

“trip list” for SS. This troubled McCloy

WC Rush to get out Report

Get WCR out before the 1964 electoral campaign began.

There is scattered throughout the docs. material on this. Note: WC did not have sessions in July, August, and last one was in September (18th). See Ford’s comment Ex Sess June 4th to effect that WC had not come to definite conclusions yet. (Remember that Rankin wanted to close down in June). This means that while Commissioners were on holiday or catching up with deferred work the staff was busy over these summer months writing the final draft even though the Comm. Had not settled on the conclusions. This may explain Russell’s comments to LBJ about staff doing his work. This is also extended in Hal’s “Bogus.”

Oswald as Agent

Make point that there is nothing in the WCR about this DR or “crisis”. Report just notes LHO was a ☺”lone nut” etc. . . Motivation is uncertain. Investigation was to allow the agencies to investigate themselves.

McCloy remarks about this and says that WC should have asked for far More than self-justifying affidavits from Hoover and McCone. 4/30

WC refuses to have Nosenko as witness. See above concerns reflected by McCloy. I may need to go over the Nosenko file. Russell says that CIA “doctored everything they gave us”. . . still they allow Helms to scare them off Nosenko.

Marina as Key witness (May want to develop this in book)

WC Concerns about written criticism

There is the “Seeds of Doubt” in NR Feldman’s Nation article on Oswald

Thomas Buchanan (who was questioned) See Dulles remarks on Buchanan 4/30 And comments that all critics were communists. Was this after Hoover testified. Because this was the Hoover line on critics. See the FBI files on Buchanan in files on FBI and Critics. Host or reporters who were critical and not communists—Murray Kempton, Richard Dudman, Jack Minns, and Staughton Lynd. Although Hoover via Ford may have insinuated this notion into the WC discourse. Dulles tries to leave impression that Buchanan was the sole critic, etc. all the rigormorole in getting a copy of the book. Buchanan was a smashing success in Europe but not in the US.

Handwritten notes:
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Session