

The last exhibit introduced in Volume 5 is 1053E. In Vol 6 exhibits begin to bear the names of witnesses who were on the stand at the time they were introduced, an identification that does not vary from this point through the last volume of testimony, Vol 15. The exhibits begin with 1 and running through 1053 appear in Vols 16-18. Those bearing names are in Vols 19-21. Beginning with Vol 22, numbered exhibits without names occupy the last 5 volumes, almost half the total space devoted to exhibits.

On xxvi of Vol 22 is this description of Exhibit 1438: "Russian writing on original slip of paper found in Lee Harvey Oswald's wallet at the time of his interview by Lt. Francis ^{L.} Martello, New Orleans Police Department, in August 1963, with translation (Lieutenant Martello's notes carry Commission Exhibit No. 827)."

Both sides of the original note appear on page 848. On page 849 is a typed item identified as "translation from Russian". Actually, it has the translations reversed, giving the content of one side as that of the other. The translation of what is called the "#reverse" side but is printed as the first omits several items, giving them as "two lines in English" in the case of the numbers and names of reporters and offices for the United and Associated Press and leaving the third unexplained and incomprehensible. By comparison of this, the last line on that side, with the version made by Lt. Martello, it appears that this line reads "George 7-14-53".

Half of the second side consists in English writings that are entirely ignored. This includes the items of clothing with numbers that cannot be the sizes following each, nor can they conceivably be the number of each item, if they relate to either Oswald's size or his clothing. In the lower right-hand corner of the original is an item, marked off by two connected lines, which seem to be three initials, the first of which are "A" and the third "V", coinciding with the first and last names of Arv Adrian Vial, the Secret Service Agent who got the paper from Lt. Martello, and "11-23-63", the date on which he got it.

Although the individual volumes of testimony do not so list it, the last

exhibit of all is 3150 (26H862-935). It is headed "Commission Exhibit Numbers Assigned to Previous Commission Documents". At the top of the first page appears the handwritten note, "Introduced in evidence before the Commission on 9-18-64. J. L. R." These are the initials of J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel.

This list does not give the identification of "Document Numbers" borne carried by the Exhibits listed, which begin with 1054 and end with 3154. This makes the most gigantic of all the built-in confusions in working with the Commission's materials, for there is thus no way of knowing whether any item in the files has been printed in the record, save for those few cases where the file item bears the handwritten note of an exhibit number,

Confusing it even more, the very last testimony printed in the very last volume of testimony is that of F.B.I. FBI Agent John F. Gallagher, the spectrographer. This is the testimony in which he was asked nothing about his spectrographic analysis of Bullet 399 and the various fragments of bullets taken from the bodies of the President and the Governor. It ~~is~~ appears on pp. 746-52 of Volume 15 and is the very last thing in that volume, save for the name index.

Thus, while presumably there was a meeting of the Commission on September 18, a week before the Commission presented its Report to the President, it does not seem to be in the printed hearings and there does not seem to be any authorization ~~of~~ for the printing of these five volumes of almost 5,000 pages or any description or explanatory material, or any explanation of the reason for the inclusions or exclusions, for by far the greatest volume of the Commission's data is not printed. Published accounts give the extent of this documentation as about 300 cubic feet, or any explanation of or guide to its content or even organization.

It is a collapsed, chaotic "dump".

At the end of Volume 15, following the index of names mentioned in ^a the testimony, is a listing entitled "Comaission Exhibits". It is but a tabulation of t e pages on which the respective exhibits were introduced, considered of such slight importance it is not noted in the table of contents. It also fails to note ~~that~~ where or even that any numbered exhibits abovr ^g 1553 were introduced into evidence.

Thus it appears that those exhibits bearing numbers beginning with 1054, almost half the volume of printed exhibits, have no official existence.