivan (June) 105-82555-2362 Notes that5 FBI is involved in both FISUR and technical surveillance of MarinaIndicates that Hoover simply interpreted Rankin's concern "broadly"See 7/14/'67 FBI doc below where it states"Rankin suggested to Director that FBI could consider getting a telephone tap on Marina."

3/5/'64 Shanklin to File 100-10461-3785 Shanklin to Sullivan pointing out that manpower employed to spy on Marina is sapping THE Dallas office of manpower needed for other more important and pressing business. . . See esp. 3/16 below.

3/5/'64 Branigan to Sullivan 105-82555-2588 announces that FBI is going to cease the electronic surveillance of Marina's home. . .

3/6/'64 Rosen to Belmont June 105-82555-2587 Once the electronic surveillance was dropped Rosen notes that FBI has source close to Marina in Riochardson, TX who will keep the Bureau apprised of what is going on in her life, . . . I think the source was her lawyer McKenzie. . .

3/9/'64 Boguslav report on phone tap exchanges.

3/9/ to 3/12/'64 A set of FBI docs (66-1313A-22) Lee Harvey Oswald (June) listing. . . .The docs of interest in this batch deal with when/how removal of the bug from Marina's house. . . . FBI was in collaboration w/ Marina's lawyer McKenzie to set this up. . . .Sullivan was HQers honcho in this business. . .

3/11/'64 105-82555-2586. . .Marina intimate sex talk with Mrs. Declan Fordalmost certainly as revealed by decision to redact. . . .(June Mail)

3/16/'64 Branigan to Sullivan (?105-82555-2642) Refers to Shanklin's distressed manpower crunch faced by the Dallas office with agents doing 24/7 fisur of Marina's house. . . .Commission's request are still coming inand he notes there are some "75 leads outstanding for Dallas." Shanklin notes that he has two fulltime agents assigned to Ruth Paine and her husband. . . .Two agents on DeMorenschildt and his wife. . . .and he needed 26 SAs assigned to the investigation of Oswald and the president's assassinationThis is why it is important to note the number of SAs assigned to surveillance of Marina. . . .Really shows how totally inept of political was the FBI investigation in terms of priorities. THIS IS A KEY DOCUMENT. Indicates the real priorities of the FBI in this case. . . .gather something re: to jack up a case for Oswald's motives, etc from Marina's personal and private conversations. . . .MOTIVE WAS AT PLAY HERE. . . . See sample of stuff FBI getting from phone tap. . . . Marina's sexual fantasies. . . and her sexual interest in George DeMorenschildt . . .

4/7/'64 Branigan to Sullivan 105-82555-3144 raises question of whether the WC should get the full report on the FBI's snoopingp. it notes ". . . it does not appear the Commission specifically asked for a technical surveillance." Of course it didn't. . . .Apparently the staff, at least, never saw the results. . . Was it just

Rankin? What about Warren? What about Katzenbach? See Hoover's marginalia. (copy of this doc. filed with my chpt. Of FBI counterattack on the Commission."

4/17/'64 SAC, Dallas to Director (June) 67-425-1633 Shanklin's recommendation for letters of commendation to FBIK agents who installed the illegal misur and the phone tap and the removal of same. . . eminently useful for the dates of installation and removal . . . See attached return from SOG denying any recommendations. . . . SOG interest in keeping this surveillance project buried. . . .

6/6/'64 Heitman to SAC, Marina requests the FBI to run a character check on her current male companion . . . Was this a reflection of her sense of humor. . . ??? It was Heitman her favorite agent. . .

7/14/'67 Branigan to Sullivan 105-82555-5587 Query: what to do with the sur, tapes from marina's phone calls. . . Notes that FBI has 22 reels of intercepted phone conversations. . . See rationale for keeping the tapes. . . all BS the real reason was to use them to keep Marina in line. . . She despised the FBI. . .

7/17/'67 and 7/3/'67 both 105-82555-5585 These 2 documents making case for keeping the 22 reels of phone tap material on Marina as central material in the Bureau's investigation into Oswald IS-R-Cuba. . . to cover illegal snooping into Marina's private life with a national security rationale. . . **** Beautiful. . . ****

7/17/'67 Director to SAC, Dallas, June 105-82555-5585 Orders that the 22 reels (phone bug) be "permanently retained." For possible black mail of Marina. . . what else. . .