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CD 1000 Memo for Rankin 6/1/1964
From Helms

It is the account of the Alvarado case. A lengthy account with attachments. Why so late June 1?

The CIA's falling for this story is no credit to the agency. The story was ridiculous on the surface. The CIA was so much better than this. An explanation could be that this was a diversion from the Oswald imposter, the Mexico City "mystery man." The CIA was willing to embarrass itself to divert attention from what was important.

Memo Rankin to Dulles 3/17/1964 Approach to prove that Oswald was not a paid informant or source for the CIA. Wants Dulles' best advice on how to proceed.

Dulles could have told Rankin about the Register, etc. See Whitten deposition on this.

Helms to Rankin 9/17/1964 Refers to Helms memo of July 2, 1964, to Rankin re: Oswald spoke to Yatkov and not Kostikov when he visited the Soviet Embassy. CIA had a live source for this or a bug inside the embassy. Asks Rankin not to publish this as a CIA record. This July 2 memo from Helms is recorded as CD 1216. Did the Commission publish it? CIA confirms that O spoke with Yatkov and not Kostikov.

CD 631 This is the disseminated CIA account of Oswald's 10/1/1963 visit to Soviet Embassy in MC that was not Oswald, but the "mystery man" who was the fake Oswald.

Brennan to Sullivan 4/17/1964 a two-page account of the Commission visit to Langley to check on records of Oswald---Warren, Cooper, Rankin, and Stern. Angleton told FBI that CIA believed from Warren's conversation that WC was not going to fix blame on any individual or agency for JFK's assassination.

CIA's inventory of its pre-assassination file on Oswald. A list of 30 items turned over to the WC. Fonzi claims that Oswald's picture was in one or both of the newspaper clippings re: Oswald's defection in this collection.

Nothing indicating any CIA debriefing of Oswald when he returned to the US. Since he was in SU when the U-2 was shot down this absence is remarkable. Check this against the Schkolnick book.

CIA memo Discussion with Dulles by CIA man on instructions from Helms on how best to deal with WC questions about CIA and Oswald as agent. Dulles to brief CIA on what questions McCone and Helms might face when they testified.

Last document is on the CIA's suggested letter to the Soviet Government re: Oswald. The reaction was that the letter was too aggressive and accusatory to be accepted. It would turn off the Russians. It had to have come from CI or Angleton since he was in charge of

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the CIA's in-house investigation. The date was February 1964. Whitten was out by this time. The letter was to provoke the Russ to not respond adding suspicion to their possible collusion in the assassination. (My ideas)