

2/28/79

Dear Paul,

Your #s 940 and 941 are an interesting study in how the FBI exercised internal control, quite possibly intended on Hoover as well as their own false paper. They are FBIHQ on the first of which, my 5/23/66 letter on the specter results, I perceive no file number. #941 is 62-109060-4132.

While internally and otherwise the FBI was enabled to exercise this control in the end it cost them much for this is the beginning of the amending of the Act in 1974 to open their files and those of the CIA.

Page 2 of 941 refers to DeLoach's 6/1/66 memo from Rosen. I suggest the date is associated with the 5/31 Wash. Post story rather than my 5/23 letter for that story was the lead story in the paper that day. No copy was attached. Did you or Lifton get it? (I've gotten copies of some of such stuff under PA and from files in which they are less clear.)

This is classic FBI, aside from the internal character assassination and all those great descriptions like "diabolical." They probably believed that one anyway.

It may interest you, if you have not given this a careful reading, to compare the actualities of my letter with the FBI revisionism to make it possible to assure Hoover and others, including up above and down below Rosen, that the FBI did not err. However, in not a single reference to my criticism does the FBI use my actual criticism. The most obvious is confusion, if that is the word, between reports on the spectro and Frazier's meaningless references to it in testimony. They prefer to be able to say he did too testify. I refer to it.

The other file indicated on Serial 4151, your 942, is the file from which I got a copy earlier. It is an internal security file, one on me. I remember that show very well! It was an excellent FBI backfire. It made Whitewash, as much as such a book could be made, in New York.

Until I got that record I did not know that the FBI had backgrounded the four lawyer waiting to tear me up. When the FBI would not appear Lane's publisher provided those four. Noble has always been cozy with Lane.

It was supposed to have been for 20 minutes only and was my first TV experience. It ran a very exciting 2 hours or 2:20 and got much attention.

I may have the Rosen-DeLoach memo but don't recall it and have stacks to file.

I've finally prepared memos for Jim on the records that can be relevant in the suits. Thanks,

November 29, 1966

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

MR. TOLSON:

Marvin Watson called me from the White House at 12:45 p. m.

Watson referred to the assassination of President Kennedy and stated that he would appreciate receiving, on plain paper, any "trends" which indicated that a specific group, including the Communist Party, was back of the attacks on the Warren Commission. He stated that the President in giving him these instructions had told him that he, the President, had specifically noted that a number of individuals of left-wing belief had made denunciations of the Warren Commission.

Watson advised that the President would also like to have anything in FBI files which would reflect the immediate reaction of the Soviet Union following the assassination and any reactions noted since then concerning the assassination. He stated the President had told him that he had seen somewhere a newspaper article reporting that a member of the French Government had recently denounced the assassination investigation. Watson stated that if we could find this news clipping we should furnish the President anything we had in our files concerning the matter.

Watson raised the question as to whether the FBI was investigating the leak of information by the Presidential Crime Commission to the "New York Times." I told him we were not, that no one had requested such an investigation. He asked if one should be conducted. I told him this was entirely up to him and the President, however, he should know that such investigations were usually a waste of time, particularly when you considered that Fred Graham of the "New York Times" to whom the information had been

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- 1 - Mr. Gale

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Informal memo DeLoach to Mr. Tolson

leaked, was one of Katzenbach's social acquaintances and a person who was also very familiar with Vorenberg, consequently, it would be rather impossible to get these individuals to reveal any information. Watson states he agreed thoroughly and if the President raised the issue once again, he would try to talk him out of it.

ACTION:

1. The Domestic Intelligence Division will check files and coordinate information relative to any immediate reaction on the part of the Soviet Union concerning the assassination. This Division will also check files relative to any reaction that the Soviet Union has shown since the assassination.

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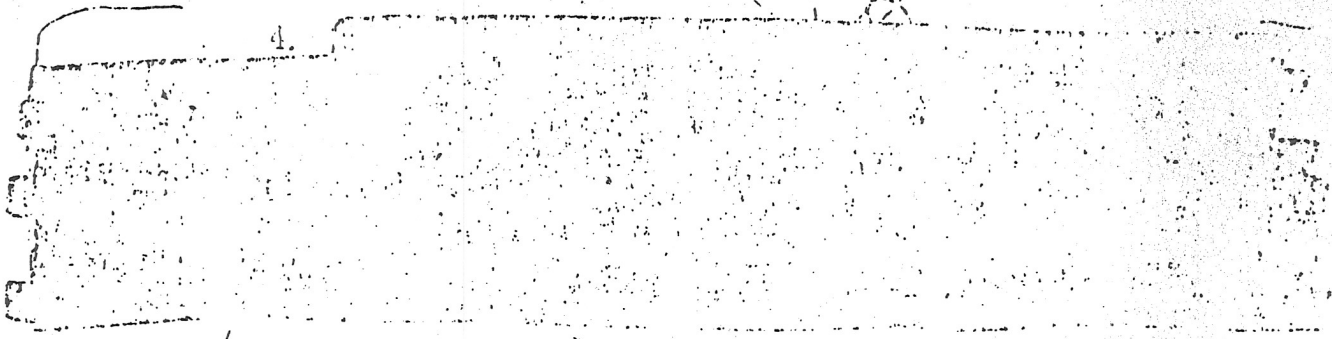
2. The Crime Records Division will check news clippings concerning the French Government official who allegedly made a recent statement concerning the assassination.

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3. The Domestic Intelligence Division will prepare a memorandum on plain paper concerning all these matters so that this memorandum can be furnished to Watson in connection with his request.

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RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DE LOACH