

Now available. Sylvia Meagher's indexes to the medical part of Vol. VII (3 pp.) and Vol. XII (5 pp.)

Is anyone else doing any indexing? (Jim Kostman may be working on Vols. IX, X, and XI, but that's uncertain.) If you are doing anything, please let me and/or Sylvia know, so that duplication of effort can be avoided.

WITNESS LIST: It would be nice to have a chronological list of witnesses cited in the main report and the staff reports. (I made such a list for the Schweiker Report, and found it useful.) This might be a more manageable project than indexing - anyone game? Ultimately, such a list should include cited letters from the agencies, and should indicate where each witness is cited, but at first a simple list of names and dates would be plenty good enough.

This list could serve as a starting point for a project to get as much of the unpublished HSC material as possible, either by requesting copies from the witnesses, or (where applicable) under the FOIA. See Preyer's letter to the Star, below. (#1) If he really thinks that most of the testimony was published, he should support Congressional action to have the unpublished material reviewed and released, under the criteria imposed on executive branch documents by the FOI and Privacy Acts.

FOIA REQUESTS: I would appreciate knowing of FOIA requests, successful or not, for HSC-related material (e.g., submissions from the agencies). If anyone wants to send me material or information that is not for newsletter distribution, please say so.

BOOK: I'm not sure what will happen, or when, but the work of Scott et al. is still proceeding at a rapid pace.

CLIPPINGS:

Part 1 - Relating (directly) to the JFK case:

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1. ? [1 p.] Wash. Star; letter from Rep. Preyer replying to editorial of 7/22; claim that "Our committee held 38 days of public hearings and has released almost all of the testimony in 27 volumes. A small amount of testimony has not been released simply for reasons of logistics - we lacked the clerk help to get it out." No reference to the withholding of the bulk of the non-public-session material. Perhaps he got a different set of 27 volumes? (Other errors too - he suggests Belin was a lower-ranking WC staff lawyer than the "four chief counsels" the HSC heard in formal session!)
 - *** 2. Spring 1979 Journal of Indiana Law Enforcement [5 pp.] "A Challenge for America," by Rep. Floyd Fithian. If the Mafia did it, "then this 'private government' may indeed be more successful than we have ever believed in imposing its will on our most cherished public institutions." But regardless, the challenge facing us today is "to marshall public will behind a national commitment to fight organized crime, and to win that fight!" The article as a whole is a good review of the HSC's work.
 - * 3. [The Spring 1979 issue of JILE is devoted to the JFK case - including an editorial, Wecht's annotated testimony (with photos), etc. Copies are said to be available for \$1 from 2719 Maynard Drive, Indianapolis 46227. It's quite pro-Wecht.]
 - * 4. 2 Jun 79 N.O. Times-Picayune [5 pp.] Coverage of vice raids in N.O. Orestes Pena among those arrested on federal racketeering charges.
 - * 5. 3 Jun 79 UPI in DMN [1 p.] Summary of previous item.
 - * 6. 10-11 Jun 79 NYT [1 p.] Review (6/10) and article (6/11), 'History catches up to Hoffa-Kennedy book' (Blood Feud) I'm still not impressed.
 - * 7. 10 Jul 79 National Enquirer [1 p.] "How secret report on JFK death links Oswald & Ruby to mobsters"; quotes Frank Seltzer & Dan Moldea
 - ** 8. 10 Jul 79 AP in Buffalo Courier [1 p.] "JFK Committee Counsel Denies [Groden's] Fake Photo Charge"
 - ** 9. 18 Jul 79 NYT [2 pp.] Original version of Kaiser interview of EMK (7/28 list, #11)
 10. 18 Jul 79 DMN [1 p.] Charmayne Marsh on HSC report
 11. 18 Jul 79 DMN [1 p.] John Geddie, 'Images of Oswald, Ruby disputed'
 - * 12. 18 Jul 79 NOTP [2 pp.] AP on HSC report, plus denials by Marcello's lawyer
 - ** 13. 19 Jul 79 NYT [1 p.] Rawls, "Counsel in assassination study [Blakey] brightened panel's reputation"