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MASTER INDEX TO THE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE ASSASSINATION
OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Explanatory Note

There have been two major official federal investigations of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963. The first was by the Presidential commission known as the Warren Commission, in 1963-1964. The second was by the House Select Committee on Assassinations, which in 1976-1978 re-investigated the Kennedy assassination and the performance of the FBI, the CIA and other federal agencies and which in 1979 published a Report and fourteen volumes of Hearings and Appendices. (The House Select Committee also investigated the assassination of Martin Luther King, on which it issued a Report and supporting volumes for which it is to be hoped that indexes will be prepared in future if there is a manifest need on the part of researchers and investigators.) — (footnote)

This volume of indexes on the Kennedy assassination is in several discrete sections, described below.

Part I. The Investigation of the House Select Committee

Section 1

This section provides individual indexes to the Report of the House Select Committee, the five volumes of transcripts of the public Hearings, the seven volumes of appendices, and two volumes on legislative and administrative refera consisting of a Hearings volume and an appendix. These individual indexes are provided for those who wish to work with any single volume in the series.

Section 2

This section presents a comprehensive subject index giving for each heading and sub-heading all citations to the Report, the Hearings and the Appendices. (Gary Owens to prepare additional description and explanation of the symbols, e.g., R, 1H, 2H etc. 6A, 7A, etc.)

Section 3

This section presents a comprehensive name index giving for each name citations to the Report, the Hearings and the Appendices. (Gary Owens to prepare additional description and explanation of the symbols.)

Section 4

This section presents a Key to the comprehensive name index, classifying the names according to identity and role. It provides, for example, lists of police officers, FBI agents, and other investigators; associates of Oswald; associates of Ruby; news media representatives; members and staff of the House Select Committee; and the like. (N.B. If we can get it, this section will include a complete list of HSCA witnesses, in executive as well as public Hearings. An effort is being made to obtain this from Blakey.)

Part II. Subject Index to the Warren Report and the Hearings and Exhibits

This part reprints the 1966 Subject Index to the Warren Report and the Hearings and Exhibits which has long been out-of-print and available only in xerographic edition on special order. It is republished in this volume (in slightly emended form) after a canvass of researchers suggested its desirability and in order to consolidate maximum information in a single research tool. The Subject Index includes its own explanatory note and explanation of symbols.