

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

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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  $\approx$  all the  
evidence on him ... and not begin  $\approx$  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  
JEH (!) "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 the <sup>nature</sup> ~~kind~~, 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 satisfied &  
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 just deal.