

Clippings: (Provided by Ted Rubinstein)

1. 17 Feb 77 San Diego Union [1 p.] "Programmed assassins conjectured" by M. Schorr, defense psychologist in the Sirhan case; thinks the Russians might have operated on LHO in Minsk, etc. Pretty silly.
2. 15 Mar 78 Chicago Sun-Times [1 p.] Bob Greene column: "Ed Arthur, mercenary - 'We make our own policy'" Mentions offer to kill Castro, etc.
3. 7 Jan 79 The Observer (England) [2 pp.] "Mystery of the President's missing shirt," by Len Deighton. Quite silly, considering; this is the sort of analysis the HSC evidence should have reduced.
- *** 4. 22 Apr 79 NYT [1 p.] Janet Battaile on the LEIU. "Another defender is Bob Blakey ... 'It [the LEIU] was simply responding to national Government demands, and we're talking about good government - Johnson, not Nixon...'" Let's see if the HSC even asked Revill about the LEIU.
5. 2 May 79 Balto. Sun [2 pp.] "2 Probes (Md. Police, Senate Intell. Comm.) Resume on Paisley"
6. 6 May 79 San Jose Mercury News [1 p.] "Hypnotist (Harry Kruk) suspects Sirhan was in trance"
7. 7 May 79 Newsweek [1 p.] "Who Killed Malcolm?" (Muslims)
- *** 8. 8 May 79 UPI in DMN [1 p.] Re story by Frank Seltzer, WCMH-TV (Columbus, Ohio) saying HSC report will name Hoffa, Marcello, Trafficante.
10 May 79 UPI in Sacto. Bee [on same page] More of Seltzer's story. Refers to witnesses linking LHO with Ferrie in 1963; the fact that the Cuban Revolutionary Council was co-founded by Tony Varona, a Trafficante associate [what about the CIA?]; etc. Seltzer said the HSC "will disclose ... that Oswald's family lived in an area where they would have had direct and indirect contact with members of the Marcello organization." What is all this stuff??
- ****? 9. 10 May 79 DMN (Golz) [2 pp.] "Cuban rebels told ex-envoy [C. B. Luce] of Oswald trip" to Mexico - within a few hours, which indicates intelligence sources.
- * 10. June 79 Penthouse [5 pp., but not legible enough to copy] "The White Hand" (Volkman & Cummings) CIA-trained Cuban exiles killing people in Latin America. CIA said to have considered using them, e.g. for getting rid of Torrijos.
- * 11. 11 Jun 79 Look [8 pp.] "The Tormented Life & Death of a CIA Man" (Paisley) By David Binder (NYT). Good on facts, I'm told, but very psychological.
- (***) 12. July 79 Gallery [32 pp., including photos, plus a record - buy it!] By Policoff, mostly. Definitely the best thing Gallery has ever done on the case. My own views on the HSC and the technical evidence are quite different, of course.

New HSC Volume: I just got "Legislative & Administrative Reform - Vol II," (925 pp.), described as a "compilation of legal memoranda and documents on issues pertaining to" the investigation. Lots of noncontroversial stuff like getting testimony from foreign citizens, Texas laws violated by the removal of JFK's body, etc., but a fair amount of rather interesting stuff: agreements with the CIA and FBI re access; alleged perjury in John Ray's testimony; possible liability of the GPO for publishing personal or libelous matter (something to think about, for those of us who plan to write about this report); immunity issues; and so on.

HSC Target Date: Mid-June is apparently out. Jeff G's sources, and NBC radio (yesterday), are saying "July." Evidently nobody is in a hurry. I'm getting more skeptical of the purely technical reasons given for the delays.

The Mass Media Catch Up with the AIB Newsletter: Bob Kur had a piece on the NBC TV News last night - the usual Hoffa-Marcello-Trafficante stuff. There is a very slim AP story today, based on what they saw in March. (I have Kur on tape [only].)

I think I would be properly skeptical of the case against the Mafia even if it didn't overlap with the Garrison scenario, against which I have an irrational bias (because of Garrison). In a sense, Marcello is as defenseless as Clay Shaw. To a layman on the MLK case, the HSC's case against the Ray brothers looked much stronger before they finished presenting it. The HSC report will have to have a