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Thursday 9/21/78 (Continued)

Blekey introd. gov. of D of J. Sr. officials were active in supervising the invest. Katzenbach coordinated D of J activities, he backed a WR he set up. When WC set up, D of J no longer involved but did liaison work w/ WC. Introd. Ndo Katzenbach, now @ IBM.

Katz (Cornwall) already took long deposition, HSC has transcript. Suggests members start per Katz.

McKenney he was exerting tremendous pressure to get FBI report out, per memo to Moyers 11/25. Why? Because of amt of speculation or conspiracy etc here are abroad (even HBT speculations). Seemed I think further inf could be made available, the letter. McK does he think pressure might have hurt accuracy & credibility of the report? Katz not connected, Had in mind those & complete investing, like WC.

McK discuss his recollection of origin of WC.

Katz idea had several parents. Thought it was good idea. Did not believe would be credible if remained entirely in Executive Branch.

He never opposed a WC but was in awkward position, was virtually acting as Atty Gen, obvious to all that FBI would resent a WC. If he was known to back it, would affect his relations w JETT.

McK describe role & feelings of Atty Gen RFK at that time.

Katz RFK world came apart. Was devastated by personal loss and sudden halt of work of JFK admin.

He said, o would bring his brother back to life.

The whole dream was over.

McK he was not aware of tremendous pressure from State Dept. until saw Katz deposition.

Katz State Dept. contacted him several times, 120 embassies, each ambassador being flooded by questions, State Dept. concerned w credibility & foreign govt.

McK was it that LBJ position in question until case was solved?

Katz well, LBJ relatively unknown.

McK describe his relationships w JETT.

Katz never had great deal contact w JETT, He had consid animosity → RFK. Did not like fact RFK closer than JETT to JFK. He had cold relationship → JFK.

McK wasn't RFK vs org crime a stop on face FBI?

Katz yes, & also resented civil rights. Had less tolerance & criticism than anyone he ever knew.

McK FBI refused liaison & WC also refused report to Katz himself (Belmont to Tolson memo).

Katz he did not see it at the time. Belmont never faced him or Warren & any flat refusal of liaison at org. meeting of WC, did not wish go & have to answer questions before FBI report was complete. Warren accepted that.

McK how to regard FBI coop & WC?

Katz always felt well do everything asked, do it well & professionally, if they liked it or not. Still has highest opinion of FBI.

McK but FBI withheld vital info from WC?

Katz very surprised they did that, concealed Castro plots, maybe thought Dulles would tell.

McK FBI & CIA not on speaking terms?

Katz something like that, & liaison at lower levels. Assumed Dulles or WC would ensure WC had full access CIA files. Is surprised was not so. Cannot think of anything offered to prevent repetition. In last analysis, must rely on integrity & competence of high officials.

McK how he feel about DoK memos accusing Katz of leaks to press? Why FBI start leaking to their favorite reporters?

Katz because of their resentment of WC. Wanted to be center of stage, get credit for the investigation.

McK also possible -?

Katz doubts FBI thought were any deficiencies in its report.

McK Church Com. no facts not provided to WC, and JEH resented when RFK or Katz talked directly to any FBI agent - Stowell attitude
→ WC Atty-Gen etc?

Katz yes, can be viewed that way. Jealous of resp. 4 all investigations. Resented any contacts outside FBI bureaucracy, not all bad, just did not wish be perceived by views of an agent in the field.

McK If FBI & CIA wholly open to WC, any different result or different timing of report or greater credibility WR?

Katz would have interpreted certain investigation but results were correct in his view. But if made public, perhaps HSC would not have been needed.

McK WC by luck hit right results?

Katz lucky too strong a word. WC did good job.

McK feel that pressure from state W/H etc really caused WC = FBI to rush their work?

Katz maybe first FBI report was hasty but WC took about a yr and did not seem affected by pressure.

Preyer if ever a similar situation, would he still need a WC or rely on judicial system alone?

Katz hard to say. If Ruby had not shot LHO, would have been different story. If circs identical, would do things exactly same way.

Preyer would he advise WC use own investigators or rely on FBI, if had it 2 do again?

Katz doubts if could find any indep. investigators and would probably have to rely on FBI.

Dodd re memo to Mayers of 11/25/63, saying public must be satisfied LHO lone assassin, leading to charges just rubber - Stamp DP = FBI findings.

What was his motivation?

Katz public had to be satisfied FBI conclusion was correct. He felt all of the facts had to be made public.

Dodd is still perplexed, why in public interest to prove 3 days after Dallas, that LHO lone assassin?

Katz knew then already facts about LHO, in USSR, in Mexico, and had to make persuasive case re conspiracy, yes or no, better not cover up anything, say now that all of the facts must be made public. Perhaps his memo to Mayers was not well-phrased.

Dodd memo also says, facts about LHO seem too pat. Does he detect feeling more to this than meet the eye, that LHO not alone, had been set up?

Katz had no view one way or another.

Dodd in his deposition (p. 22) he said never believed were any assn. plots. LBJ asked Helms who flatly denied CIA had anyone involved (in Dom. Rep. ??), had no assn plots.

Katz DNR exact terms of the conversation. Had to do = Vietnam. He was satisfied we did not engage in that kind of activity.

Sawyer Hart x - CIA re Nosenko said got ok from Katzenbach: True?

Katz DNR any conversation re N = Helms.

Does not think he ever authorized putting anyone in jail 4 3 yrs. DNR, maybe.

Ford no ques now.

Feltman (not quite ready) Can he shed light on how FBI should have proceeded on Ruby & org. crime?

Katz normal way, electronic devices, certainly massive data in FBI on org. crime.

Feltman re Herbert-Greifin memo to Willens (Feb 64) Contains recs 4 + 4 ambitious effort that was made re org crime. Asked Raskin get phone records, etc. by towns, names. What recs would Katz have made to FBI to pursue possible org. crime complexity? Isnt this area 4 greatest interaction DJ-FBI?

Katz he did not make recs to WC. Willens was liaison & D of J, he had consid. experience & org. crime. He would not have interfered.

Feltman but real investigation done by FBI. Is he satisfied FBI did adequate job re org crime?

Katz is not in position to say. No, no one came from WC discuss org crime aspects & him or D of J org crime division. Willens competent do so. D of J job was give WC any support requested, not to interfere.

Devore Stokes re Nosenko, who came and asked
 4 permission detain N? Katz no recollection
 any such conversation, with Helms or anyone else.
 How learn of N? When Ed Epstein called him
 a few months ago, was first to ever heard of N.
 Was he ever asked OK treating any defector per N? No,
 CIA came to him only 4 writup or possess a book.
 No conversation = Helms re N? Certain that he does
 not recall it, cannot flatly deny.

Sawyer Hart testified re Helms → Katzerbook, describes
 custody of N, separate facility, fault, bank-vault, etc.
 CIA claimed Katz told Helms, would be legal.
 Could not believe that. Katz if it had happened
 he would remember it.

Katz (5 min) regret WR inadequate, if it was,
 ready to HSC reexamination.

Recess to 9am Friday

NT/JV: CIA doc shows con Keng & using LHO as
 asset after his return from USSR: Helms denied
 that to WC. He said no contact, not even
 contemplated. Helms pleaded guilty re CIA in Chile
 was fined \$2000 felt it badge of honor.
 Also has in Dulles covered CIA how deal = WC a
 avoid perjury.

Friday 9/22/78

NT/JV:

Helms will probably be asked why he lied WC re CIA plans recruit LHO as informant. Pleaded no context or failure testify fully to Senate re Chile (instead of perjury charge). Will also be asked re CIA plots vs Castro, why did not tell WC re plots and Mexico. Told HSC they behind closed doors (?), said HSC was as stupid as reporters.

Blaney

Was CIA post-asm integrity of LHO thorough & reliable? Did CIA share its list & others? Was there pre-asm re LHO or complicity in asm or did CIA try hide to prevent suspicion of complicity? (Gives history of CIA.) 5 main branches, Office of Director, Operations, Intelligence, S&T, Management & Services. Also front groups like Radio Free Europe, airlines, holding companies, NSA. Rockefeller Com 1974-75 investigating charges large-scale spying, break-ins, wiretaps. Concluded CIA engaged in wrongful activities. Re LHO, CIA agreement file Oct. 1959. On his return USA, was of interest to CIA, whom went Mexico & Soviet/Cuban Embassies. CIA file said, 35 yrs old, Lee Henry Oswald. Now known CIA → Castro → Mexico → Ambash. No evidence WC knew. Critics challenged WC conclusion, notes LHO re CIA. Quotes name R 2J & Code Name Zero, claims LHO worked 4 FBI and CIA. HSC undertaken assess CIA performance in re LHO & WC. Explicitly tried determine if LHO had ties to CIA, Acritemizes CIA 742 volumes on LHO. Helms was dep director plans Nov 63. In 1964 he worked re WC day 2 day basis. Appointed Dep CIA 1966-1973 → Iran as Ambassador.

HSC & CIA have agreed on release news docs. On 8/9/78 Helms testifies on classified docs that will not be brought up today.

Helms

(counsel Goldsmith) series of letters authorizes him testify freely to HSC on 8/9/78. Exh 536 A & B = letters 1978 authorizing Helms testify fully & truthfully but go into execution session if classified inf. is involved. His function 1963? Performed certain covert activities overseas. (Exh 94 125 126 127 to Helms.)

(His attorney is present, Gregory —?) Description is highly classified. In 1963 (reads from 8/9/78 transcript) espionage outside USA was function.

What role CIA have in investigating JFK case? When WC formed, gave full

Coop = WC + FBI, felt DT + FBI were lead agencies. Role secondary to FBI. As DD Plans, he saw to it that inquiries from FBI or WC answered.

Counter-Intelligence staff = DDP rep. for coord. flow communication = FBI + WC. Was JFK case concerned in Counter-Intelligence terms?

Not concerned as anything at all, as matt tragedy, given to CI

because CI always did liaison = FBI. Mexico was chief area of CIA interest in early days, then to come + + far-ranging. Recalls no

complaint by desk officer of interference by Angleton. Role of

McCone as Director CIA was to ensure emp & power assigned

to Coop = WC + FBI. Assumes he was kept regularly informed of the progress of the investigation. Is not aware McCone was ever dissatisfied

with flow of information up CIA to him. Feels division of resp

between FBI = CIA was only possible arrangement. Recalls no

procedural problems = FBI, memory not clear on problems

of substance, maybe yes, but DNR. Re Nosenko case, was difference of interpretation. FBI told WC what N told them, later CIA had to tell WC was gen of N bona fide. In CIA suspected Soviet and/or Cuban involvement in JFK assn. Foreign conspiracy was a prime concern. Hard believe N that KGB never in touch w HTO. Was everything given to WC? Maybe not as prompt as should have been. Only constraint was 2B careful re CIA sources & methods, but held a book. As general rule, yet, waiting for request from WC before giving inf. Re rule of Dulles, he played no special role, was in touch w CIA 2 or 3 occasions. Had no effect on conduct CIA re WC. Exh. 529 shown, does it refresh his memory on Dulles help to CIA? Does not interpret memo that way, issue was how best help WC w/ its report re Nosenko.

Stokes

Tell us what role he played re N. When N defected & came to US, he was involved in basic decisions made on his handling, interrogation, etc. Was he constantly in charge N case? No, was never "in charge", Director & other officials involved, Helms was not controlling authority. Yes, he is familiar with HTO. Is not familiar w Host report, was briefed on 2 earlier reports on N tho DNR reading them. Yes, N was in custody CIA on arrival US. Re legal authority of detaining N: he told HSC on 8/9/78 N 1964-69 characterized several different ways. To clarify N legal status, he is not prepared do so, as not a lawyer. (Reads prepared statement.) CIA had to determine if N was bona fide or a downturning agent covering HTO was Soviet

Agent when shot JFK. Was not easy task. In April 1964 he + 2 CIA's met w
 Katzenbach, Foley, Reese + another DofJ official, to define N legal
 status in US. Was memo + record on April 2, 64 meeting, declassified
 by CIA in Sept. 78. DofJ fully informed re N, "exclusion and parole
 status" by INS, to remain in custody CIA until determined if he
 should be deported or stay. DofJ said CIA could detain N. Directors
 CIA + FBI and Atty-Gen all approved detention N (and others). Custody
 was authorized. What did Katzenbach say at the meeting? In
 the memo + record - whole series of problems were presented,
 on which Katzenbach gave advice. Stokes says, Katzenbach
 yesterday testified DNR anyone came to ask re N at any time,
 first learned about N from Epstein. (Quotes long section re
 only wiretaps + broke suppression.) How can he reconcile that + his
 statement? Hard to do so. Reads memo + record by L. Huston
 Council of CIA dated 4/3/64 on meeting = Katzenbach - his staff -
 Stokes: Then Katz testimony not true? No, is not. Had his attorney
 contact Katzenbach some weeks ago about the meeting. (Encl 413
 = CIA memo + record on DofJ meeting, entered into record.)
 Stokes: memo gives no inf. on way CIA intended deal w N? No, was
 then under consid by CIA, Katz not involved in way N was treated.
 N in CIA custody 1964-1969 or 1970. In 1964, Office of Security was
 resp. for treatment + Soviet Bloc resp his interrogation. In 1967
 he decided case had 2 be resolved, N turned over to office of
 Office of Security to decide home files or resettlement. Was

puzzled by Hart testimony, excluding completely what N had to say re LHO, purpose seemed to solely to excoriate CIA & N treatment. He never heard of or considered "liquidation" memo by DC/SB. When did Security take over? Sometime in 1967. Assumed primary respons. per rec of Adm. R. Taylor. Why interrogation transferred to Security? Was a change in approach, from hostile to friendly interreg. 1964-67, "spartan custody" 1967 → very comfortable conditions. Was being held in jail, per Hart, and Helms agrees. Did CIA SR custodians know LHO case? DNR They did at first, problem was to get info from N as basis for judging his bona fides, so questioning was not directed to LHO. Yes, he said he was KGB officer. Yes, they know LHO had been in USSR.

Not logical get everything N knew re LHO to establish bona fides?

Thoughts were 4-5 interrogations by FBI as well as CIA on LHO.

That was basis for his going to Warren to say, could not vouch for N's bona fides. Helms feels that in posing these questions he is damned if he does, damned if he doesn't. N wanted only drink & carouse. Was he regularly informed everything N saying & doing? FBI & WC had 2 be kept informed 1964, after which CIA continued try evaluate N. What directives did he give his subordinates on how often they should report to him? Was understood Helms was to be informed if any breakthrough. Went to Warren & briefed him, what else could he have done? Give him full picture.

Told Warren that whatever FBI had said about N, CIA could not vouch for N bona fides. DNR had often been briefed re N. Was N asked large no ques re LHO? Nothing was more crisp, but little was known re LHO at that time. Was not CIA jurisdiction keep eye on LHO when he was back in US. Had no means of indep. verification N statements on LHO in USSR. States: Hart testified (quote) N not interrogated 77% of his x in CIA custody. Helms has no comment on that, hopes HSC has verified Hart's allegation, but he has no basis for contesting Hart's statement. What was CIA position 1967 on N's bona fides? Was decision of opinion, he never came to any final conclusions himself. States: In January 1968, what was CIA position? He never made a personal decision re N's bona fides. Or on N's veracity re LHO. That is why he went to Warren, because he did not believe N re LHO. Yes, if N not bona fide, consequences for intelligence community were great. Yes, he told HSC never signed off on paper making N CIA consultant, based his impression N to be contractor. DNR then that N was "consultant" is a semantic problem, sorry if he misled HSC. (Exh. 531 given to Helms) (5 Oct 72 memo re retroactive reimbursement of N) Yes, he did sign this doc. Pgs 6, 7, and 9 (Helms reads them aloud) (various payments to N) (Discussion of whether N was agent or consultant) (Exh 537 to Helms) (an interview presented by HSC to CIA) Does not recall participation in any decision N was bona fide defector.

Discussion of N's employment record in CIA, roles of Helms & Malone in N's employment, payments to him, following acceptance N's bona fides in 1968 Helms authorizing N employment and retroactive payments made. Malone played no role on N's job. Anything in interrogation that is untrue? He quarrels & acceptance N bona fides in 1968. He has no recollection that happened. Still thinks CIA never arrived at decision on N's bona fides. How does Helms justify payments to N if not bona fide? True that N gave CIA useful inf. on Soviet activities, tho not on LHO case. Had no option but try resettle N in US. (10-min Recess at 11:05)

NT/JV: At outset, Helms was released from CIA oath and reminded must tell truth, not hide behind oath. As in case of Chile. Helms resorted to several written statements, does not want to be tripped up. He presents papers to show he did meet & Katynsk, despite K testimony. Still a lot of ques re No Angleton & others convinced a mole had infiltrated CIA Soviet bloc section. So far, no ques to Helms re CIA & WC except re Dulles. Document indicates Dulles privately considered CIA how reply WC ques re was LHO a CIA recruit. Other docs show that CIA at very least considered using LHO after he returned to US. Notes Blakey statement that some material still classified, loophole to exclude ques re Castro plots, Mafia, etc. If not plain language ques = answers, only resort to docs we cannot see, will fuel conspiracy speculations. Is also ga of Morley, photos and tapes. Only CIA could give authoritative inf on LHO in Mexico (threats US JFK) and in USSR.

Helms to clarify his remarks re Katzenbach. Did not mean to say Katz testimony untrue. Intended to say could not judge his memory, not to question his integrity or honesty.

Stokes If proven N statements re LHO untrue, how Helms evaluate his broader statements? That is just the pt. No one finds N as LHO credible, so hears views of other inf. he gave. Does not know how to resolve that problem. If N not bona fide, may be KGB plant to deceive US? Yes. Present in CIA minds. By implication, would mean LHO was KGB agent. Dangerous for him going from one assumption to another and extrapolate... Can give no more help on that. To what extent if any did N's story on LHO change after 1968? DNR much change but really no familiar w the variations in N's story, Hart could know. No, was no index, correct, any part of N story on LHO. Yes, aware N had 3 polygraph tests. On basis does he read recently, one was psychological trick, 2 were effort establish his credibility, could not figure out results. Yes, he is aware last polygraph evaluated "truthful" and related to N resettlement, but polygraph is only an aid to interrogation. Yes, polygraph No 3 was part of effort to wind up N case. FIC's trained to beat the polygraph, Americans trained to tell truth. Stokes: in 1st test many ques re LHO, in 1968 test only 2 re LHO, why? Has no idea, his memory is a blank. No, not less info in 1968, but objective was resolve & resettle.

Takes press conflict as polygraph between Hart & Helms. Hart says
 was used solely to intimidate and break N, not to establish his
 veracity. (Reads long passages from Hart testimony) (SB wanted
 to fabricate a N confession → disposal of N) Any comments?
 His understanding was first test designed as a pressure on N 2 confes.
 thought the last 2 were normal polygraphs. Know o about a
 rigged confession or disposal (lurid!). Never brought to his
 attention? No, was not. Was Security Officer in neutral
 capacity when he entered the scene? Clear that
 hostile interrog was getting nowhere. Yes, was most
 frustrating thing in his life. Re meeting w Warren, did
 he tell him CIA did not think N was bona fide?
 He said, do not know, cannot vouch 4 him. He took
 a middle position. Re report of FBI to WC on N interviews,
 did CIA prepare such a doc? What was substance of
 N's story re LHO? Does not think there is a document.
 He never saw one. At meeting w Warren, did not go
 into substance of what N said re LHO. Warren was
 reasonable about it. Did WC or staff ever ask to see N
 themselves? Not aware of it. Did he tell WC April 64
 that N → solitary confinement? DNR at all. Should
 WC have been told? Hard to answer, feels relevant
 if was given to WC. Does not think anything
 "extraordinary" in treating N during WC term.
 No one should have been surprised N being kept in
 solitary - would you put him in Helton?

Decision to put N in solitary was joint decision of those involved, esp. those 2 do the interrog. A lot of ppl were involved in that decision. As of 4/4/64? DN knows, assumes it went to Director, sure he self was a party to the decision. What was his input? Assumes he agreed that hostile interrog shd be tried, tho had no idea would drag on so long. Re conditns under which N placed, Helms earlier told HSC "perfectly adequate living conditions." Yes, that is what he said, based on what he was told. Is accurate description of first place where N held. When conditns change? Some months later, DNR when, but facility had 2 he built. Does not know how many x N location was changed. Can he describe any of the places where N held? Saw place yrs later, not while N was there. Did have it inspected at time was built and was assured it was OK, not too rigorous. Prior 4/4/64, had N been on vacation in Hawaii & CIA officers 4 2 wks? (Reply is not clear) N self told HSC he was held in 2 different places, he assumes that is true, changes his reply to indicate does not know where N held - when was transferred. States: HSC got affidavit from N setting forth exactly how he was treated April 64 to end 67 by CIA (reads affid) - (catalogue of horrors). Is that a bona fide account? Has no basis for saying yes or no.

Got somewhat different version from a CIA colleague, felt N
 acct somewhat exaggerated. Yes, was a request to use
 drugs on N, but he said no, and not to be mistreated
 physically, & was regularly checked by a doctor. States:
 I had verified everything in N affidavit. Still say he knows
 o of those Spartan conditions? Yes, Spartan he knew, but
 did not know the details. Yes, has been told N got beef food.
 Accepts Spartan treatment started April 1964. When WR
 issued Sept 1964, why not then tell WC conditions of N
 custody? WC knew N in CIA custody, not aware WC
 ever told precise conditions.

(Recess to 1:30 pm) (12:15)

NT/JV Quo to Helms not directed to inf given to WC re LHO but
 to N's treatment. Helms still not appalled. But fact is
 N case not directly related to JFK assass yet spent
 most of morning on N case. JV: blows his mind, that
 this could happen in a free country, a democracy.
 Shameful story, to which Rockefeller gave 385! Helms
 suggests, solitary for all defectors. He was not pressed
 on diversion construction of a special house to confine N,
 and time implications. Remarkable statement by Helms,
 that EE's and Agents could beat the polygraph,
 but Americans tell truth - an affront, obvious
 nonsense. In afternoon, assass will get into
 Castro plots, mafia, use LHO, Dallas role

NT/JV:

Adm. William Rayburn in charge CIA when N put in solitary.
 (1:30) Helms "copped a plea" to misdemeanor, Bell opposed felony (perjury) charges, negotiated "no contest" plea. Bell & Civiletti tried explain to reporters 4 hr. feared if trial Helms would invoke highly classified CIA files in his defense. Judge gave Helms brutal tongue-lashing but not jail, Helms was outraged, "badge of honor". Today he was emphatically told he could not use secrecy oath to withhold full replies to HSC. All morning given to N. AIB very concerned HSC not going into WR not told plots Castro, Mafia, CIA use HHO contemplated, CIA Mexico photos, tapes, and little time remains 4 these areas. Will be furor if "nat'l security" or "classified" invoked.

Dodd

Clarify "EE" cheat polygraph. Helms no offense intended. Exh. 413A to Helms, letter 4/3/64, Huston CIA gen. counsel. No signature on this letter. Concerned re credibility this letter. Yes, is same Huston who briefed RFK on CIA plots Castro, Mafia. His own appt. to RFK some day was cancelled. They tell RFK that day CIA Mafia plots terminated, no longer active? Assumes so. But RFK not told plots reactivated & CIA had continuing relationship with Mafia? Didn't Sheffield & Edwards lie when they told RFK plots no longer existed? Does not know how to judge one way or the other. Why Huston did not sign the 4/3/64 letter? Does not know, is copy not original, HSC should ask Huston himself. Re inf to WC, he did say tried give all inf WC promptly as possible.

Dodd

Has series of yrs re assn plots. Any number WC or stuff
 later told by CIA of Castro assn plots? Does not know what WC
 knew. He did not tell them but Dulles & Russell were aware.

In August 78 Helms testified 2 HSC (p. 22) that only real plot
 was before by Pigo involving Mafia chieftain? Yes, would pay
 some today. Already said publicly sorry about use of Mafia.
 Rosselli & Giancana the principals? Thomas Traffante also involved.
 Who was Helms self involved with? Wm. Harvey → Rosselli,
 poison pills (never left US), was not described to him as assn. plot.
 Anyone else? Only Harvey. Never met Rosselli or Giancana.

(Exh. 527 to Helms, pp 2-4, Inspector-General's report of 1967, on
 CIA assn. plots) Reads "we can ID 5 sep. phases in assn.
 planning..." How does Helms explain 5 sep. areas vs his testimony only
 one? Jurid language in this report. Were efforts 2 upset Castro
 regime, not assn. plots. Yes, what they call 5 he calls one.
 Did he take issue = IG's report when he got it 11 yrs ago? No,
 used it as a fact-finding doc. only & never expected to
 see it in public domain. Is all one and the same operation.
 Only serious one was Rosselli-Harvey planning. The pomantreas
 are incendiary but not clear. Was US policy not CIA policy
 to wreck Cuba, and if it spilled over into assn., well...
 Did McCone know of these efforts get rid Castro? He was in
 the vanguard, pushed hard to topple Castro, does not
 know if he did or didn't know of efforts kill Castro
 personally. Elder Guy McCone told him tell Helms

not to resort to assn. He DNR any such Elder conversation or instructions. He thinks he told McCone re pre-B of Pigs episode. Does not know what McCone knew post-B of Pigs. He had access to all inf in CIA. Just had to ask. But McCone says he not informed re plots - did not authorize them. Talk issue = that? No, does not intend get into lengthy hassle = McCone. Has no way of knowing if true or not. Recall when he told McCone? August 63? Wld not argue = that. Was not his function to tell WC re plots, was 4 Director to do. Did not tell anyone connected = WC, no. Did CIA have any hypotheses?

Helms said, entire US Govt concerned re foreign involvement (from Helms' earlier HSC testimony). Was Cuban complicity as mind various ppl = Helms? Yes, yes, was aware Hto sigs in USSR, Nordic pamphlets pro-Castro. In that light, why didn't he tell WC re efforts get rid Castro? Because was known to Atty Gen, Secy of State, all kinds of ppl, why single him out 4 not telling WC? RFK knew very well of efforts 2 unseat Castro, pushed those efforts, vetoed only Mafia, not unseating. Why didn't he tell WC?

Sorry he didn't, in retrospect would have done a lot of things differently. People get killed in coups. Assn? Is semantic qu. He shld not get sole blame 4 not telling WC. Did CIA know if Castro aware of plots? Does not know. Any effort find out if he knew? Had few resources in Cuba. Got little inf out.

Dodd

Was it conscious decision not to tell WC? Never occurred to him to talk outside CIA re covert operations. It was a mistake, no doubt about it (heavy sarcasm). Gave only response to WC requests? Yes, generally, role was respond to requests, not to volunteer inf. Exh. 520 to Helms (11 Aug 64, inf on LHO to CIA from Cuban defector, memo to Helms) Dodd reads, "must furnish to WC substance of — inf" discuss on restricted basis & Rankin, put 0 in writing. Isn't this case where CIA was to volunteer inf? Yes, looks like it.

Why tell in this case? Can only assume it was of obvious interest to work of WC. Yes, also volunteered to Warren views on Nosenko. Yes, judged both cases as relevant to work of WC. Then why were efforts unseat Castro not also relevant? Sorry, it's an untidy world. Any other inf kept from WC, apart from Castro plots? Does not know of any others. None come to his mind. LBJ aware of plots?

Yes, when Helms told him after Drew Pearson column.

Yes, he was told specifically re plots and Mafia.

Around 5/10/67. LBJ aware of Amalash? Believes he told him.

Was Amalash not CIA who was passing for Castro assn.

Hard to know when effort to unseat becomes effort to assn.

Exh. 527 to Helms, p. 94 of CIA 1967 IG report. Deals & Amalash (Cubela) a poison pen, 11/22/63 Paris meeting. Dodd reads

"likely that when TFK shot CIA was giving Amalash assn device vs Castro in Paris"

Dodd

Helms says, yes, poison hypodermic, given to Amulash at his request, O ever came of it. Sorry did not give him a pistol, if you want to have it that way ("assn plot") Go ahead. (Shouting match Helms - Dodd.) (Nit-picking and Stone-walling.) Was Amulash operation secure? Some one alleged were leaks, not secure, he does not believe was a double-agent operation. Even if Castro did not know CIA Amulash Mafia, he could have guessed. Gives Helms memo by X-CIA, cryptonym. Was involved in efforts US Cuba and 2 prevent penetration by Cuban intelligence. Helms says, does not know merit of allegation might have been in-secure operation. Crypto says in memo Amulash was CIA plot vs Castro. Helms says, HSC knows more about it than he does.

Chair(Fitzbin)

Foot HTO knew US radar 1959 of interest. May be had U-2 inf. Was CIA aware HTO defection & knowledge radar? CIA would not have regarded HTO as its respons, was a Navy matter. Did hear from State Dept but had no jurisdiction. Did not make effort assess damage done if HTO gave data to Russians. Yes, normally CIA would have tried interview HTO on return, but in this case it was a Navy matter. Reasonable HSC assume HTO "uninteresting target to KGB"? Does not understand that assertion. Anyone who tried to defect would be grabbed by KGB to see if he was bona fide. Improbable? Certainly.

Fitzhugh Was not N assertion no KGB interest LHO ever, basis 4 judging his bona fides? He never took decision on that, did decide he should be resettled. Fitz says, impossible understand why paid N huge sums. Helms, difficult handle these defectors. Put them on welfare? N in some areas did give useful inf.

Goldsmith Blakey (?) to ask a moral qu. Tell HSC what moral justification 4 CIA alliances = Mafia? Was none, error of judgment, has apologized.

Goldsmith Ed 518 to Helms, summary of conversation = Louisa Calderon, possible Cuban intelligence operative. CIA gave it to HSC. Raises possibility of foreknowledge of assn by Cuban agent. Ever come to his attention? DNR. To WR? No idea.

Should have gone to WC? Thinks so, wasn't it? CIA ever conduct investigation to see if LHO connected = CIA? Yes. McCone gave affidavit saying none, however hear Blakey allege today LHO had some relationship = CIA. What did CIA investigation involve? Examination of records, questioning of officials, DNR in detail. Any written report filed? Does not know, sees no need 4 one. (Insolence - let HSC run intelligence) Ed 526 to Helms, memo 25 Nov 63, "laying of interviews = LHO".

Does it suggest CIA contemplated contacts = LHO? Not CIA, one individual, and Goldsmith as lawyer should be ++ precise. (Checkus = Goldsmith)

Goldsmitz

What FU to this memo? Has no idea. Re last line, "the Harney story" what that means? Does not know.

No, did not debrief LHO. Was not SOL, was 4 Navy to debrief. CIA had no interest any way LHO get Meusk?

Yes, thru Navy, Ever get it from Navy? Does not know.

Ever interview author this memo? Does not know.

What is a 201 file? Simply no, given to types of file

in which personality inf is placed. Why open one on LHO?

At some pt a decision must have been made that LHO was of continuing interest and so a file was opened. Esth 534 (584?)

to Helms, State Dept telegram Oct 31, 59. Re LHO attempt defect, give radar. Normally lead to 201 file? Does not

know how to answer. Could have been decision it was Marine concern. (Earlier, had testified, yes, of counter-

intell signif sufficient to open a file.) Permissible remove a doc from a 201 file? Doesn't really know,

probably not a common practice. Any record kept if removed? Normally, would think an entry would

be made, but really not a good witness on these technicalities. Esth. 523 to Helms, formalized to

initiate opening of a 201 file. In whose name opened? Oswald, Lee Henry. Ever inquire

why Henry? Does not know, caused controversy does not know how resolved, does not recall

seeing a document on it.

Goldsmith Why took more than a yr after State Dept wire Oct 59 to open 201 file? Does not know. If an HHO inquiry, would go to L Henry O file? Yes. What does "AG" signify, under "other identification"? Does not know. Why HHO file "restricted"? Maybe because he was an American, Does not know. Doesn't think it unusual. Are 201 files ever kept on a covert basis? Was not aware of that until heard HSC found one.

Eph. 522 to Helms, what was DR rifle (?) project? Started as project --- to have operational capacity to kill ppl. Metamorphosed into something else. He put an end to it when became Director. Not related to any assn. program? Doesn't think so. Written to mislead ppl? Doesn't know. J: doc consists of handwritten notes by 2 ppl, suggest "a phony 201 file to set up in RI all docs forged & backdated"

Says "never mention the word assn," True? Yes.

Says "no projects or papers except for cover"? Yes.

Yes, does appear contemplate use of fake files, but hard deal - these matters out of context,

excised = sanitized. Re Helms' prior testimony p 86, when he had access to complete document, yes, looked like case where Agency contemplated use of fake files.

Eph 524 to Helms, letter Breckenridge to Blakey, - attached unsigned memo.

Geldant

Does it refer to 37 docs being removed from LHO's 201 file?
 Yes, shows 37 docs missing from 201 file. Ever come to his attention? DNR. Is it sensitive document? Thinks not. Why "secret" and "eyes only"? DNR.

Preyer

Close to end. Helms does not want recess.

Sawyer

Re Hart or N, said N might not necessarily know if HGB had contact LHO (to clarify record). Sawyer very concerned combination no bona fides, but use of N as consultant. How trust him now? (Interrupted by phone)

Back to "disposal" and "liquidate". (Another shouting match re CIA readers murder.) Only options seemed to be liquidate or pay him off. Dispute that? Yes I dispute it. You paid some 1/2 m \$ to guy who may be disinformation agent? Not to pay him off? Helms - am counting to 10. Effort in N case, only option was resettle him & give him new ID. Seems Sawyer on face of it was a payoff. Helms - you entitled your receipt. A: You pleaded guilty to holding up Jim Senate? No, role contredite. You intended hold N very long time? No, as long as need. But built a whole vault for him? Was no vault, was not expensive. Where was it? Virginia, Classified.

Samuels

Use it for anyone else? DN thinks so. What was purpose of moving N to specially built facility? Practical consid. Wasn't it built 4 LT in carceral form? No, only tell decided if he bona fide. No physical abuse? What about partial starvation, no blanket, no fresh air 1yr? Not torture? DNK if true or not. Was not Director at that time. Knew he was in your custody, never made any enquiry? Of course he did but these details never given him, if true, he is sorry about it.

You said no CIA jurisdiction over LHO because marine. How long military keep " ? DNK. Told George Hardner Wash Post "~~HSC~~ ^{you} you almost as dumb as the HSC's". Is that your view? DNR. Never saw the story. If he said it, should not have done so. "Helms told reporters during break no one would ever know who or what LHO represented" Had in mind KGB files, You said no "formal" relat = LHO? That was in McCone affidavit, no other connotation of other kind relationships. No, no other case like N case. (Tongue-lashes Helms 4 torture of N)

Helms, legal status of N was in gray area.

Was a human being, wasn't he? Yes.

In most states treating an animal like this
would land you in jail. No + guess

Dodd

Who would be good witnesses from CIA on N in re Hto?

Suggests chief of SB div and dep. chief who has

been maligne'd here. Re 201 file on Leo Henry Oswald,

how was it opened, what is it? O had a personality

file, no arcane significances at all. What triggered

opening this file? DNK, clerical error, mistake, it is

15 yrs ago. Was corrected after Hto in Mexico.

Recess 5 min

NT

Implication 201 was fake file, 37 docs seem to be missing

25 cables Embassy of FBI memo = State Dept. docs.

Dodd

Does existence 201 file suggest person is a CIA agent

any kind? No, just a device for holding certain inf.

Were files in CIA on Congressman & Senators &

press clips in them.

Preyer (statement re WC = CIA hearing) Shocked profoundly

by CIA did 15 yrs ago. Some conclude from it

America is Lawless Society. Certainly not.

Russia is a " " . We can change

things. (Pious, stupid, complacent, self-

Congratulatory, disgusting statement.) (Apologia 4 (Helms))

Helms (5 min) Deeply appreciates Preyer's remarks. Fine

Recess to Monday 9 am

NT/JV Helms' testimony quite extraordinary. Has rarely seen witness be so openly contemptuous of a committee. Hearing was virtually only on N and CIA plots Castro, little on JFK assn.

Monday 25 Sept 78 NT/JV: Today for HSC will be "fun". Will have the "Umbrella Man". 2-Oswald theory, JFK 1959 worried re sniper, also, series of false LHOs esp. in Mexico. Will have experts who will try to knock down that theory by handwriting and photo analysis. Poorly. HSC has anthropological panel to show doorway man not LHO. Preyer said TV yesterday hoped HSC will be able reverse public attitude re WR. May solve some "minor puzzles" today of Marine photo LHO face 13" x too long 4 body, also height variations, Trump photos, photo of "Milker"-like spectator.

Stokes 3 main issues in HSC mandate, one of which is, was there a conspiracy. HSC will hear testimony on what has been found, not an attempt to establish or refute any particular theory. It somewhat removes from hard scientific evidence & relies more on oral testimony.

Conspiracy = partnership in a criminal purpose.

But guilt cannot be inferred from association alone.

Blakely over the yrs critics have disagreed on many pts but all claim JFK was victim of a conspiracy. One suspicion is 2-Oswald theory eg Neal LHO never returns from USSR, or were impostor Oswalds, in Mexico etc. Popkin, a first proponent of 2-Oswald theory. Meagher takes WC 2 to be '4 not considering 2-Oswald theory, much less evaluating the evidence. HSC enlisted handwriting analysis to test 2-Oswald theory. HSC unlike WC did not assume any handwriting was LHO's, just asked experts if all writing was by same person. Charles Scott, David Furstell, Joseph McNally.

McNally (Council K. Klein) panel has ex. 10s of 1000s qd docs in their careers, + thru 100 yrs of experience. Exh. 399 = list of all docs x by panel allegedly written or signed by LHO. Exh. 478-510 are docs. ex. by panel. Panel concluded writing on all these docs done by same individual. Some docs were photos, not originals. Exh 506, could not read any conclusion (that is letter to "Mr. Hunt"). Specific original docs x include letter trying revoke citizenship, NORs appls 4 visa, appls 4 employment dated 16 Oct 63, NORs arrest card. Yes, all signed by same person. No evidence of forgery or alteration in any of these docs. Exh. 504 microfilm repro. order 4 rifle Exh 509 money order. Panel concluded both written by same person, 2 covered because not original.

McNally Panel could not reach conclusion on Hunt letter, because photo was quite fuzzy. Writing pattern consistent = HTO writing, but precise careful and part of signature does not agree = HTO's signature. "H" in Harvey is anomalous. Is misspelled. This doc is suspicious, tho unable conclude is forgery or genuine.

Sawyer Was panel unanimous? Yes, on all findings.

Fauntry To what extent might handwriting machines reproduce signatures that would defy detection? These writings all show normal variations, no slavish imitation. Could not have been done by machine? No. Re Hunt letter, assuming it is a forgery, how would it be done? By imitation? Yes, per Clifford Irving, Hughes' writing, which was very difficult to detect as forged.

McKinney (0 of impts)

Fithrin Re Hunt letter, more similarities or more dissimilarities? Almost a classic example... written much better and more precisely, no significant dissimilarities until the signature. Is it fake? No, not certain.

McNally (5 min) From 1956-1963 series of writings, panel concluded all original docs written by same man, ditto all photo's writing specimens, except Hunt letter on which no conclusion.

Blakey

Compared photos taken over yrs of HTO - in Marines, on return from USSR, and in custody DP. Panel of anthropologists studied faces, features by feature. In Marine photo, disproportionate length of face, also difference of height, will be subject of expert testimony by Sgt. Kirk.

Kirk

(Colonel Goldsmith) Exh. 166 presented issue of HTO head on induction into Marines, disparity in height chart and 13" head. Used reenactment photos of officer Lee of DC police, who 5'9". Variations are produced when subject moves away from height chart. No evidence of compositing in this photo of HTO. Not unusual for official records to record varying heights for same ppl. Usually, one inch taller in arm than in front. Most men add 1 or 2" to actual height when asked give height. Provides exhibit showing head size stays same while body height generally vary.

Fithian

Yes, industry & others no longer use height chart photos.

Kirk

(5 min.) (19 other members of photo panel, grateful.)

Blakey

Anthro panel asked examine Altgens photo (doorway photo), WC determined was Billy Lovelady. Mktan in R2J, Meagher in AAF (WC presents no supporting visual evidence by which one can assess... although a less lamp on this than the innocence of HTO). 3 tramps, 1975, Corfield & Weberman said E.H. Hunt - Fish Sturgis "Frenshy" also cited by critics. Finally, J. Miltner - like bystander (quotes Miltner interview)

These photos compared to known photos by panel, consisting of Ellis Curley, Steven Rosen, Clyde Collins Snow, ^{forensic} anthropologists.

Snow

(~~Gold~~ Ginsburg Counsel) How exact is the approach? Depends largely on quality of materials examined. How certain can he be of his findings? Again, depends on nature and quality of materials compared. If photos of identical twins, doubts if could differentiate between them. Exh 556-557-558 displayed. Photos of LHO at different times, Marine, USSR, Dallas, Wards 11 photos in chronological order 1959-1963 and 1 photo hovelady. Issue was, determine if photos were or were not the same individual. Concluded, no evidence of any impostor or double. Exh. 559 and 127 displayed. In Altgens "doorway" photo, and enlargement of man in doorway. Also 2 photos Billy hovelady. Concluded highly improbable doorway man is LHO, considerably more probable it is hovelady. Re tramp photos, not Hunt but measurement of Fred Crossman seem correspond to Tramp C, the cannot make positive identification. Re "Milteer" bystander, Exh 560-563, issue was examine figure and compare to actual Milteer photo. Panel concluded man is not J. Milteer. (Uses overlay method, which photo panel says not good technique) re 3 tramps, he sees apparent resemblance Sturgis and tramp 2. Snow describes process by which panel concluded, not Sturgis.

Fitzhin

[Sturgis has square chin, tramp chin pull & pointed - Thus, 2 different men, but in case HTO square chin merely distortion caused by perspective or pen overhead.]

Tramp 1 is not Vallee nor Coswald (?) & uncertain only about Crissman. What about CIA & FBI analyses of those tramp photos? Panel had copies their reports. They used somewhat different method but come to same conclusions.

Klein

Fred Lee Crissman deceased, Garrison implicated him, & CIA connections, was determined he was con artist.

Fitrian

re "Wulker" photos, this man about 5' 9", real H = 5' 4" per FBI.

Re HTO photos, on measurements alone cannot say all are HTO but can say all are consistent = HTO. How adjust if plastic surgery that may have been done? Saw no evidence of any plastic surgery in HTO photos. Inherent, saw one interesting feature, indication he had plastic surgery to flatten ears. Backyard photo is the most divergent from the cluster. " " enlargement, fuzzy, and varied in the lighting (comes from overhead) therefore is + subject to measurement errors. Panel will submit full report on its work, which will be susceptible of replication by others.

Edgar

(to counsel) Any evidence of ID of 3 tramps? Not 2 his knowledge. Reviewed photos of ppl arrested? Is on-going process by staff. (To know) Any special characteristics HTO face unique or different? No. Average face.

Re Kish or Records height vary by several inches. What is Snow's experience? (Reply lost because of phone-call)

Blakely

Other photos taken at scene that suggest conspiracy to critics. Blurs (gunmen) Grassy knoll. Photo panel did thorough analysis to see via photo enhancement if any assassin on knoll. Witness is Dr. Bob Hunt.

Hunt

(Counsel Gallonioli) Exh. 154 effects of author video graphic enhancements (?) Exh 121, 153, 157. 121 = TSBD - 6th fl window Hughes film 153 = Dillard photo. 157 = TSBD, 6th fl window, enhanced.

Time Sequence Regarding photos = 88 frames or 10 secs before 1st shot. Dillard, after last shot. Powell, 1 or 2 min after last shot. Issue was, what is visible in 6th fl window. Gives impression of motion or change in window. In Dillard, anything to be seen in deep shadow? Powell photo, ditto. Hughes film was enhanced, all 88 frames, used computer to equalize contrasts frame to frame. Saw change in focus, also equalized by computer. Exh. 159 x 159A, depict form of motion seen when computer used. Notable to attribute motion to any human object. Panel concluded motion perceived is produced by photosynthetic artefacts. Possible was human object in window but not captured by film. In adjacent window, panel found no perceptible motion or human form. Still found "transient anomaly" but it did not use same

Hunt

(continued) Display Hunt enhancement of Willis No 5 which seems show person, also Z frame 413. Hat (?) on person near steps, not real hat but is actually leaf from bush resembling brim of hat. But there is definitely a head, fair-haired or cropped short or balding. Person in bushes is optical illusion.

Fitzhugh

Would it be possible to fake via computer enhancement to make one object look like another? Yes, under certain circumstances. Could he manipulate to make case for person in bush? yes. Re Hughes film, did panel look for motion in other windows? yes, in adjacent windows - negative conclusions. Re Dillard photo, no human motion in window detected, no, does not rule out person further back in window. If Hto is there, he is beyond the line of sight. Seems to change in configuration of the boxes?

Compared to Powell photo? Yes, apparent change in configuration, can be explained by perspective and line of sight, or the boxes have been physically moved. Can narrow down the possibility between the 2 choices. Can HSC conclude the boxes were actually moved? That would be his conclusion, tho not conclusively.

Re image at retaining wall, seeing a shadow thru trees (?) with bits of light, or simply 3 splatters of faint on the wall. Re puff of smoke, no evidence of that in photos. Techniques applied were those which

would enhance, not filter out. Re Willis slide, why couldn't he get more inf.? Is question of distance, blur. Yes, had difficulty w/ the slide because was grayish coating on it, source unknown. Make use of any prior studies? Yes, 3: by Itzh 1967, life, and CBS TV 1967. But operated in independent mode from Itzh, technology advanced since 1967, were not in agreement w/ some Itzh procedures. Any caveats re efforts to enhance poor-quality photos? Yes. Inpt to interpret results strictly in terms of what you see on the film, avoid Rorschach trap. Avoid subjectivity. Re image in bush & rifle, how did he decide object was not a rifle? (Explains, using display.) Panel will make full report to HSC, replication will be possible, and believe they would come to same conclusions.

Hunt (5 min)

Blakey When Z film made public, ppl noted man with umbrella. Led to conspiracy theories. He was not identified until now,

L.S. Witt (WITT)(?) (Counsel Ginsley(?)). Was eyewitness to assn., never gave testimony to anyone. On 11/22/63 at lunchtime he went 4 walk, carrying black umbrella. Ev. 405 = umbrella. Carried it in order to heckle JFK motorcade, umbrella bore spot to K family, symbol of appeasement. He was not aware motorcade route, just Keeser Center of town. Went south on Field St over to Main St, proceeded west, assuming would be fewer people

He worked on Elm St. When he got there, went into Dealey Plaza, area a few people. Went $\frac{1}{2}$ way up grass knoll, sat down, waited 4 motorcade, not very long time. Motorcade came into view, he stood up and took open umbrella as he walked \rightarrow st. Symbolism related to Joseph Kennedy when went to England. As he walked on grass \rightarrow st, he heard the shots, so close together, like string of firecrackers, did not recognize them as shots, proceeded, was possibly standing on retaining wall. As he was \rightarrow forward, umbrella in front of him, did not see JFK reacting to shots. Next saw car stop, screeching of wheels, jarring of breaks, one man jumped onto JFK car. Does not recall hearing any voices. Became aware something terrible had happened, sat down. Recalls, saw a couple down on ground covering children & their bodies. He was stunned. Later, after cars moved out, recalls man sat down to his right, said "They done shot them folks" regretfully. He was Negro. There was pandemonium all around. Heard woman shrieking and crying behind him, "They shot those ppl right before my eyes" 2 or 3 x. Eph. 130 and 404 displayed. With 10's self on 130 & umbrella on ground. Ditto 404, self and another man. Did not really look at this man, does not recall he was carrying anything (walkie-talkie) never saw him again. He sat 4 a while, not sure if 2 or 3 min or longer. Looked to his left, saw cops there & drawn guns, barrel pointing into air.

Then went back to work, heard on transistor radio JFK shot, said, he was there at x. Was he signalling to anyone? No. Ech. 406 entered into record. Copyrighted Cutler diagram & 2 umbrellas & rocket and placette attachments (high hilarity in chamber). Denies any rocket dart or placette a weapon of any sort.

Farentroy

Where did he live on 11/22/63? 7209 Embassy St. Where work? His grand Nat'l Life ^{Insur. Co.} 251 N. Field St. at corner Elm. Normally, umbrella could have been either at home or at work that am. Yes, left 4 lunch & intent of heckling JFK. Umbrella had 2 do & Joseph Kennedy, appearance of Helter by Chamberlain, it was a sore spot & K's. In Tucson or Phoenix, someone brandished umbrella, K's were annoyed. Not related 2 JFK policy → USSR. Asks Witt describe what happened as JFK car turned onto D. Plaza. (He repeats story.) Something fell in car. He did not see JFK. Felt his bad joke (umbrella) had gone sour. No, at no x did DP or FBI contact him or make any attempt ID him. He first learned about umbrella man theory from HSC & Dallas papers. He would never have come forward, had HSC not found him.

Stokes Umbrella in his possession 11/22/63 until today? yes.

Asks staff open umbrella to show no dart gun in it. (High hilarity. Umbrella came in when opened, went into reverse.)

Devine

(NB: no one asks Witt how many shots he heard!!) How was he ID as umbrella man? One of his good friends went to the press. Where did shot come from? Could not tell. Were a

Number of shots, very closely spaced, could not say from what direction. How many shots? Really couldn't say, 3 or more, in very rapid succession. (Rags 4 x on table), saw spectators running? Yes, ppl ran from st up the grassy knoll, he heard somewhere they were SS or plainclothes policeman. That was some minutes after he saw cop brandishing gun pointed up in air.

Ford

Kept that umbrella 4 last 15 yrs? Yes. Seems in good condition? Yes. Any reason keep it that long? Not much used because large size. Had several other umbrellas over the yrs. Could this be wrong umbrella? Almost positive this is the one.

Fitzhain

Wants write Egg memo on Chamberlain & umbrella symbol. 4 record. Witt says, he belonged to no groups in 1963. Never belonged KKK, White Citizens Council, etc. Re shots, what no & direction? Can only recall rapid-fire, close spacing.

McKinney

Did hear several shots? In rapid succession? Yes. Re cop & gun, notice any abnormal activity, police running around as if looking 4 ppl? No, DNR. He was definitely stunned, remembers only feature where there was repetition. Notice anyone or anything at picket fence or retaining wall? No, did not face that direction at any point. Does he feel that if shot had come from that area, he would have been aware of it? Does not know, one way or the other. Notice reaction of other witnesses? No.

Edgar

Ever occur to him to come forward & eyewitness testimony? DINK if ever occurred to him but doubts he would have gone → to volunteer any inf. Was great deal of hysteria in Dallas area, might have been dangerous 2 him or his family to come forward, would have to live in Dallas to know how things were there, really cannot describe. His thinking was, he really had 0 2 offer except that he did a foolish thing.

Sawyer

wants to submit one page (?) on Chamberlain umbrella.

Fauntroy

person sitting next to Witt alleged he Cuban, talking on 2-way radio. Can he recall anything to help locate that man? No.

Sure he would have known if 2-way radio in use. Remembers couple covering their children were close to him. He did not have some presence of mind, stood around like a tourist.

Devine

any history of demonstrating, picketing, or the like? This was the only time. Does not like to attract public notices

Stokes

probably = tragic have been the rumors & theories, this HSC set up to resolve these gives a report true facts. Praises Witt for coming forward & dispelling one of the rumors, from which many folk have profited by writing & theorizing.

Witt

(5 min) mil. stuff very thoro in spec line, very humanistic. He was at wrong place at wrong time doing wrong things.

Blakey

Some critics claim unacceptably high death rate. Penn Jones started it all, other critics picked up.

SM writes in APF, dying like flies, as if unfortunate opinion still to be rendered, like an epidemic.

J. Hess, Counsel, giving report on mysterious deaths. Issue first came to nat'l att in relation to film Exec. Action of M L. Quotes actuary engaged London Sunday Times, persistently repeated in various writings. Castro April 1978 asked HSC re witness deaths. Feb 1967 article in London S. Times, lists 19 victims, says actuary concluded odds on 15 being dead about 10 to 29th power or 100,000 trillion to one. HSC asked LST 4 study & docs used. LST replied, odds based on careless journalistic mistake and should not have been published. Asked actuary wrong question. No one recalls his name. HSC examined possibility of doing a valid study. Contacted 3 Companies, each submitted a proposal. Turned out no feasible way do actuarial study of deaths in re conspiracy. Nevertheless, looked + 4 closely at individual deaths. Compiled comprehensive list of mysterious deaths. Example, David Gellstein & FNU Levens, both natural causes. Unclear why SM considered their deaths mysterious. RTines, lists Earlene Roberts, natural death, same is true Chetta Tom Howard. Still got list of 23 from literature adding Sean Connery & Rosselli. (Why not de M and Sullivan?) Final conclusion was, no evidence deaths related to JFK assn.

~~Ford~~ Fitzma no state significance? Yes. Possible appearance of unusual cluster of deaths because reportage re ppl in JFK case? Yes.

~~Edgar~~ Edgar detailed listing of 21 names 4 records? Yes.
 Benavides Bogert Boyss Bowers Chesler
 Chetta Goldstein Howard Hunter Johnson
 Kelgallen Killam Jui Kuethe Levens
 Mooney Norton Roberts Russell Walby
 Whaley Worrell Giacoma Roswelli.
 Why not do it? Deemed to need further investigation.

NT/JV: Statistical findings do not mean a thing. Any list of 19 or 20 mysterious deaths doesn't mean a thing.

Stokes Press to 8:30 am Tuesday Tomorrow will focus on org. crime, Ruby.

Tues. 9/26/78 NT/JV: Today, org. crime and anti-Castro Cuban theories, also Ruby. Reads from book "The Mafia Wars" re Carlos Marcello, Ferrie, Trafficante. Ruby & McWillie, Havana. CIA knew, did not tell WC. HSC discovered to its chagrin that LHO visited S. Odio (?) made threats vs Castro and JFK. Odio's story has remained same 15 yrs. Will see film Ruby shooting LHO, will hear Ruby brother testify. Will be analysis Ruby phone records. Trafficante at HSC under Sprague, look Fifth Amendment on all ques.

Blakey

Today will look briefly at other, more substantial conspiracy theories. None are new or original - HSC. Has used investigative tools such as immunity, investigative plans, other sophisticated methods not used in earlier investigations. Next 3 days will look at consp. theories that warranted attention, theories that can't be readily dismissed. First, theory of anti-Castro Cubans will be examined. Insert his narration, too long, will not read. Second area of concern, Cubanization of LHO in NORs - Exh. 595, 596, 597 on LHO activities. Camp St. address, middle, scene of anti-Castro Cubans. LHO on radio 2x. Out of sight 8/31 to 9/17/63. Evidence LHO busier than Marina admitted & was assoc. & highly unprobable witnesses - says he was in other cities seeking employment in a hospital (?) ^{Clinton} ~~Clinton~~ and Jackson, & 2 men now deceased, Ferris & Show. Garrison "invest" and Show trial have complicated the case, evidence tarnished by way it was handled in Show prosecution. Clinton/Jackson alleges may be serious. Ferris worked 4 Marcella. Org crime itself deserves great scrutiny. HSC studied in depth Mafia assoc. of LHO and Ruby, Exh. 594, film of Ruby shooting LHO, screened. American people might well accept one lone assassin, but not 2. Must seek motive of Ruby. Describes his life. Describes his activities 11/22-24/63, seemed to be seeking LHO. Objective today is learn more about Ruby, have 3 witnesses. Earl Ruby is first.

Earl Ruby (Counsel McDonald) - (Attorney Allen Adelson). Ruby family = Hyman, died cancer, several years ago, Anne died a few weeks ago heart attack. 4 sisters, 3 brothers. He and Jack did not have same circle friends in Chicago. In 1947 Jack → Dallas, after disagreement = Earl = Sam, partners in a business. Gave him \$14,500 for his share in the business. From 1947 - 1963, had friendly contacts, visited each other x 2x. Had phone calls x 2x. never lost contact. In 1950s Jack not doing well financially, returned to Chicago very depressed. Made loans to Jack sev. x, total of about \$15,000, including \$6,000 investment in Sovereign Carousel, but bankrupted. Never got any of his \$ back - when visited Dallas, stayed = Jack in his apt. Visited Carousel daily = Jack. Yes, met Jack's friends, Ralph Paul, a prize fighter. In 1959 Jack's financial situation? Seemed to be getting along but needed \$ to restructure debt. He complained to Jack re his \$6,000 to no avail. Yes, knew Jack → Cuba 1959, to see McWillie, flew there, strictly 4 vacation - Hears McWillie paid Jack's travel. Jack also went Las Vegas on occasion, vacations. Jack drank = smoked little, gambled a little at Las Vegas. Already gave deposition to HSC? Yes. How learn about McWillie? Jack told him, McW good friend of Jack's. Earl = McWillie never had mutual assoc. Met him first x 1977, looked him up in casinos while visiting Vegas, Stoney (?) told him McW whereabouts. Terry Zoggi, also good friend of Jack, met him at trial = stayed in touch. He and McW talked 5 min., about all the problems McW had, Jack sent him sum but he never picked it up at Post office. Why to look-up McW? Realized he was involved = Jack, decided say hello to him.

Earl sent telegrams, x 24, congratulatory. Sent wire ~~1962~~^{April} 1962 to Havana? normal occurrence? No. Could have been sent by employee in his cleaning business. Earl agreed, telegram "looks suspicious" could not explain it, DNR sending it. Earl sent letter 8/17/78 to HSC, Exh. 554, saying, 6 Cubas in USA and is most certain wire sent to a US "Cuba" and not to Havana. Any contacts Cuba, Ala, Ill Ohio NY N Mex? No. Exh. 565 (CE 2978) is IRS Audit of Earl 1964, McD reads from it, citing wire sent to Havana, Cuba. Refers also to long-distance calls. Evanston, Ill. partner. Rochester, NY superintendent. Havana, Cuba "I don't remember." Recall that interview? Think so, was long ago. He said telegram became list said "Havana, Cuba T". But Earl reports, he never sent a telegram to Havana. Jack might have asked him send wire to Havana? Possible, Wain told him would not have been possible. 1962 wire Cuba direct, would have had to route thru London. McD puzzled, because Earl said in deposition that he never checked on the telegram in 1964 after IRS audit. Thought it was a mistake. Assumed WC would check it out. (Ruby attorney says, T = domestic, overseas = cablegram). When learn Jack killed LHO? Was at his plant, doing electrical work, called a friend who suddenly said someone just shot LHO, next heard on radio that Jack had done it. Any contact with Jack after 11/22 but before 11/24? Yes, Jack had called him but he not at home, Jack then called sister Eileen Kaminsky, said he greeted, might even leave Dallas. What he do when heard Jack shot LHO? Went home & called

family in Chicago, all were upset. News media at them, he
 flew to Chicago, house surrounded by reporters. Then FBI arrives,
 Mrs. White (?), Sunday evening. Speak to Jack on phone? Yes, many
 X. He made several calls from DP station. What to say? DNR exactly -
 how bad he felt, about the shooting of LHO. Did not say why he did it.
 DNR if asked him on phone, but did ask him in Dallas, Jack said
 because LHO had silly smile on face, lost control of himself. Had no
 reason not believe him. When Jack in hospital, asked if he involved
 to someone else, had he ever met LHO before. Jack said,
 absolutely not. Hard remember numerous conversations Jack while
 he in jail. Yes, Jack was open person, but feelings slow. Not
 really kind of person who could keep a secret, always bragging.
 Ever any hint Jack involved to someone else in killing LHO? Absolutely
 not. Yes, Jack might have done things never told Earl about,
 did not tell Earl anything. [Screen film clip of J. Ruby, from
 BBC film] [Ruby suggests others were involved, no things he is
 not telling, no one will ever know]. What Earl's comment? Cannot
 imagine, perhaps he was confused. Attney says, many things come
 to light that were not picked up by WC. After his trial, Jack
 developed a paranoid state. (Attney volunteers 2 testifies, says he
 knew Jack Ruby better than any one in world) - Ruby asked WC take him
 Wash., talk to President, out of psychiatric problems related
 book Exodus, Jews being persecuted, massacred, on orders of
 LBJ and because of what Jack did. Became delusional.
 Was in paranoid state. Med. to Earl: no Cuban telegram, any

phone records still in his possession? No. He never sent it. Might have been an error in billing. (Recess 5 min) Ph. 564-565 on record.

Fitzma

Was Jack sensitive? Excitable, so. Took offense easily if derogatory remarks Jews, FDR, JFK wife. Fought if any insult to Jews.

A loner? No, had many friends, was gregarious. Why did Jack kill LHO? Was quick-tempered, when he was dying in hospital, Jack denied he knew LHO before, shot him because smirk on face. Why Jack so DP Friday night? This to do, he had many DP friends. Thinks no premeditation as he made no attempt on LHO Friday.

Jack used to practice shooting his revolver, seemed to aim at LHO stomach, not head or chest, maybe did not plan to kill him, just wound him, make him suffer.

[Attney Jack got collect call from little byn ... (reprise) ... Jack at W Union 11:13 or 11:14 but LHO supposed 2 be transp. at 10 am. If any premeditation, Jack would have been there earlier. Napoleon Daniels at ramp.

Took 1 min from W. Union to bottom of ramp. Jack waved to Lt. Pierce as he walked down ramp.] Jack ever indicate any other person wanted LHO dead? No, never. [Asks Attney:

Ever meet Ruby? No, Represented Earl thruout. Became counsel 4 Ruby family, familiarized himself 2 every aspect Ruby life,

read everything on Ruby. Got psychiatric testimony from Dr. J. West in will contest trial. In Ruby trial, Ruby deemed not insane but Belli theory psychomotor epilepsy.

No, had no psychiatric training as such.] Can Earl tell us anything re Jack's so-called paranoia? Psychiatrists gave testimony at Ruby trial.

Feltman Remains troubled by telegram to Cuba. Earl gave different responses at different times. Earl's letter to HSC curious. Contrived.

Preyer (ques to attorney Edelson) (re Ruby's "paranoia") When did it develop? Slow process, developed after his trial (BBC tape made during trial). When he read Exodus? At time of assn. and while in jail.

Devine (ques to Edelson) (re will contest) Were 2 or 3 wills and trial on Ruby's competence includes psychiatric testimony. Result of will contest was, Ruby incompetent when wrote second will in jail. Was no written decision.

~~Food~~ Edgar (to Earl Ruby) Confused = disturbed by some of his responses, has feeling attempt being made 2 justify Jack's act (aiming 4 stomach). Didn't DP have to restrain Jack from further shots? He learned from Eva Jack's gun was defective, would only shoot once. Yes, Jack when young tried disrupt Board meetings Chicago. If Jack mentally ill after trial, why not prevalent during trial itself? Think symptoms did begin to show during trial. Ever type record visits 2 Jack in jail? Only once, for use in record "The Controversy", Burleson 2 Gest's present. Did Ruby call him 11/22-23? No, but talked to sister Eileen. Tried call him, but Earl not at home. Anything he can add to throw light on Jack's motive? No, can only report, smirk on face blah blah.

Attorney HSC has picture Ruby used? States it has been in HSC possession.

Earl Ruby (5 min) Family thinks HSC. If pistol belongs to Ruby family, will donate it to Nat'l Archives. Q: asked, why so easy Jack enter jail, why so friendly to DPs? Repeat story Jack help 2 DPs, one bit off Jack's finger, fought like tiger vs hoodlums, that is why he so friendly to DPs.

Stakes gun was in possession of a Dallas attorney, HSC obtained by polygraph, then returned it to " ".

Blaney

Re Jack's life in Dallas, Earl knew little. One of whatever Ruby had accomplices remains open. Polygraph 7/1964 could not be evaluated by HSC experts, poor quality. Critics claim WC gave insufficient attention to Ruby's contacts & associates. HSC reviewed files, got witnesses, analyzed Ruby's long distance records 1963. WC had, but did not use fully. HSC computerized, looking 4 patterns. Griffin-Hubert memo (Exh. 448) Feb. 1964 urged preserve Ruby phone records at once but some gaps because Rankin retained as 2 far-reaching and 2 great burden on private companies. In April 64 Griffin-Hubert asked for help in analyzing records, but this never done. (Exh. 591, 592, 593 entered). HSC developed computer project to analyze Ruby phone records. Work is still going on. Ruby's alleged contacts = org. crime claimed recent yrs. HSC discovered significant upsurge in no. of calls in Oct = Nov 63. Average 25 to 35 soared to 75 Oct 96 Nov. HSC closely evaluated Ruby activities Oct/Nov. Examine his labor problems

- other clubs re use of non-union strippers, amateurs. One aspect relevant. HSC able isolate signif no. calls related to labor dispute = AGVA. But could not attribute all the increase to labor problems, he placed calls to sev. individuals linked 2 org. crime. Ech. 546, print out those calls. HSC felt ++ detail on persons called essential. June - ~~Aug~~^{Sept.} 1963
 7 calls 2 McWillie. Oct. 26 called Irving S. Wiener 12 min., linked Hugga Granicoma Trappicanta Dorfman.
 FBI tried get Wiener re his call from Ruby, he refused answer ques or help in any way. Wiener knew Earl Ruby, but WC never tried get Wiener, nor did WC get Earl re Wiener. Wiener testified HSC, said little or no contact Ruby until Oct 63 call seeking assist in labor troubles, wanted bond put up, Wiener said no. But HSC found no other effort by Ruby 2 put up bond. Wiener also admitted he had lied to a reporter re Ruby seeking bond. 4 days after call to Wiener, Ruby called trailer court in Noels, to J. N. Precora. WC did not investigate or mention in WR. Precora close assoc Marcello. Precora decline give inf HSC, later said, DNR any calls from Ruby, did not know him or know anything about him. Harold Tanenbaum (deceased) was a Ruby assoc, & lived at Precora trailer court.
 Tanenbaum = Ruby in present truck June - Oct 63.
 Tanenbaum called Ruby one hour after Ruby called Trailer court. Baker, Duffer side, also got call

from Ruby. Baker assoc = long list Mafia Hit-men. Barney Baker told FBI 1964 Ruby complete stranger before he called Nov. 27 63. Ruby used "how" alias. Said Ruby seeking advice in labor dispute, Baker said, refused. Nov 8 Ruby called Dusty Miller 4 min Miami. Miller also Lt. to Hoffa, assoc. of numerous underworld figures. Miller said Ruby wanted help, labor problems, mentioned Baker, Miller ended call. 31 min later Ruby called B. Baker 14 min. Baker did not tell FBI of second call from Ruby. HSC has got Baker thoroughly, said he must have forgotten 2nd call. Eva Grant tel WC Jack called Lt. Patricia in Chicago in summer 1963. Patricia called leading Mafia assassin, became aide to Giancana. HSC found Ferris called Jean West, who visited Ruby Dallas 11/21/63 = L. Meyers. Baker on 11/21/63 called Dave Yaras, close friend L. Patricia, knew Ruby, Yaras was executioner of Giancana. Ultimate meaning those facts remains indeterminate. Let's look at Ruby in Dallas, via DP.

Capt. Jack Revell (Recess 10-min) (Counsel Purdy) Now commanding Internal Affairs Div DP. In 1963, inf. on criminal & subversive groups, function of Intelligence Unit, he Lt. Had complete access to recorded inf on criminal elements. Before Feb 1959 he in charge of Narcotics Unit. No, had no knowledge specific criminal activity by Jack Ruby. Prostitution in his clubs? Not 2 his knowledge. Narcotics? No. Gambling? No personal knowledge of any.

Ruby assoc = org crime element? Has no inf. he involved.
 Ruby would have been acquainted = such figures but
 not personally involved. Yes, knows McWillie by name.
 Was not aware of Ruby's Assoc. = McWillie until HSC.
 Knew Ruby, professionally only. Was a buffoon, liked limelight,
 was highly volatile. If Ruby was a member of org. crime (missed
 because of phone call) Unusually close = DP? Takes exception
 to allegation Ruby known to almost all DPs. At DP maybe 24 yrs.
 No knowledge Ruby gifts or favors DPs. Was not
 Informer of Intelligence Unit, might have been a
 source going to Vice Section, has no personal knowledge of it.
 FBI give DP inf its informants 1960s? No. Aware FBI
 1959 tried use Ruby as informer? No. How many DPs
 knew Ruby? 1200 in 1963 DP, would say plain-clothes
 officers knew him, about 60 men or 100 to 150. Ruby in
 DP, ever challenged presence there? No, not with knowledge.
 Bldg was not secured 11/22 or 11/23 and on 11/24 only
 basement area was to be secured. No, no one punished.
 If lax security, one man feels he was maligned
 (Sgt. Vaughn). Sawyer (acting 4 Dodd, & list Dodd
 questions) re how Ruby got into DP basement, 3 in
 car did not see him? That was their testimony. No did
 invest how Ruby got in, any DP complicity, Team
 found (Exh. 557)... (Sawyer Westbank OATones
 Commune Wallace Hunt = Revell)... At 11:16 Ruby sent wire

4 min. later shot HHO (repeats WR story). Car & 3 officers had already cleared the ramp. Roy Vaughan was stationed at ramp.

In June 78, learned Vaughan posed polygraph exam, Vaughan said talked to Sgt. Don Flechet that Sunday am, he parked across st, stood there watching, Flechet knew Ruby, said Ruby did not come down Main St or enter via Ramp.

(*) Flechet told Revell same. If true, disputes officiant findings. Afterwards, found another set of steps into police basement, from 1st floor city hall. Is a door leading out of basement, to steps, to City Hall. Is an alleyway parallel to Harwood, maybe Ruby came that way or used alley between Commerce and Main St.

All in 4-min time-frame. Any other way? Could have come thru Police Court Bldg but that was secure.

On 12/1/63 he & Cromwell interviewed Ruby, he refused discuss how he got into basement. Ditto 12/3/63.

Could he have been protecting those who let him in?

Possible, Never told Revell he came down ramp.

Did 3 in car take polygraphs? No. Gladie Harrison was polygraphed because filming shooting, appeared he looked over left shoulder to Ruby, had to have seen him, but he passed the polygraph. They have been blinded by TV lights. Only Vaughan & Harrison polygraphed to his knowledge. Also Napoleon Daniels, who claimed to see Ruby enter ramp,

He failed pass polygraph. Team concluded Ruby entered Main St. ramp, but now has doubts. Also just learned yesterday that guards were removed from door, by Sgt. P.T. Dean. Heard they were removed to vehicle traps. Any finding of negligence? Self-evident there was negligence but no one held responsible.

Stokes

Yes, he did attend Ruby trial, was assigned to help Wade prepare prosecution. At trial, any evidence given on how Ruby got in? DNA, DNR, he not involved, not present in courtroom. Any statement taken from Ruby by DP on arrest? Believes Ruby made some type statement to DPs in 5th fl jail. Exh 569 = Fluchet statement June 68 to HSC.

Preyer

Ever see Ruby in jail after trial? No. Saw Ruby 2 x yr when he was renewing licenses. Has no knowledge Ruby other visits DP, sandwiches, etc.

Revine

Re Fluchet, was he standing on right side his car? Yes. So car was between him & ramp? Yes. He is certain Ruby did not walk down Main St into ramp? Yes. Says vision not blocked at any time. Why didn't he inform DP or WC? Said he did, told Lt. Knox, his superior.

Ford

In team's report, re stairway into Municipal Bldg, was not mentioned, only found it recently.

Feltham

Did he ask Ruby if he came down ramp? Yes, and he refused answer.

Re polygraph of Daniels, he failed every circumst you re how Ruby got in. What kind person was Daniels? Did not know him. No, was not in DP at time of LHO transfer. Had no knowledge of proposed transfer at the time. Was there real effort 2 provide security? Yes, sweep of basement was made before LHO moved and all-clear was given, he is told. What about Curry's public announcement? Team did not address that point. Agrees, is very strange.

Re decision allow media be present, were tele TV agreed not use Klieg lights. Did team criticize those decisions? No, did not address those factors. Was effort to cooperate w news media - assure world DP had not mistreated LHO.

Edgar

Who was in command Sunday? Curry. He was in charge but thinks he not present physically in basement. Batchelor & Stevenson were there. But ultimate resp. was Curry's. Any tape or verbatim of LHO interviews, Hec told no. Now, security arrangements, slack. Inpt. witness not questioned. Now, just found news means of access to basement. Why was no DP member even reprimanded?

Cannot say, was 4 Chief of DP 2 deals. Was it cover-up of DP errors? Thinks not. DP became laughing stock, Keystone Cops. But investig. did not uncover any culpable individuals. Re "Buffoon" Ruby, could he not have been used by org crime? Is possible.

Dodd Examine routes other than Main St. ramp? No. But today, still think so? Wld he agree he did not come down ramp?

Cannot say that categorically. Possible R Vaughn & 3 DPs in car overlooked Ruby. Strong possibility he entered via alleyway & unguarded door? Is possible. Consider possibility Ruby used money order deliberately & alibi?

Considered it. If so, he had assets from purchase in DP, to know when to enter. Made thorough investigation of possible

complicity, did not find evidence of it. No, not possible arrival Ruby triggered moving of LHO. Wld require split-second timing. Re Revell to WC on Hosty, asks him

describe his encounter & Hosty. Revell says, after searching TSD he returned to DP bldg, accompanied by 3 detectives.

As entered ramp, encountered FBI Hosty. Both parked their cars. Hosty approached him & said LHO a communist had killed JFK, was about 2:30 pm, after LHO arrested but before LHO arrived at DP. Revell was not aware of LHO arrest, Hosty was aware, at the time. (Dodd

reads from Revell WC testimony.) Revell agrees & it,

became upset because ^{Hosty} FBI had not shared info on LHO & DP as was normal between Hosty & Revell on personal basis.

Hosty said extended talk to Fritz about it, but Hosty not acquainted & Fritz, so Revell took

Hosty to Fritz office & left him there & Fritz aides.

Did he ever reproach Hosty how he happened develop file on Lito?

No, that night Curry repeated story on TV, later made retraction, Revell never spoke to Hosty again. Yes, he wrote a report of the Hosty encounter, that afternoon. Was sorry 2 do it because Hosty his friend & he knew JETT would crucify Hosty 4 it.

Cornwall

re phone analysis of Ruby, his calls to org. crime Weiner, Pecora, Dusty Miller, Dave Yaras, etc., did DP know Ruby associations those ppl in 1963? No, Yes, knew some of those names. What is probability DP would know if any of those ppl in Dallas 1963 & met & Ruby? Yes, may or may not have caused DP concern, if knew they were in town.

Stokes

HSC spent much x Dallas, tribute to cooperation of DP & city officials.

Revell

(5 min) nil.

Recess to 9 am Wednesday

NT/SV:

just got message from NBC Dallas affiliate, they have tape of 11/24/63 of 1 DP's saying saw Ruby get out of green car and go into DP bldg.

Wednesday 27 Sept. 1978

NT/SV: John Wilson, British journalist, told CIA Ruby in Cuba visited Troppicante in jail, CIA failed inform WC. WC memo re Ruby background, Teamsters etc., went unanswered 4 6 mos. Then sent brief memo. Got doubt on John Wilson bona fides (Communist agent). Got call from Marguerite threatens sue if they don't call Lito alleged assassin.

McWillie told FBI he hardly knew Ruby, tho he is said to have paid Ruby's trip to Havana. McW will ask to testify off mike, off camera. One witness is expected 2 B an unnamed intelligence agent. Name of Howard Hughes, also Bob Mahon, expected 2 surface today, as go-between of CIA and mob.

Blakey

one conclusion is, Ruby must have had reasons 2 case persons reportedly linked to Mafia. His reasons not certain, persons called say "labor problems". McW selected 4 public exam today. His friendship 2 Ruby from 1950s in Dallas. McW asked no electronic coverage or photos.

McWillie (off the air)

Blakey obviously there is not much to be learned from McW.

Is possible association or at least one meeting between Santos Trufficante and Ruby. Useful to hear testimony of 2 men: one, an intelligence agent Fla. 1950s. On 9/5/78 sworn statement by retired CIA official (Eth 602) Summary: In Dec 60 approached by Col. Sh. Edwards re operation to assassinate Castro. CIA had approached Mahon, he had recruited Rosselli, he in turn brought in "Sam Gold" and "Joe", Gold was Giancana, Joe was Trufficante. Trufficante was to serve as courier -> poison pills -> Castro's food. When X learned true identity of Giancana & Trufficante, he kept it to Col. Edwards, who nevertheless let the operation go forward. Compromised by CIA Inspector-General's report (he quotes)

This evidence indicates that Trappante involved in plots to kill Castro, possibly, because (as Cuban Govt believes) Mafia run out of Cuba by Castro. (Leads from Cuban govt memo) Extent Kirby/TR relationship is as yet undetermined. Next witness is Jose Alaman who met TR prior Nov 63.

Alaman (Cornwall) Born Havana, his father was Min of Education, 1947 → Miami, studied at Miami U, continued line Cuba to 1960.

Was active in efforts overthrow Batista, was a leader in attempt on presidential palace 1957. Later, took part in effort overthrow Castro, was arrested many times, had to leave Cuba. In 1963 lived in Miami.

Yes, met Santos Trappante. George ^{Nobrogas} (?) came to him, conversation re American businessman who had property in Cuba. Nobrogas was in activities vs Batista, also vs Castro. He first refused meet TR. Had testified in trial of TR's associates. Had been threatened by them. Ultimately, he did have meetings re TR in June - July 63 at Junior's Restaurant, at Scott Bryan Hotel, 3 meetings. His purpose in attending these meetings? Wanted Pres. Bosch of DR wanted see him, re attracting business - investments to DR, TR was one person interested → DR, wanted intro to Juan Bosch. Involved TR promise get Alaman loan from Teamsters Union for a condominium. TR was in hotel room, Nobrogas also present, also Macho Herrera. TR said Hoffa could not secure the loan because he had a lot of trouble from the Kennedy brothers. Meeting lasted 3 to 4 hours. TR was upset by JFK pursuit of Hoffa. TR said, JFK will not be reelected, causing 2 much trouble to many ppl.

TR said, he will be hit. At X he did not know what TR meant by "hit". It was 15 yrs ago, cannot swear TR said "hit". Edb. 602, press clip, Gge Crele, quoting Alaman on his meeting w TR. Edb. 601, excerpt from Fonzi report 3/12/77, says, Alaman said TR specifically said JFK going to be hit, and that he told some to Crele. Thinks TR was trying to get Cubela from Cuba, to do something vs Castro regime. (Witness is absolutely incoherent.) Recess 10 min - hit 11:45

NT/JV: Alaman seems to be backing away from his earlier statements on TR "hit". Or, they be trying to say TR on behalf of Castro (!!) planning to hit JFK. Blakey read report of "X". His name is James O'Connell, x-CIA who = Bill Harvey was control officer of CIA-Mafia operation. Summary of Mc Willey testimony: Said met Ruby 1951 Dallas, Ruby was a leech, McW did him favors re labor problems, could not get rid of him. Apparently, Ruby like Nixon kept "hate list" McW said, inconceivable that his own name would be on it. McW never knew anything, never even knew TR, but HSC introd. doc. Showing TR was part owner of Casino where McW worked. McW admitted he made trips to Miami to deposit \$ there. In 1959 McW went to visit Mafioso taken into custody by Castro regime. Jake Lansky, de George, visited, possibly accompanied by Ruby on one visit, said he did pay Kelly trip Havana, wanted him bring Tony Zoppi. Said Ruby in Havana not more than 6 days. Then HSC whipped out records 8/8/59 to 9/7/59, second trip 9/12-30/59

and much more documentary evidence. McW denied + there
 one Ruby visit. HSC had bank records showing Ruby visit
 to safe deposit box - appears to was going back and forth
 to Cuba and bringing out money. McW said Ruby knew
 Tannie^(?) who worked at Capri, Havana. Seems Ruby was
 low-level courier who got money out of Cuba for mail and
 placed in safe deposits in USA. Docs. also produced showing
 FBI tried use Ruby as informer during 1959 period.
 HSC produced doc. showing call to Tannie, Miami, saying Ruby
 on his way there. McW denied asked Ruby about him guns in
 Cuba. Fox Brothers owned casinos Havana, had 2 boats Fox Bros.
 They were possible fronts 4 Tr and Lansky.

Aleman (Cornwall) Is Fonzi report accurate or not? Impossible
 to reconstruct after 15 yrs. He asked 4 protection, was very worried
 about his safety. Exh. 603, says Aleman confirmed Tr said personally
 JFK was going to be hit... "No way, I have always been 4 democracy..."

"By no way possible you can think that after all the suffering in
 Cuba and all the struggle against Castro... I in any way
 ... was that bombing was going to happen in that respect
 I would immediately have advised the authorities"

Yes, he did advise the FBI about the conversations:

Informed FBI about the meetings 2 Tr. FBI files should
 show this. Immediately after the assassination, FBI came to him
 and again asked him repeat details of conversation 2
 Tr. re "hit".

FBI told him, LHO was a loser, don't worry about it at all. Yesterday he arrived at airport from Miami. When staff picked him up, he & alarm no protection provided for him. Is fearful of TR. Retaliation for his reporting "hit" conversation. DGT in Cuba tried 2 do something 2 him. Still feels DGT & TR could try 2 do something 2 him. Does not believe Castro when he denies complicity in JFK assassination, feels there is a connection between Castro and Treppicanti.

Edgar Has long list of ques for Aleman but in light of drastic change in Aleman's testimony today, little use in asking the ques.

Aleman (5 min) nil.

Blaney 4 record, Cuban Govt gave HSC list of gambling licenses held 4 possible deportatus, Exh. 311. When HSC in Havana 8/26/78 Cuban Govt made available an individual who was involved in running the detention camp, Exh. 410.

Recess to 2 pm

Preyer Stokes was called away, will be back 3:30 to see next witness

Recess to 3:30

4:30 NT/AV: Treppicanti wants no radio or photos. Sign off.

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10:40 NT/JV: Trafficante testimony was skillful. Denied ever said

"JFK will be hit" Had discussions with Marcello re RFK.

Denied Marcello made threats vs RFK & JFK. TR revealed little, said was only interpreter in CIA plots vs Castro, said Roselli and Giancana were the real principals. Was disingenuous, esp. in light CIA Inspector - Genl's report, said Trafficante carried poison pills to Cubans. TR said his role in plots vs Castro had 0 to do with wish to return Cuba gambling etc. TR said he never met Ruby. "Jail" in Cuba 1959 seemed more like leevish hotel.

Blakey

TR testimony concludes presentation by staff on org crime.

Qu remains, was org crime involved, did it have motive opportunity & means. Only a little more than a suspicion, not a "fact found".

Full report on org crime in USA will, he hopes, appear in full in HSC report. HSC recruited Ralph Salerno to get total picture org. crime, he is greatest authority.

Salerno (Cornwall) became consultant to HSC Oct/Nov.

1977. Gives his career history 1940s to date, 20 yrs in NYC PD on org crime. Yes, is familiar in Marcello and Trafficante. Yes, he has inf that might shed light on motive, means & opportunity.

Salerno Knows of Tr for 21 years (suddenly off the air). Has extensive criminal record, a nat'l underworld meeting, one there gave name "Loris Santos" = Havana address, he was in fact Treppicante - linked to Vito Genovese, Carmine Galante, John Damento. Was partner of Joseph Stassi, long friendship = Giannina, also Rosselli. In 1966 Tr present at luncheon in NY = Marcello and other high mob figures. He is clearly an associate of top echelon mob and is in fact an org crime leader, in Florida. Tr and Marcello are leaders, each, of an org crime syndicate, in his own area. Cite FBI files on Cosa Nostra, quoting Tr re his criminal enterprises and the trouble being given him by the Kennedys. Membership in syndicate requires Italian parentage on both sides [NB: what about Lansky?] Scope of Cosa Nostra on nat'l level, per FBI, 1960s, somewhat localized. FBI developed network of informants on top hoodlums. Small control group that estab policy & made decisions, Giannina a member of "The Commission". By 1963 FBI had complete & accurate picture of who is doing what. Exh 547-B, gives FBI conclusions as of 1963 on basis extensive surveillance, physical & electronic, shows locations of org crime "families" serving on "The Commission" (names & cities need include San Francisco, Chicago, Angelo Bruno, Philadelphia, and names of leaders of "families").

Jan. 1963 - June 64 was 18-mo period for which he and Baker worked out an approach to examination of FBI surveillances of org. crime individuals who come in the scope of the HSC investigation. Had help from 2 assts, covered more than 300 FBI volumes.

Cornwell HSC has rec'd evidence fully may have had contacts = Org crime figures. Asks Salerno explain the hierarchical 'design of org. crime'.

Salerno (another lecture) How assess Tr claim he did not know Ruly? Might be truthful statement. Same would apply to McWillie? McW was in casinos gambling in Havana as a manager, is certain he and Troppicante would know each other. Org crime families would use violence and threats? Yes, violence is restrained, gang wars diminished after prohibition, but creating fear has escalated. If nothing less works, resort to killing. Assign Murder to "expediter" who may do it himself or recruit others. Imposed out-of-town killers the exception, not the rule.

Recess to 1:30

NT/JV Lecture in Mafia, Class of 63 - If you have read The Godfather you know it all already. Salerno lectures add little to our knowledge of whether Tr or Marcello killed JFK.

(1:30 pm) This is last day of open hearings. Troppicante testimony characterized by a HSC source as "probably all lies".

NT/JV: TV said, never threatened kill JFK, never met Ruby, took part in CIA plots Castro out of "patriotism". Re Salerno, JV thinks, hardly new inf. (JV self wrote book on org. crime.) gave no insight into who killed JFK or if Mafia was involved.

Ⓜ Hearings did not go into Blakey reputation serious conspiracy theory of anti-Castro forces involved in JFK assn. Alpha 66, Antonio Veciana, paid director by Morris (Maurice) Bishop, met him Dallas August 63, in company of man he thinks was LHO (NB: who was then in Norel). HSC went deeply into Veciana story, is still pursuing leads in Venez + Cuba, released sketch of Bishop, considers Veciana story remains undiscredited. Gaeton Fonzi has been looking 4 Bishop poss suspects.

HSC staff is split on credibility of Veciana. Another group of interest to HSC was Jure (Fidelisim w/edmond Fidel) with Dallas chapter, Sylvia Odio a member, once hospitalized 4 blackouts, told WC no visit by 3 men one LHO, corroborated by Annie Odio. (Reprise whole Odio story.) WC ordered FBI investigate Odio allegations. Salerno (Cornwall) re question of motive, yes, in 1963, did have motive. Has obtained data, can quantify it (Exh. 551, 552 charts). Org crime indictments + convictions, constant rise 1961-63, up-surge in D of J drive vs org. crime.

How badly was Kennedy admin. hurting org crime? Greatly, as manifested by hostility → JFK bare hatred of RFK. Loh 604-617, 631-643, 618-630. Org crime felt K admin was destroying them. Expected if got rid of JFK, would also be rid of RFK, and back to business as usual. In fact, there was radical decline in drive vs org crime after 11/22/63. Any indication org crime at top considered or sanctioned JFK assassination? No indic at all that nat'l commission of Cosa Nostra considered or acted on basis of JFK, but is possible an individual set out on his own to do it. Is evidence that one family leader took unilateral serious action of concern to nat'l commission (Joseph Bonanno). Velochi gave public testimony about 6 weeks before 11/22/63, when RFK was asking 4 new measures to step up drive on org. crime. Could a member like Trufficante, Marcello or Hoffa have been involved from electronic surveillance showing it? No, electronics were not used on Trufficante or Marcello or Hoffa.

Stokes

Salerno heard Trufficante testify he was "interpreter". Is it credible that Tr would have such a role? No. His role ∈ CIA, which first approached Roselli, approved by Giancana, feels Giancano OK'd Roselli and asked Tr also cooperate ∈ CIA vs Castro. Tr w/out of his relationships ∈ Giancano & Roselli not true.

Was Tr acting out of "patriotism"? No. To believe him, must reject Aleman, CIA, Roselli, and believe various other implausible allegations. Re sharp decline in drive vs org crime after 11/22/63, how explain why drive fell apart? Leadership of RFK was removed, driving force & commitment was no longer there.

Preyer

Appears org crime had motive and means. Exh. re Bruno & Weisberg in Feb 62 desecrated the Kennedys, Weisberg says, should "take a knife & kill the obscenity" in the White House. Bruno responds with story ... Tell us, who Bruno, who Weisberg, and Bruno's response -

Salerno Bruno was head of Philadelphian Society. His response is tell an old story: pt. is, next King will be still worse. One yr later Bruno early 63 says he is being crucified & thinking of removing self from the story. "It's all over for us."

Fitzhian

re surveillance of Trufficante ("they lived 2 mo"), an exaggeration. Giancana also charged, bumper to bumper tail, got judge to intercede & FBI. So monitoring of Tr not sufficient to tell us one way or another if he involved?

Was insufficient, were gaps in electronic surveillance, cannot say why. At present, need T+ coordination among Fed. agencies. Should return to RFK methodology & = commitment in the White House.

Fitzhugh

Statutory laws now an obstacle? No, on contrary, laws now are better than in 1963, for writers, etc. Is org crime nat'l commission still functioning? Better than in 1963, better than ever. How acct of violent deaths of Giancana & Roselli, which many ppl link = JFK assn? No one knows why they were killed. Method of Roselli's death makes him think, body was not supposed to be found, he skipped the country.

Edgar

Seems to him there was much confusion, many mistakes, in sharing inf. among CIA FBI SS etc. Did they do good job in coordinating with each other? Impression may be misleading, does not take acct of coord on local level between individual agents. Edgar recalls, 17 FBI's privately (secretly) disciplined, suggest coord & collab open to improvement. ① Is it likely that man like Ruby was helped & his labor problems by someone in underworld? ② Would they use someone like Ruby?

① Not unusual at all of Ruby to seek such help.

② Nothing in typical gangland playing gets the JFK assn. Tho 3 exceptions to rule - blinding of Victor Riesel by low-level criminal - addict, who was then killed by middle-level men. Shooting of J Colombo, by black J Johnson who was in turn turned. Killed, was lower-level criminal used by J. Gallo. Also in Kansas City 4

Young blacks hired to kill a witness in a fed. case, hired by low-level org. crime. So are parallels between these cases = JFK assm. Fits the Reisel case.

Edgar

Re LHO, is it enuf that LHO had under Chris Murrell a hookie to link him to org crime? Not enuf in itself. What about David Ferris link? " " " "

Re Ruby, likely he had any link to Trappaniti? Not likely unless there was an intermediary. Ruby not an org. crime figure.

Re Aleman alleg. org crime worked with Castro, likely story that org crime having worked violence vs Castro, 4 expediency to work with him? Yes, has happened in gang wars. Likely that Trappaniti told Aleman "will he hit"? Yes, is believable.

Stokes

Yes, Meyer Lansky told his wife org crime bigger than US Steel. In \$ terms, from available records, from hard data, most conservative est. is, grossing billions per yr & high net profit.

(Quies M Lansky biography) Re McWillie's testimony... worked at a Vegas lodge in which F. Sinatra was half-partner. Sinatra got into trouble because of his friendship to Giancana.

McKinnis Has been suggested Castro felt mob was out to get him & invited mob instead join him in Narcotics?

No, no direct evidence Castro = mob & supplying drugs to USA.

Fitzhain Is it likely that Trappante in 1960s would have been working = Castro, per Aleman? Name of the game is, make money. If evidence Tr is using Cuba & Narcotics base & huge profits, yes, but not for any other reason. Would that need not? Commission approval? (Answer not clear) If no conflict & others, would be free to do it.

Edgar Re credibility of Aleman and of Tr denial, if only 3 meetings between them ---? No, was not frequency but nature of meetings, eg Aleman get big loan from Teamsters, Trappante get big kickback, etc. yes, he might make such a statement.

Salerno (5 min) Re Italian aspects, also resents plus on his nat'l group, of which he is proud.

NT/SV:

To continue on Anti-Castro & Sylvia Odio: WC pressed FBI dig ++ deeply into Odio story; Rankin to JETT said firm evidence LHO traveling on a bus (not firm at all) Liebler disagreed, sent memo. In end, FBI findings still inconclusive when WC issued its WR. WR basically discredited ~~Odio~~ Odio, despite protests of Liebler.

Blakey HSC has now come full circle. Has more work to do on Ruby's associates, also on LHO. Fair to say HSC did more complete unvesting of org crime than FBI or WC. Unvestment of org crime is still open goal, but may end in frustration. Next witness is Beest Griffin, asst counsel WC in Ruby area & slaying of LHO.

Griffin (he already appeared before HSC in exec. session) (some lame jokes re transportation in DC) His purpose is discuss & HSC proper process & uninvesting political murders that have not 4 inquiries. Will discuss goals, successes & failures of WC, and make suggestions how done & in future.

Every day, will be ++ political murders & assassins of
 presidents in future. WC was designed achieve
 4 goals - true facts in assm. to satisfy influential
 ppl & public in general, not descript conduct
 nat'l affairs or nat'l security, and protect the
 innocent. Re stability & nat'l security, LBJ → Warren
 Re protect innocent, was Warren philosophy as
 civil libertarian. JFK assm surrounded by
 suspicion of conspiracy that might create nat'l &
 int'l turmoil. WC began work on ~~the~~^{books} of McCarthy era
 & blot on Congressional committees. At outset, speed
 seemed to inst element. White H asked, finish
 before summer political conventions. But as scope
 widened, deadline became unrealistic. Speed
 was not in retrospect as inst as White H thought.
 It was tomorrow since WR out. No members of
 Congress tried use assm. uncertainties to attack LBJ.

Re qu of how WC came to terminate its work, pressure
 did not cause WC curtail its investigation. Reason
 H closing the investy was, evidence seemed
 overwhelming LHO was assassin + conspiracy
 speculations seemed irrelevant lacking links
 to LHO or Ruby.

WC believed mere act of continuing in-depth investigation of speculation would be injury to innocent ppl, cost a lot of X and \$. HSC must seriously consider if proper to depart from WC standard of proof.

WC successes & failures: LBT goal was achieved, stability was preserved. Foot finding goal was substantially achieved. Large body of inf was collected, on which WR critics have relied. Most signif news inf is, fed agencies withheld inf from WC, which if given, WC would have extended its investg considerably. WC did not become a witch hunt & did no injury to innocent ppl. But it must be recog that decision to terminate govt activity unleashed a private witch hunt.

Clear WC failed prevent assn from becoming a long-term political issue. Second glaring failure was WC's failure get full coop from CIA FBI DP. (Will not go into that.)

Third failure was, coop to investigative agencies. In retrospect, feels WC needed its own independent investigators.

Instead, CIA FBI etc had our liaison officers = WC.
 WC also failed in investigative tactics. off-record
 talk = witnesses discouraged. Candor of witnesses
 not encouraged. Did not use power of immunity
 or perjury prosecutions.

Was a belief by WC leadership its approach was best.
 In those days, we trusted the fed. agencies.
 WC powerless to combat deliberate deceit by a
 fed. agency.

Fifth difficulty was conduct a conspiracy investigation
 by a commission-structure. Used FBI investig.
 approach - unimpaired. questions to witnesses.
 FBI never estab a list of possible conspirators,
 did not tail or tape anyone, did not use its
 agents undercover or infiltration. JETH opposed
 using his agents 4 undercover work. It did use
 & was much more successful in countering conspiracy.

FBI at work 4 2 mos before WC started its
 invest. trail cold - hand was shown -
 FBI looked down on WC "amateurs"

Development of conspiracy theories and lists of suspects required special staff but WC had only 2 staff in org. crime, no one in Cuban or Soviet areas, relied entirely on CIA & FBI, lack of in-house capacity was great handicap. WC had no way do surveillance or wiretap or infiltration, and needed years, not months. Wld have needed comprehensive collection of photos, audio, telephone records, etc. Had no staff or X 4 that.

Sixth failure was rooted in prosecution of Ruby & possible conflict in prosecution and defense at trial. Ruby posed a dilemma - immunity? WC had no power. After WC ended, question of immunity could have been reconsidered, but by then no official body existed to do it (in exchange 4 inf), (Interrog his statement because of X pressure?) - (No)

Another failure grew out of problems of publication. Most serious failure was not investigating as much. Virtually impossible to uncover a well-conceived, well-executed conspiracy. Success almost always based on accidental discovery of crucial evidence.

HSC may well find deficiencies in WC's methods & techniques but asks HSC consider if job could have been done better. WR was a communications failure that need not have occurred. Only effective way to communicate w/ American public is thru mass media. Shld have preserved testimony on video-tape. Shld have given opportunity of questioning by critics.

8th failure was failure to have a mechanism of evaluating new evidence after WC ended. Was short-sighted of WC. Atty-gen might have estab a specic unit for inquiries and investigation. Instead, public bombarded w/ spurious claims.

Final failure was failure of WC to have an adequate historical perspective. Shld have collected basic raw data such as phone records. Shld have anticipated more carefully the conspiracy theories of its future critics.

Recs for future: political murder needs special investigation approach, not ordinary

Criminal investigation. Must address short-range and long-range implications and pressures.

Murder of a president especially requires special type of investigation. Rec'ds HSC action

① rec'd JFK library repository 4 all materials relative events of 11/22-24/63, all declassified except if inconsistent = human decency ② fed & govt center 4 serious research & study.

② HSC conclusions shd be in visual as well as written terms. (A TV special!!!) HSC will soon replace WC as object of attack by critics.

③ What about possible future ordinance? HSC shd rec'd AG estab a procedure & designate an Asst. Ag to follow-up in future any news leads. Indeed, may well be that rec shd be 2 estab an office under Ag on political murder. Needs to be a capability 2 move quickly in event of future assn.

Criteria: Id the essential goals (protect govt against critics!!) (most 4 criteria lost by SM)

Collect preserve & make available all records

Ensure independence from fed agencies

Persuade public

Protect nat'l security > stability

Re CIA plots Castro, HSC rec'd shed pressure against repetition, how, he does not know.

(Receipts 4 letters & bigger cover-ups)

Stokes ppl ask, what has HSC come up with?

Will HSC change course of history? Asks him comment on salutary effect HSC investing. Griffin will sound like he is buttering up HSC. It has shown that it is possible to re-examine matters of pregnant

consequences. Papers & TV coverage of HSC show

WC wrong to think public exam not possible.

Has done tremendous service, sometimes matter in highly resp. manner. Service to ppl

who have honestly tried on their own to examine failures of WC. Educ, intelligent

ppl did not believe WC conclusions -

Integrity, accuracy not previously but

after tremendous effort & expenditure.
 Govt owed this investment to those ppl.
Stakes (members have many questions. He must leave
 & will make concluding observations.) HSC now
 ends this series public hearings. In Nov. will
 revert MLK hearing. Policy hearings may be
 held Dec. habeas cases. JFK may need
 one or more + days of hearings.

Some general remarks: 4 issues, described when
 hearings opened. HSC nor staff has tried prove or
 disprove any particular theory. Has merely x
 the evidence on each pt. even if it fell short of
 being conclusive. Human testimony less reliable
 than scientific analysis or docs. Normal rules of
 evidence not applicable here, so caveat each &
 as evidence presented - esp. on conspiracy theories.
 All the evidence is not yet in. Are loose ends in
 hearings. May still be loose ends after final report.

(Preyer takes chair) Giffin (Fitzhain) (on specific questions)
 CIA & FBI paid, gave WC whatever they asked for.
 WC witnesses paid, could not ask for something
 we didn't know existed. How guard against

that in future? Decision had to be made at highest level, Unless
 Pres & Attorney Gen also kept ignorant. Does not think there is
 anything that can be done. Might be legitimate keep that info
 from a WC if Pres. knows... (Fumble & stumble) ... and if
 would avoid thermonuclear war, Maybe Warren did know.
 (CIA plots Castro). Fitzhain No one until today was willing
 to acknowledge any WC shortcomings... contributing to
 charges of cover-up. Why no one willing to concede?
 Others may honestly disagree w him. Many of his
 suggestions as staff member WC were rejected as
 honest differences of opinion. Human weakness is,
 difficult change one's position. Fitzhain asks ++
 info on goal of WC of protecting those who had no criminal
 implication. Guffin no cover-up by WC = respect to
 any individual, far as he knows. Tried protect
 reputation & employment of ppl. Critics find
 contradictory citations to contradictory docs. WC said
 no evidence Ruby in org crime, yet does show
 contacts with high mob figures. But even h. McWilliam
 deserves some protection. Fitzhain if WC knew CIA plots
 Castro, would have altered the investigation, Guffin said,
 Any indiv findings will have been different?
 Yes, findings on LHO matter will have been
 different.

Fitzhain Is he satisfied with the motive, that HHO must have had, mental case? Wanted 2 to report? Yes, it's a factor, but does not explain why he selected JFK or selected 11/22. Perhaps something US Govt did supplied the impetus to go after JFK instead of some other person. Was decision by fed agencies deliberate? Yes, thinks CIA was deliberate. FBI re Hosty memo concealed, was deliberate.

McKinney (re Griffin rec to HSC to rec. future machinery to handle political murder) Need to have flexibility and residual machinery via DoJ & game plan if happens again. Was WC under such x pressure as to effect its work? He wanted do things that others didn't want to do. Perhaps WC prematurely closed its investing from his standpoint. At the finish, he was satisfied to have gone as far as he could go, under the kind of investigation that was undertaken.

Preyer on how handle political murder in future, anything to add? No.

Preyer Loversen tributes to Blakey and Conyers and researchers et al.

Adjourned sine die - 5 pm

NT/JV: This is the end.

Friday 12/29/78

NT & JV - new gas has arisen suggesting 4 shots, 1 from G/Knell
3 from Deporter. If true, had 2 & 2 persons & per
Blaney a prime facie case of conspiracy. (Reprise, Berger
50/50 → Weiss refinement = Ashkenazy → 99 to 98%
probability from G/Knell.) Tape was discovered
by ASCA. Heard such evidence only 3 shots.

Com. in great difficulty. Does not know how to
resolve it. Critics wonder where fact must have
been shot from Knell because so many people
heard them.

Stokes will hold 1 day public hearings. Said
previously might be need 4 + 1 or 2 days.
Had in mind accusatorial analysis.
Since Sept. was a refinement of the analysis.
Com. has given careful exam to implications
& now prepared reach final conclusions
& provide recs in both issues. which
will do tonight after public session.

Blakey After WR 1964 & before HSCA established
 that crucial issue is shots, how many, from
 where. If 3 from Dealey Plaza at sufficient intervals,
 WC verdict may well stand. But work of
 WC must be reappraised if a period too
 short or if shots from more than one direction.
 In either case, must be reappraised as a
 conspiracy. WR time ~~total~~ interval was
 between — and —. 3 shells were considered
 as coming. WC paid no credible evidence
 shots from anywhere else. HSCA work based
 almost entirely on scientific evidence. Hearing
 today will be concerned primarily with " " and its
 implications, & fully acoustic analysis.
 First Co's review some testimony available
 to WC 1964. JFK ed. FBI (?) aerial review
 Dealey Plaza. Look at route of motorcycle along
 Elm St. Note grassy knoll. Testimony re no.
 shots varied, 2 to 4 to 5 to 6. 5 to 6 poss.
 FBI said 2.3 secs. min. Therefore had to be
 at least 4.6. WC paid testimony re shots
 from grass knoll should be disregarded as no
 evidence to exist it. HSCA prepared
 analysis F 340 of 160 eyewitnesses.

shows, 49 or 27.5 % They let TSD about 21 or 11 % thought JK. NB law enforcement personnel who thought JK is Bobby Hargis (F644) (reads) was splattered with blood = brain, sounded like shots right next to him, ... from RR ... man fell to ground & around child ... etc. F661 is photo, Wm. Newman, who gave F645 statement to Sheriff. He said "seemed we were in direct path of fire ... from garden directly behind me." Holland Zogruder F155 F646 deposition to his father, quotes "from back of me" Paul Handis, Holland, part of same. Several witnesses saw bullets hit pavement. F649. Royce Skelton, Virginia Baker F651 statement to FBI also testimony of suspicious conduct around JK eg "off agent" footprints. etc.

Hargis
Newman
Zogruder
Handis
Holland
Skelton
V Baker

But no one saw flight of handgun & rifle.
 In Jan Sept 1977 HSCA learned of DP tape, hoped obtain new evidence from it, contacted = Bolt etc. Reprise findings from original DP tape and dictabelt by Barger. Concluded motorcycle in Dealey Plaza, 95% 2 shots 60-70% 3 shots and 50% 4 shots. HSCA then asked 2 indep expts review Barger work, Weiss & Ashkenazi, focused on 3rd shot.

Weiss - Ashkenazi (Cornwall) asked on 8/17/78 examine and review plan for reconstruction in Dealey Plaza. Told HSCA

reconstruction was necessary and desirable. Peter were asked
 take + detailed look at Berger's analysis + refine it, esp. the
 the 3rd possible shot from Gk. Started early Oct. concluded very
 recently. Was able conclude that 95% or better probability
 of shot from Gk. Problem was they had other contractual obligs
 (= Air Force) > could not give full time to this analysis.
 Describes fundamental principles of acoustics analysis.

(Omitted) Estab. 4 sev. 100 yrs. Did not need to apply
any newer or less estab principles, only the fundamentals.

Describes basic process by which they applied these principles
 to the basic data. From this were able to interpolate location
 of microphone and location of shooter. Tape recorder was
 5% slow from normal. [Ech. 349 672 667 displayed] (long
 exposition by Weiss, how they find locations distances etc.)

Matched to within 1/1000th of a second. Hard to
 imagine how this can be an accident. Odds are 20 to 1.

Only 2 locations would produce the echo pattern, with
 margin of 3' for shooter and one foot for microphone.

Was able to find shock wave pattern immediately before
 muzzle blast sound eg was supersonic rifle shot. Rifle
 could have been pointing in a zone — ? — wide. Cannot
 say how far bullet went before it terminated. [Ech. 673

Gun Digest velocities of rifles, up to 4000' per sec] Describes
 experiments run at NYC DP shooting range Bronx
 with motorcycle + shield, which confirmed that windshield
 reduces effect of initial pandurance (??)

Stokes

Weiss must be aware of enormous impact his testimony. If HSCA accepts it, in effect accepts 2 shooters in D'Pledge = legal assumption of conspiracy. For many yrs 2 come Weiss work will be scrutinized very carefully. Ask him now as did before in ex pos aim to play devil's advocate. What type of criticism might other experts make? Weiss Wld look to see if any input parameters were omitted that could affect the predicted positions of shells. He took into acct every possible factor that might affect accuracy - temperature on 11/22/63, humidity, any signif architectural changes, wave shape, destruction of microphone or transmitter. If is any weakness in results his analysis, must be some coincidence that has escaped them entirely, he cannot imagine what it might be. He cannot see any basis for finding significant fault in his analysis. Yes, is satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt to degree of 95% a better was 3rd shot from JK. Overall probability of 95% or better that there were 4 shots D'Pledge. Did not do anything new that could not have been done in 1963 - application is new, was 1st done by Berger in Kent State shooting. Re Berger testimony in Sept. Origin, 4th shot only "possible", yes, his analysis at that time was exactly right, prior to refinement done later. He could not be sure of presumed location of

microphone. [Preyer] gathers Weiss saying not like polygraph, does not involve subjective judgment but fixed mathematical principles? Yes. Differentiator is greater than interpreter per polygraph. Is pure basic physics and geometry. Could not sound play tricks? Could it be backfire of motorcycle? If motorcycle was backfiring, it was up there behind stretched fence. Re "10 such peaks, there should have been 12"? In fact, there were 12, but 2 fell below noise level, so he left them out of correlation equation. If included them, would have been greatly strengthened. [Devine] Was Berger's study incomplete? No, as done was on right path. He used all the info in his study and it was as a result of his study that Weiss could place motorcycle at microphone #4. If he had had \times time, he would have come to some results. Did shot from GK hit anyone in motorcade? No way of knowing. Has no expertise in 2 film analysis. How much weight to assign to Weiss findings? Is not an arcane science, is college physics. [Famintroy] Does he say that shots were not backfires? Not exactly. In shot 3, is evidence of shock wave preceding muzzle blast, could not have been a backfire. Problem is, no one saw anyone \approx a rifle on GK. Could it be shot from pistol? If pistol had supersonic speed, yes, but understates

most pistols not supersonic. What about alleged SS agent as GK? Cornwall looked into it, but 15 yrs later. In essence, a person ID'd self as alleged SS credentials, behind picket fence. Careful exam showed no SS in that area, could not get beyond that.

Dodd Could WC have done what Weiss did?

Roger

Nothing to prevent it, the Berger used novel type filtering technique only dev in last 15 yrs. Does he exclude all other possible noise sources? If are other kinds of sounds which resemble sound of bullet at supersonic speed, yes, but he knows of more. Firecracker? Train? No, would not have produced this kind of pattern. Does absence of identifiable pattern raise question of authenticity of test? Could we say that inclusion of wave form in tape would raise serious question? Clarion bell on tape but no bells ringing as Dloga. How explain that? Cannot reply as did not consider it in any detail. (Not clear, not audible here) Someone in different location might have opened his transmitter at same time. Dodd: Not possible for someone else to interrupt. Weiss: Is question of who has the stronger signal. During the 5 min more open, you can hear others trying to come in, can hear chirp, can also hear others

talking, especially so after the stats. So there are several transmitters coming in simultaneously. The stats could have come only from D Plogge, or from an exact duplicate location. [Fitzhain] Weiss results raise serious problems 4 HSCA and 4 history. Must raise questions, not personal, re his profession & his qualifications. Set out any preconceptions? No, if anything critical reaction was, someone kidding, this cannot be gun shots. But results analyses convinced them. The numbers could not be refuted came back again and again, could not make those numbers go away no matter how hard they tried. What were his instructions from HSCA staff? Were asked to take 50/50 and move it off center in either direction. Worked in total independence of the HSCA. Is this technique commonly employed in criminal investigations? Only in Kent State, so far as he knows. Isn't this really rather novel? Yes, is novel in this area, because is first time these ques. have been raised. Not raised before Kent State for as he knows. Fitzhain want to clarify the distinction between Weiss work & Barger's. Did Weiss filter the noise or rely on Barger? Worked in 2 tapes, August recenstat and copy DP tape, not filtered. Did ++ work

on wind shield factor. Edger His gun slumped & assisted by Dr. Arthur Ford, Dr. Francis Davis, Dr. M. Wolfgang, all experts in physics or criministics, all reviewing Barger & Weiss findings. First, temperature data. Weiss - Was first to know approx temp, precise temp not that night. Was about 90° in penetration or 1150' per sec. On 11/22/63 was 65° or 1123' per sec or 27' per sec increment. Any small variation not significant. Dealing $\approx 3/10$ th of a second. Remains 95% or better certainty. Stokes No, do not know where GK bullet went, or the speed. Do not know direction in which bullet fired Δ muzzle velocity to know where it terminated. But are dealing with 3 unknowns and only one fact. We can say it was not fired straight up in the air or reverse direction from car. Can say fired in general direction of car. Preyer Re 5% slow tape recorder, how does he know that and how does it affect the findings? Know 5% slow from Barger's time analysis, and made appropriate adjustments, which is only approximate and which was altered during analysis for greater accuracy since 5% was not constant - dictaphone speed varied to 5% average slowness. But the adjustment was a very small one. 4.3% instead of 5%.

Re "new application" of uncontroversial principles, 1st used at Kent State - No, did not use any technique 4 suppressing low-level sound. **Devine** Yes, must muzzle velocities do exceed speed of sound. To correlate Z film & tape, must take acct of interval between hit and sound. Cannot reasonable ppl reach different conclusions from same set of facts? Yes, if facts subject to differing interpretations. **Fambray** No new electronic equipment used? Yes. Therefore need not deal w reliability of equipment used? Yes - Ash's stuff is source of 65° temperature. Blakey says, got it from Weather Bureau, took temp given for site closest to D. Plaza. Ash's Weiss - if knew where gun was, knew muzzle velocity, & knew where it hit, could he determine temp? Yes, but must ~~be~~ be based on strict lab conditions which do not prevail in real world. Fambray - wants be clear. Know second shot hit JFK while behind the sign. Could he determine the temperature? Yes, he could, could take weeks, the variations slight and could have no major impact on results - requires an adjustment of $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1% or 1' forward or backward. **Edgar** what evidence that his temp not off by more than 5? If 10, would move 2" not 1".

Dodd

Map was not exactly accurate, re spacing of columns, but that was not relevant. Do any of the possible variations of resolved narrow his predictions? What degree of error in placing gunman GK? Radiuses of 5 feet? 10 feet? Can make 5' adjustment and still get some echo pattern. If move 10 or 20 feet, will no longer match echo pattern. (Asho Weiss show where gunman located at fence in photo or drawing of GK.)

Weiss places shooter at 8' from corner, give or take 5'. Fitzhugh re object behind wall in photo, was behind concrete abutment not behind stockade fence. (Not clear who is talking.) Ques about nature of the receiver and its ability to provide data worked with, Barger testified microphone modified and attenuated the actual sounds. Is that a significant problem? No, does not affect time of impulse. Re "false alarms" & Barger's testimony, how did Weiss eliminate them? It was a by-product of the effort to narrow down the "windows".

~~matching~~, Edgar re temperature, if off by 10° that would necessitate moving the motorcycle by several feet, isn't that an oversimplification? Yes, would have to recalculate echoes too. If warmer, sound would travel faster - (the absolutes would differ but the relationships would remain the same - see)

Edgar says TSPD roof said 68° on 11/22/63. Weiss says of only 3° effect would be negligible. Edgar says, essentially an analysis done in a test-tube. Discussion of angle of echo - not important.

Aren't there a number of variables like wind, temp, no. of people, no. of cars, that would affect the calculations? Weiss says, only difference between theory and practice is that in practice you can ignore nothing. Believes they did not take every significant variable. Re short interval between shots 3 and 4, is not a sound mirage a possible explanation? (Refraction or bending). Not so. For that to be true, would need some of muzzle blast transferred to GK & behave exactly like a shot fired from GK. (Need a miracle, not a mirage - SW) No, that could not account for the 2 shots.

Fitzhian Did he discover any characteristics that would help explain why officer had microphone open? Yes, at time NYC tests, an officer said my X the microphone would go on every X he pulled the brake cable. Any changes in Plaza since 1963 which altered echo pattern? Not that he knows. Everything intact based aerial photos etc. As to overhead sign, echoes came from supporting posts but very weak.

Hyatt Hated did not make any difference. Edgar Is he aware of phenomenon on open seas, fog horn in distance sends ship in false direction? No, not aware of that. (Thoughts - why?) Aware radar blips sometimes not accurate? Is familiar with radar, but no. Re probability \approx 95% pure of 4th shot - asks him describe the history on which based. Weiss - time range of 300 microseconds, divided up. Deck of cards, 14 spades (??) Probability of random sequence closely matching known sequence is less than 5%. Proven \times and \times again over many yrs. Dodd ~~you~~ 95% pure of noise from GK. To what degree is he sure it was rifle? Can only point to shock wave preceding muzzle blast. Blakey began with testing of rifle shots and noise from GK, asked Berger if he could detect gunfire on tape, and he did, for shots 1, 2, 4 from TSB/D for which we have substantial corrob. Shot 3 ~~similar~~ similar, were concerned \bar{c} location. Assumed it was rifle because it corresponded to known rifle shots. In tests fired both rifle and pistol. Cornwall ability to hit target comparable \bar{c} pistol and \bar{c} rifle. Fantry Were there pistols in 1963 comparable in muzzle blast \bar{c} rifle? Green Digest shows there were pistols in 1963 which fired supersonically. 5 min (thanks staff)

Blakely time-span between shots allegedly fired by LHO raises
 spectre of conspiracy. 1 and 2 were 1.95 secs apart
 or less than FBI min speed of 1.3. Re new tests
 done by HSCA staff & Kirk, et al, less & needed,
 said in Sept. were prelim tests. Delayed test
 results next yr. Do serious doubt re FBI
 2.3 secs. Results of acoustic project also
 lead to search for motorcycle policeman in
 particular predicted location. If not found, will
 raise serious doubts about acoustic findings.
 Revisited docs & films in attempt verify " ".
 First effort disingenuous. Pressed on. Found only
 4 cycles close to car, not 8 as planned. Ultimately
 found film showing motorcycle on Houston St. about
 JFK car, just where predicted, Driver was
H. B. McChain. Yes, original plans were changed
 & only 2 cycles at car. Yes, he rode several car-
 lengths back and left of JFK car. Courson
 was to his rear. Boher was on right. Was
 position constant? No, varied from LBT car to
 bus. Spacing of motorcycle itself also varied.
 [Eph 668 669 670 671 photos of motorcycle] [~~from~~
~~2 film frames~~] Does he remember hearing any shots?
 Only one, while 1/2 way between Elm and Main on
 Houston. What he did? looked up street, saw
 bunch pigeons fly off TSD.

Did he hear anything then? Yes, heard radio, Curry saying heard 4 P.H. Did not use his own radio at any time.

Normally set on Channel 1. But cannot determine which channel. What happened after Curry → PH?

Everyone broke & headed 4 P.H. Recall where JFK or LBJ cars were when he caught up to them? About where Hyatt House is now.

Yes, his motorcycle had unique characteristics - chrome something on right wheel.

2 clip holders on wind shield. Microphone mounted to left. [Exh. 675 674 676 677 678 shown to McTain]

Yes, he ID'd self in these photos. Yes, could have heard Curry on Courson's speaker and not his own.

PH photos could be McTain. (Need ++ research on various aspects.) Can he say to any certainty which channel?

or if changed? No, not certain. Yes, could have been changed.

Did he have stuck microphone? Not that he knows. Could have been open and transmitting without his knowledge. Has happened before. (Segment omitted)

(Now on TV at about 2:45 pm but not in synchronization with radio.) Saw Hargis go up JK → fence. Yes, can he

more than one transmitted simultaneously, tho would cause overlap & incoherence. Knows of one charism bells on D Plaza. [5 men] [Leaves to 2:30]

[NT & JV] Shocking testimony this am. Quite convincing that there was a 4th shot from JK. Ergo, was conspiracy in all probability.

Over to TV at 3:05 pm

Wally to Berger re Pelisino commentary on
acoustical results. Argues that motorcycle was
not at D Plaza but on route to P.H. Berger says
every piece 300' away from motorcycle & would not
have been audible. (?) Re clarion bell "requires
bell be located ... none in D Plaza but one in
tower Lucas Boy's Church, 6 miles away from
cycle on duty, Stemsross & Industrial"

Berger says, bell a few secs after 4th shot
indicates someone had an open transmitter

near Church. Yes, he has remained work
of Weiss and Ashkenazis. (Gives acct of
discussions, how reduces uncertainty, model
& analytical extension of Berger's work)

Checked their results, found them reasonable.

In Sept he said 58/50. Weiss & Ash

say 95% or better. Does he agree? Yes.

Balt etc concluded they had successfully
achieved a match \pm only \pm or -

1/1000 \pm of a second for each match.

Berger had used 6/1000th because did
not know where motorcycle was. Reduced
false alarm rate very substantially.

Preyer re Kent State work by Berger, yes, was a federal indictment in which his analysis of the shots was stipulated. He was able locate the physical position of the shooters. Fauntroy In the 4th shot, findings indicate in all probability from 6 ft TSBD. Know muzzle velocity, that rifle & have our "fingerprint." Therefore know what a shock-wave

" looks like. Weiss & Ash lines look just like a shock wave & is entirely consistent with rifle supersonic bullet. Odds against a noise burst mimicking a shock wave less than 1 in 5. Devine temp at 8/20/78 tests varied from about 73° to 90° at noon.

Exchange about motorcycle noise when cycle revved up. Noise level was high until 2-3 secs before 1st shot fired, then cycle slowed down, noise down by 10 decibels and stayed down 30-40 secs & then up to previous level and even higher. Yes, agrees
 • Weiss and Ash re location of motorcycle

Dodd (omitted for sun lunch) Yes. We could have done exactly the same tests as Berger Weiss and Ash.

His assessment is, Weiss refinement of 1st shot does not affect his set of

probability of the other 3 shots. [Fitzgerald] where
will critics attack HSCA on acoustic
findings? Berger - initially could have
attached findings because no motorcycle
were supposed to be. Now, has been found.

Next problem is, compute probabilities.
Are the events related or independent?
Must make assumptions, because not
enough data to answer the question.

[Edger] - what moved him from 50/50 to 95%?
(Highly technical explanation)

[5 min] This problem was a most difficult one
It involved efforts of many people at his
firm, each bringing their own highly specialized
expertise. Names team & gives thanks to each
important to acknowledge that there is a
fundamental principle - Blakey decided on
strategy of scientific tests rather than eyewitness
testimony. Opens new path in forensic proceedings.

[Blakey] Now will review results of various
scientific forecasts in relation to acoustic
results. 4 shots in 7.91 seconds fired -
1, 2, and 4 from TSD 3rd from GK

Consistent to other scientific analysis results?

Had been assumption first shot was at 313.

Using 312 as pt of reference, 166 196 296 312

At 166, no shot hit so must have missed.

Photo panel concluded Gov. C reaction to severe external stimulus in area of 166.

But Gov. C body movement seems to have started before 166. And relationship between

Z film & tape only approximate. FBI found

Z film speed 18.3 frames per second.

A differential of 6 frames is only $1/3$ second.

There is an approximate correlation between events on Z film & tape. Each corroborates the other.

At 192 JFK suddenly froze, hand stopped abruptly, at 202 head moved rapidly to left.

Gov C at 224 indicates also reacting to severe external stimulus. Panel concluded positions consistent = single bullet theory.

Medical panel concluded (reprise)

NAA analysis results (reprise)

Ballistics (reprise) In contrast, is no

scientific evidence for a 3rd shot at

296 & no evidence on Z film

a shot hit anyone at that point.

Forensic panel est only one bullet hit head. This summary is based on assumption 4th shot is at 312, if 3rd shot is at 312, 4th at 327 which would mean both 3rd & 4th shots hit JFK head. While evidence seems pt to 4th shot at 312, possibility of 3rd shot at 312 must be examined. Will now show correlation on Z film for 3rd at 312 and for 4th at 312. (2 film shown)

Badon would have testified, re-ly materials in light acoustic findings. Conclusions same as before. No med evidence JFK hit from front & right. HSCA then arranged 4 exam of limousine, but was told car extensively renovated, Exam was done last week. Found no evid bullet from JFK struck car. Also had Carnoy available. He would have testified that highly unlikely 4th shot at 327 from TSD could have struck JFK.

Dodd asks Blekey re bullet fragment found in car not easily ID by NAA; Blekey not prepared to reply.

Edgar praises Stakes

Stakes great experience, proud of harmony & non-partisanship of HSCA.

Closing remarks: This concludes public hearings. Will now discuss & vote on funding & fees, made public 1/3/79.

Final rept transcripts & appendices to GPO by 3/30/79 & made public thru.

HSCA has presented evidence clearly pointing to ID of assassins in both cases. If accepted, evidence heard today could pt to ~~action~~^{conspiracy} in JFK case.

What course of action now that HSCA comes to end? Still have ends in both cases. But life itself has loose ends.

Adjuvival

Paul Duke - O'Leary - Oglesby

Duke end where we began, great note of uncertainty

O'Leary ends in sadness. Shocking even after 15 yrs to see head shot. He could not tell if 3rd or 4th shot hit head.

Blakey says not hit from front.

Duke this became a scientific investigation

O'Leary yes complex & hard to follow

but led HSCA per Stokes to possible or likely conspiracy in MLK & possible conspiracy in JFK

Stokes In MLK case, outlines of a likely conspiracy, not level today if believed by HSCA could pt to conspiracy.

Personally finds it hard to say in either case conclusively or beyond reasonable doubt est a conspiracy. HSCA must be cautious in its findings.

Yes, some body shld pursue the missing DT in JFK FBI in MLK shld also examine Bronson films

Jerry re Earl Gals last night (12/28/78) one expert
said clear evidence of movement also in
adjacent closed window by possible 3rd person
& essential do computer work on whole film
if not possible, is another less costly method.