

INDEXES: Vol. X has been indexed - alas, twice: by Sylvia, and by Gary Owens (Huron College History Dept., London, Ontario, Canada). The two are not identical; each is 6 pages. Since Gary sent me some extra copies, I'll send his around, unless you specify you want Sylvia's, or both.

CIA MATTERS:

The CIA says that their review of the last batch of JFK documents was delayed due to the work of the HSC, but "now that a final report is being prepared" by the HSC [this is in a letter dated August 27!], "we can release personnel to begin this review." But it will take at least several more months before I get anything.

Larry Haapanen has sent me a page from the 1972 State Department Biographical Register, which confirms that Mr. D. C. [12 HSC 585] is Tennent H. Bagley.

Larry also notes two exceptions to the claim the CIA didn't use overseas consular positions for cover from 1959 to 1963: E. Howard Hunt in Montevideo, and Richard Wheeler in Ecuador. (See HSC Report 215 at note 144, re Richard Snyder.)

CLIPPINGS, ETC.:

1. Sept.-Oct. 1967 [2 pp.] "Neo-Fascism and the Kennedy Assassins," by Clark Blaise, in "Canadian Dimension." Old and weird, but quotes the Permindex stuff.
  2. 19 Jan 79 [1 p.] Frederick Post, "Rotary given perspective of CIA" (speech by Thomas H. White, Information Directorate)
  - \*\*\*? 3. Mid-May 79 [1 p.] Baltimore Chronicle, reprinted in TCI (7/22/79) "Missing [E.H.] Hunt memo holds clues to ass'n mystery," by Harrison Livingstone. A repeat of #4 on my 7/14 list, with a new rating in light of recent developments. A spectacularly bad piece - this guy has zero credibility.
  - \*\*\* 4. 18 Jul 79 [10 pp.] MacNeil-Lehrer Report transcript (Stokes, Sawyer, Horrock)
  - \*\*\* 5. 18 Jul 79 [2 pp.] Newsday, "Panel backs conspiracy theories" (Anthony Marro) [Ex-staffer, re people with tenuous underworld ties: "It was pretty cynical. They puffed up some of these guys like a Macy's parade balloon to make them seem more involved than they are."]
  - \*\*\* 6. 7 Aug 79 [1 p.] Letter from Blakey, replying to S. Specter's piece of 7/23 [See 8/4 list, #3.] Philadelphia Inquirer.
  - \*\*\* 7. 12 Aug 79 [2 pp.] DMN, "A 5th shot?" (Golz) Good summary of the Tague situation, with suggested explanation. (Trajectory - building near TSBD to manhole cover to pillar to Tague and curb separately.) I'm not convinced that one could rule out the TSBD from the manhole cover mark direction alone, or that Tague's recollection of the sequence carries any weight at all, but certainly the first shot is a problem and the acoustics should be done.
  - \*\*\*? 8. 15 Aug 79 [2 pp.] Baltimore Chronicle, "Parkland Doctors' Testimony Shows Autopsy Photos Forged," By Harrison Livingstone. See note at #3 supra. Despite Livingstone's total lack of credibility (and I hear he comes off like a wild man on radio programs), there are real evidentiary problems in this area.
  - (\*\*\*) 9. David Lifton is doing a critique of this article - probably about 4 pp. - which I expect to have, for distribution, in a few days.
  - \* 10. 18 Aug 79 [2 pp.] Human Events, "Did Marxists Murder JFK?," by M. Stanton Evans. No reason to suppose LHO conspired with anti-Castro Cubans, Evans says.
  - \*\*\* 11. 19 Aug 79 [1 p.] NYT, Blakey letter replying to Belin's piece of 7/15 (7/21 list #)
  - \*\*\* 12. (7/25) [4 pp.] Original (unedited) version of this letter.
  - \* 13. 20 Aug 79 [2 pp.] National Star; excerpts from Sullivan's book re KGB penetration of the NY office, etc.
  - \*\*\* 14. 29 Aug 79 [1 p.] NYT, "J.F. Kennedy Theorist (Harrison Livingstone) Offering to Sell Copies of 5 'Autopsy Photos'." He says they're not stolen. Blakey has notified the Justice Department. (I have the story from the city edition of the NYT, a different version from the S.F. Chronicle, and a short NYT followup (in the Chronicle), on 8/30, saying the photos are now off the market.) Livingstone was asking \$800,000, to finance a continuing inv'n.
  15. 31 Aug 79 [1 p.] AP in SFC, "Police coverup in [Milwaukee citizen] killing exposed after 21 years." Murder will out, right?
  16. 3 Sep 79 [1 p.] Newsweek, "Israel's Spies in the U.S." (Dave Martin et al.)
- [Credits: TR, #1,5,7,10,13; HW, #2; SM, #8; JG, #6]

INDEX: Sylvia's index to Vol. XI (WC, etc.) is available. (9 pp.)

STATUS OF HSC FILES: I just got a letter from Rep. Preyer. It looks like a form letter; he forwarded my material to the Justice Department, without replying to my request for a complete list of HSC witnesses. The most interesting part of his letter is the remark that "All the records and recommendations" of the HSCA have been turned over to the JD. I can't tell if this is just a routine part of his form letter, or a vague response to my inquiry: I asked if he would support making the HSC material available under the criteria that apply to executive branch documents. Turning everything (not just the recommendations) over to the JD at least gives us a fighting chance of getting stuff under the FOIA without waiting the full 75 years. (Of course, the investigative files exemption would certainly be applied now.) I'll send the letter(s) to anyone who is interested.

OSWALD IN MEXICO: Mark Allen has done an excellent critique of the HSC Report's [mis]handling of this matter, and especially of the CIA's position. (8 pp.)

THE SECRET SERVICE IN DEALEY PLAZA: Pat Lambert has written an excellent critique of the HSC Report's [mis]handling of this matter. (12 pp.)

SECRET SERVICE DOCUMENTS: David Lifton has obtained 5 items (12 pages) through a FOIA request. As far as I know they are new releases. Dated from Feb. 1967 to Feb. 1970, they relate to the missing brain, the release of the memo of transfer, and the chain of possession of the autopsy photos. Nothing sensational, but quite interesting. In 1969, GSA people were unhappy that the Clark Panel had mentioned the Burkley-Lincoln memo of transfer, and were concerned (with reason) that "writers like Weisberg or Mark Lane" would find out about the missing material. [Items 3-5, 7 pp., deal with the chain of possession of the photos, and don't interest me.]

CLIPPING[S]:

(1) 27 Aug 79 L.A. Times [1 p.] "Did U.S. Betray Man Who Risked His Life as Drug Informant?" (and also claimed to have been the bagman in a \$100,000 payoff to Oswald). Weird story; probably nothing to it.  
[From Pat L. Keep the cards and letters coming, everyone.]

LISTING OF DALLAS FBI DOCUMENTS: The FBI has released a 1514-page "Communications Index" for the Dallas field Office files. It's chronological, with one line identifying each document by serial number, author, and a few words (only) on the subject. Some descriptions are provocative; most are not. Not a great document, but since the field office files probably won't get microfilmed, this may be the best we can do. I don't have a copy, but will get one if enough people are willing to split the cost for all or part of it. [Maybe 7¢ for the first copy, 3.5¢ for additional copies, plus postage.] Is anyone interested?

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS: If anyone knows of any action at the Justice Department, or of any action elsewhere regarding the acoustics evidence, please let me know. I have been assuming that if somebody had found something basic wrong with the Weiss-Aschkenasy analysis, we would all know about it by now.