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To gain them from Harold Weisberg 11/21/66

This is not an appeal. It is for your information and that of your staff, those who generally believe that the FBI is not doing what they feel has no interest in hiding anything. Those proceeding the records to which I refer read them and I think it is safe to assume, understood what they read. Both of the records to which I refer are unfaithful/accountings of important events in the JFK assassination investigation. Those proceeding the records should have been able to perceive this and so this should have known what the FBI wants and didn't want. They would not have had to be told.

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Do not have extra copies for you because I gave a single copy for subject filing. Control in the name of the FBI's cover and Oswald is its terrible when it comes to what it wanted others to know or wanted them to know and believe.

In 7423 there is the ostensible response to a question asked by the Director in 1975 after he was asked by Norman Keester in which, about the note Oswald left for SA James F. Hoagy Keester wrote, "The FBI withheld information about the letter from the Warren Commission. The bureau confirmed reports about the letter only after they appeared in newspapers earlier this year."

In response/defense this looks to Gallagher news stories what the story does not, that Keester assumed there was a decision to withhold the info. It then says that the internal investigation did not establish this. Correct. The internal investigation did not address it so it couldn't have established it. However, it did establish a) that Felt knew contemporaneously and b) did not tell anyone, not the law, not the Commission. Because Felt's name was nearly silent when it had the obligation to report, it is only natural that the evidence has been developed which would indicate 'an institutional coverup.'

The part about no confirmation until the reports were in the papers it says, "The bureau's confirmation occurred at the same time." Technically this is not the lie it actually is. The paper that received the leak asked the FBI for a statement to go with the story so it held the story until it received the statement. This gave the FBI time to make internal inquiries. By far most followed publication. "No previous articles had been written" merely because the FBI had stifled all information until, after the retirement of the Dallas SAC was secure, it was leaked. XA SAs were involved in the matter, one through his wife. The initial leak had to have an FBI source as its original source.

Felt had to sit on the business of the Oswald note and its destruction by the Dallas office, for which nobody was punished, because the FBI party line is that Oswald had never given any indication of any tendency toward violence, therefore it was left him alone in Dallas. One of the few things in the FBI investigation of Oswald that is

not disputed is that a few days before the assassination Oswald did threaten violence blowing up the FBI's own officers.

In these cases the FBI usually avoids open untruths and generally is able to by its own formulations and distortions. In this case it could not, so it concludes with an untruthful statement. "Smith had no knowledge of the letter until informed by the Dallas ^{Inspector} ~~Inspector~~. The person who knew this to be untruthful is because the Inspection Division's own disclosed records and this information. Its report does not.

8574 deals with the witness Walter Carter, his report of having seen a communication reporting threats against JFK just before the assassination, when he was at FBI office. There is no doubt that there were many such threats, including in the Dallas area. I wrote about this in 1963. You would recall the Casarrett/Walters matter and others of the line work which the JFK motorcade in Miami was covered up only three days before he was killed. The manner in which the FBI gets around this is first to refer to a teletype copy and then one to see you was ONLY. This is not what Walter said.

The search was by Mrs. Mary Jane DeLoach, an employee of the Service Unit of the Records Branch... prepared a search slip for each FBI field office... These search slips and the waste checkoff... attached for filing as enclosures to this memorandum." They are not required, and they are withheld. Historically they are valuable and I'd like to have them.

Interesting that of all FBI employees selected for this case the one who was has the most contact with the then assistant to the Director, like his son's wife?

Maybe the FBI personnel processing this records have no interest in hiding anything but they did not disclose that she was says it attached for filing with it. How did their concept of historical case disclosure extend to searching any copies filed elsewhere, like in Domestic Intelligence Division or a Larkin ^{Division} or ~~last~~ tickler. (The memo was addressed to W.C. Sullivan by W.A. Rusklyn, but Larkin wrote it.)

As this and similar memos worked upward through the bureaucracy it got further and farther from those who had intimate knowledge of the unduly records, which are full of reports of threats. Does this give you an idea of the importance of such withheld records as the Director's brief book and his list of Special Agents? Both are the subject of appeals.

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gallagher *JTC*

DATE: 11/19/75

FROM : B. H. Cooke *BH*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63; DALLAS, TEXAS

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Adams
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- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
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On 11/11/75, an article by staff writer Norman Kempster appeared in the "Washington Star" newspaper concerning the House of Representatives' Judiciary Subcommittee inquiry into the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. (Copy of article is attached).

In discussing the letter Lee Harvey Oswald left at the Dallas Office for Special Agent James P. Hosty, Jr., the reporter states "The FBI withheld information about the letter from the Warren Commission. The bureau confirmed reports about the letter only after they appeared in newspapers earlier this year."

The Director asked about this paragraph "What does the reporter refer to here?"

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The reporter apparently assumes that information about the letter was handled by the Bureau according to established procedures, and a decision was made to officially withhold it from the Warren Commission. The internal inquiry into the existence of the letter has not established that this was the case. No evidence has been developed which would indicate an "institutional cover-up."

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Regarding the statement about the Bureau confirming reports about the letter only after they appeared in newspapers, the truth of the matter is that the newspaper reports and the Bureau's confirmation occurred at the same time. The initial newspaper article about the letter, which appeared in the "Dallas Times Herald," also contained the Director's statement regarding the internal inquiry into its existence. FBIHQ had no knowledge of the letter until informed of the allegations regarding it by the representative of the "Dallas Times Herald" in July, 1975. No previous articles had been written about it.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach

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DATE: May 6, 1968

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

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1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

L. B. DeLoach
W. A. Branigan

Memorandum Mr. W. A. Branigan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 5/3/68 summarized various courses of action the Department of Justice is considering in dealing with the allegations of William S. Walter, former clerk of the New Orleans Office. Walter is falsely claiming that the New Orleans Office received a teletype from Bureau Headquarters 11/17/63 reporting a threat to President Kennedy in connection with the latter's trip to Texas.

In the above-mentioned memorandum it was pointed out that an exhaustive search of FBI records disclosed there was no Bureau teletype to New Orleans dated 11/17/63. It was further determined that the only FBI communication which was sent to New Orleans Office from Bureau Headquarters on 11/17/63 was a letter transmitting to New Orleans a translation of a document in a fraud against the Government investigation. No threat to President Kennedy was contained in such translation.

It was also pointed out that a check of our records disclosed there were only three FBI communications sent from Bureau Headquarters to New Orleans 11/16/63 and that none of these communications dealt with a threat to President Kennedy or of an assassination attempt of President Kennedy.

Mrs. Mary Anne DeLoach, an employee of the Service Unit in the Records Branch, is the FBI employee who made the search of FBI records in this matter. Mrs. DeLoach prepared a search slip for each FBI field office and Legal Attache office in this regard. These search slips and the master checkoff list for each office are attached for filing as enclosures to this memorandum.

ACTION:

For filing and record purposes.

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