

CLIPPINGS ON THE 40,000 PAGES
(Copies available on request)

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1. 11/30/77, Zodiac News Service, on Belmont memo of 11/24 (#95), from Tom Miller
2. 12/2, AP (Margaret Gentry), in the Washington Post: re 597 pp., ammo memo, and Oswald's movements in fall 1963.
3. 12/2, same story, S.F. Examiner: an apparently later version, with less prominence to the ammo memo and more to Oswald's movements.
4. 12/3, Dallas Morning News, Earl Golz; re Belmont-to Tolson memo of 11/24, etc.
5. 12/12 (out 12/5), Newsweek, p. 35; Bonventure, Martin & Lindsay, on the 597 pages: ammo memo, Army/Hidell, and Oswald's movements; the new material is "largely favorable to the FBI"; a slightly insulting tone re the buffs.
6. 12/7, UPI in the S.F. Examiner (East Bay [early] edition). Re urgent Walsh and Hoover messages right after the ass'n, Spanish report that Castro did it; various crank reports; Ruby and Cuba, etc.
7. 12/7, UPI (David Nagy), in the S.F. Examiner, later edition. Hoover's conspiracy suspicions; letters apparently not given to WC; Hoover's 12/12 memo re talk with LBJ; help from CIA; talk with Rowley; Ruby; next batch may shed light on what LHO said during questioning, etc.
8. 12/7, additional UPI stories, same paper: How Ruby got near Oswald; the Sibert-O'Neill report on the autopsy "which had not been released before," Oswald's account of shooting at Gen. Walker (interview of Marina, USSR file, etc.); [WC] leaks: they at first tied one to Ford.
9. 12/7, AP, in S.F. Examiner: Bobby got word first? (of JFK's death)
10. 12/7, same paper, source not indicated: why files were released, and what's being deleted.
11. 12/7, same paper, no source: Text of Hoover's memo of 11/22 (5:15) re talk with Schlei. LHO probably the man, etc.
12. 12/7, AP in Oakland Tribune, late (closing stocks) edition: JEH thought LHO a mean-minded nut; call to RFK; no "immediate or astounding new insight," LA Cuban story; Pedro Charles letter ("But the initial scrutiny of the files did not indicate whether this was a meaningful clue or ... a headline seeker"), JEH concern about FBI image; talks with RFK, etc.

13. 12/7, Reuter (full wire story) (3 pp.) "A plethora of trivia," LHO's deodorant; immense FBI effort; LHO exam at 13 (Hartogs); access to military secrets, etc.
14. 12/8, AP in NYT (City edition): Hoover certain LHO did it; wondered about Cuban conspiracy; no info contradicting the WR seen so far; JEH 12/12 memo; pressure from Katzenbach, etc; with text of 12/12 memo re Rankin conversation.
15. 12/8, Marjorie Hunter in same paper; re AIB, the scene at the FBI, etc.
16. 12/8, Jackson & Kempster, L.A. Times: nothing to alter WR finding; JEH-RFK, JEH 12/12 memo; Pedro Charles letter; LA Cuban story; cranks; Ruby, etc.
17. 12/8, UP in S.F. Chronicle: Cuban leads "apparently uncheckable," Hosty told to shut up; Rowley; Hoover's 12/12 memo; CIA cooperation
18. 12/8 S.F. Chronicle, p. 6: same as #15, with local addition quoting Scott and Hoch
19. Same paper, 2 more UP stories: Ruby's motive; JFK's last words (1)
20. Same paper, AP on memos on Hoover's concern with press (WP editorial killed; concern about unfavorable Pearson column)
21. 12/8, Oakland Tribune, 6 a.m. edition; UPI: variant of #17.
22. Same paper, additional UP stories: report on autopsy; FBI checked crank leads; coincidence gave Ruby his chance; "word-by-word report" on LHO's address book was in the 40,000 pages - a jumble of notes.
23. 12/8, S.F. Examiner, AP: nut reports.
24. Same paper, UPI: what Jackie & Connally said; discrepancy in reports of JFK's last words.
25. Same paper, Knight News Service (Saul Friedman): Hoover's zeal in defending FBI; his anger at McCone leaks (1); JEH call to RFK, etc.
26. Same paper, p. 21: from NY News: Ruby said he was blinded by fury
27. Same paper, p. 46: Silly editorial, "Paper flood in JFK ass'n"
28. 12/9/77, S.F. Chronicle, p. 14, UP: What next batch of papers will tell. (Will bring file up to date; no major new revelations, says FBI spokesman; also: CIA said LHO not informant; LHO a hostile, hermit-like Marine, etc., but WR stands.)

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29. 12/7/77, Dallas Times-Herald, Dudney; FBI files renew questions on JFK. (From MEF. Mentions ammo memo)
 30. 12/8/77, Washington Post, p. 1-12. Claiborne & Lardner, "Bickering [or "Infighting"], but little new evidence" (2 versions) (A major story)
 31. Same paper, p. 1-12; Jacobs & Kessler; "Tips, tipsters probed"
 32. Same paper, p. 12; Sinclair; "All for the answer: a nation of unrelenting skeptics" (re Weisberg, AIB, etc.)
 33. Same paper, p. 13; Valentine; "FBI tried to avert Post editorials"
 34. Wash. Star, 12/8 (Night final edition), O'Leary & Dickenson; "Ford reported to FBI on Warren Panel." (Leak of "D" story to Pearson, and other major topics.)
 35. 12/8, Scripps-Howard wire (Goldenberg & West), various topics [Lab tests on the paper bag are referred to as tiny details!]
 36. 12/8, Wash. Star, Night Final edition; Dickenson; "Oswald: He had 'strong beliefs against everything'."
 37. 12/9, Frederick Post, p. D-12; Fouche; "FBI should have released JFK files long ago - Weisberg." (Goes into ex. sess. evidence on leak of FBI report, etc.)
 38. 12/9, Wash. Post, p. 1-8; Lardner & Claiborne; "Investigative unit for Warren panel opposed by FBI" (and other topics - e.g., Hoover on Lynd & Manns. Good.)
 39. 12/9, Wash. Star, p. 1-6; O'Leary & Dickenson; "Oswald plan to move here bared." (Another old 'new' item. Other topics covered. My copy is incomplete.)

40. Same paper; Dickenson; "Quarter ton of files fail to change varying views on Kennedy death." (Various topics, including medical; 'jet effect' mentioned.)
41. Same paper; Outrageous editorial (suggesting anti-conspiracy p111!)
42. Wash. Post, 12/10, p. B11; Jack Anderson on Army-Hide11 (turning it around!!)
43. Phila. Sunday Bulletin, 12/11, p. 4; Daughen; "Warren panel's critics unconvinced by FBI papers." (Quotes Katz, Hoch)
44. Village Voice, 12/12, p. 12 (Cockburn-Press clips) Passing reference to drowning the press in paper.
45. S.F. Examiner-Chronicle, 12/18, p. TW8 (wrapup - emphasis on Pedro Charles)
46. Same paper, p. SS9; Liz Smith column confusedly mentioning Lattimer, the 40K pp., &c.
47. Newsweek, 12/19 (out 12/12), p. 28-33; Boeth, Clark & Lindsay. Ghastly! Precise but very misleading paragraph on the "no exit" story at the autopsy - they must have had a good source! Many topics covered.

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48. Time, 12/19 (out 12/12), p. 18-24; "The FBI story on JFK's death." The files have come down to 60 lbs. now. Sloppy; misquotes ammo memo. Sidebar: "Freedom has become license under the Information Act."
49. U.S. News & World Report, 12/19, p. 15; "JFK killing: FBI files raise questions, give no answers." (Better than the previous 2 items.)
50. S.F. Chronicle, 12/19/77, p. 7 - A.P. (based on DMN [Golz] story) - "Why FBI watched assassination author" (Priscilla) [Erroneously states the FBI considered her a suspect in the assassination.]