

Notes on Interview by Walter Kronkite
of John J. McCloy - 7/2/67 - CBS-TV
Channel 2 - 12:30 to 1 pm

McCloy Did have counsel representing the State
of Texas and the Pres of the ABA "to see that
we were conducting ourselves with propriety
in respect of any of the witnesses." (LHO was
not a witness) ... Looked at it objectively.
"We couldn't come down there with any
preconceived notion."

WK "Is it possible ... to take a situation in
which a man had been caught & all the
evidence on him ... and not begin & that
premise that he was guilty?"

McCloy WC was not bound by the more
restrictive rules of evidence. # not an
adversary proceeding, ~~this~~ would have
"been improper to have a lawyer for any
particular suspect, there." (What suspects
other than LHO?) # Re LHO - FBI, "best
evidence" was denial under oath of
JETH (!) "We examined all the
evidence we could find ... Those who

were making this suggestion could give us
any evidence, other than rumor ..."

"I can't believe that the responsible head of
any agency ... it was the best
evidence we could get."

WK "For a WC of this ^{nature}, starting ... ~~is not any~~ no
preconceived notions, you did have to
~~consider the possibility~~ believe in your
mind that it was possible for the most
(massive) and heinous conspiracy of all
time, involving the very highest
levels of govt, didn't you, in order to
lay your case?"

McClary can't condone such a conspiracy
- wouldn't have emerged somewhere -
Charge of "political truth" is silly -
5 were Republicans, had their integrity
to think of. # Went to quarry tunnel.
Junt was up at window, "rather easy dot"
Anybody that had somewhat similar
experience (ie a lot of experience) could
have done it.

Conclusions were not rushed at all. Maybe did
rush to print a little too soon. Could have
been some things they could have taken
up is a typo in very first conclusion
"possibility" should have been "impossibility"
Could have made a better index than we
made, all matters of pure form, not
substance. He is prepared to
stand on the C's conclusions as given,
they are sound.

"I don't mean to say that at
some stage somebody might
have turned up with some evidence
we weren't able to adduce."

What he'd do over again? He would
"stand by the report, considering the
time we had to do it in and
the fact that you did have to
arrive in a reasonable time
to a report."

If do over again, would insist on
autopsy photos & xrays. Had best
evidence, completely sufficient to
doctors' evidence — X & the in
anclous can be seen by any body
"on proper arrangements." But what
doctors themselves had seen was
best evidence?

WK Ever any suggestion an indep.
medical examiner did look at
the PL & X rays?
understands after WK, suggest under.

JJ Mc It's no doubt that under
proper arrangements that exam
could be made. WC did not
set the rules — Nat'l Anclous did,
Gov't determines.

WKR re "Although not necessary to any
essential findings..."

JTM Does not wish comment on any
questions of evidence, would be
unfortunate. Life-bullet for hand's
about a Gov't deal.