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10/29/92

Dear John,

My typing is worse than usual from split fingertips and they've had little rest lately as I push to complete the ms.

As I may forget, I'll put this with the large and interesting batch still on the table awaiting my having some continuous free time so I can ~~pay~~ pay close attention to it. "This" is your 10/26.

There is too much in my head right now for me to concentrate. I've stopped work on the book to respond and make a few suggestions.

One is that you rethink your basic ~~premise~~ premise, that understanding the flow "may highlight the underlying aversion to <sup>the</sup> conduct of any serious investigation...." My own belief is that there is no relationship and that many other factors are important.

As a couple of illustrations: the Commission's requests for information and developments over which the agencies had no control or influence. Then, too, early on, the FBI pretty much froze the Secret Service out, which reduced what it sent to the Commission.

These seem to me to be worthwhile things you are doing but I think you want not to overlook any relevant factors.

Hooover had the lone gunman theory 11/22/63, before Oswald was killed.

Can you draw the kind of conclusion you do without regard to the non-numbered docs?

There must be many more than 4 docs from the Navy, for example, and with your breakdown that includes the Marines.

I do not now recall the source I used but I used what you quote from Clint Hill in Whitewash. I did not remember that McHugh also witnessed the wounds, so I had a different source. If it is no trouble to make a copy from your microfilm and ONLY it is not I'd appreciate a copy of that, CD1095e, unless it is CE1024. Too much piled in front of my volumes and I do not think that bending is a good thing for me right now or I'd check.

My interest is in McHugh making the observation. If you know or any others who did other than I list in Whitewash or any others at the autopsy I'd appreciate knowing it for my present writing, although I'm past that point and nearing the end.

You may also want to consider that the FBI had every interest in overloading the Commission with junk. The more junk they went over the less time they had to ask questions, not that the FBI really expected <sup>them</sup> it to. And the volume also made the FBI look good, the way it used the statistics.

I saw little of the Series because I have to bed early. Up 1 a.m. today, for example. Hil looked at them but we are really Orioles fans. She scored them except when she dozed.

Hope we see you soon. And that this is comprehensible.

Best,

*Harold*

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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thanks for yours of the 21st instant. I've worked up some more data and will provide you a copy for what its worth later this week...I'm starting to develop an idea about viewing this material in a more coherent (at least for me) fashion. It occurs to me that I've never encountered any analysis of how the WC came into possession of its material...that is to say the order, from where it came, and to what the information pertained...it seems to me that understanding that may highlight the underlying aversion to the conduct of any serious investigation...ergo, assuming the federal agencies failed in their collective mission of protecting the President, absent participation in the crime itself, by not detecting the threat ahead of time or ignoring the evidence in their possession, a dead Oswald became, as you have pointed out to me, an essential bird in the hand...no need or desire to look in the bushes. Accordingly, it would be in the affected agencies best interest's to foster the lone gunman theory and provide or seek to acquire only information which furthered that goal - a concept you made forcefully in *Photographic Whitewash*...hence my interest in Hosty and when he testified *vis a vis* other witnesses and the full range of other material.

I came across the following passage yesterday and thought it may be of interest to you...I'm certain you are familiar with it but in the off chance that it has been overlooked...

Clint Hill @ p. 5 of CD1095e or 7H744, CE1024

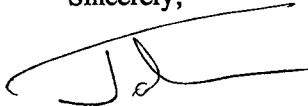
... At approximately 2:45 a.m., November 23, I was requested by ASAIC Kellerman to come to the morgue to once again view the body. When I arrived the autopsy had been completed and ASAIC Kellerman, SA Greer, General McHugh and I viewed the wounds. I observed a wound about six inches down from the neckline on the back just to the right of the spinal column. I observed another wound on the right rear portio of the skull...

Another incident has caught my attention. The statement by SS agent Andrew Berger regarding the CIA agent who identified himself with credentials at Parkland Hospital shortly after Berger arrived there from the Trade Mart. It appears that shortly thereafter O.P. Wright shows up with CE399. Berger's report @ CE1024 argues strongly that Wright did not connect CE399 specifically with Kennedy's stretcher. I find it fascinating that, insofar as I've been able to determine neither Berger or Wright testified.

I've included two graphs I developed showing the information flow from several agencies as a function of time. One shows CIA, State, and SS...the other has the FBI data overlaid...as you can see the FBI volumetrically depresses the other agencies input to a virtual flat line...graphically depicts the overwhelming impact of the FBI on the work of the Commission.

Regards to Mrs. Weisberg...did you have an opportunity to watch any of the World Series? From what little I saw it appeared to be pretty mundane.

Sincerely,



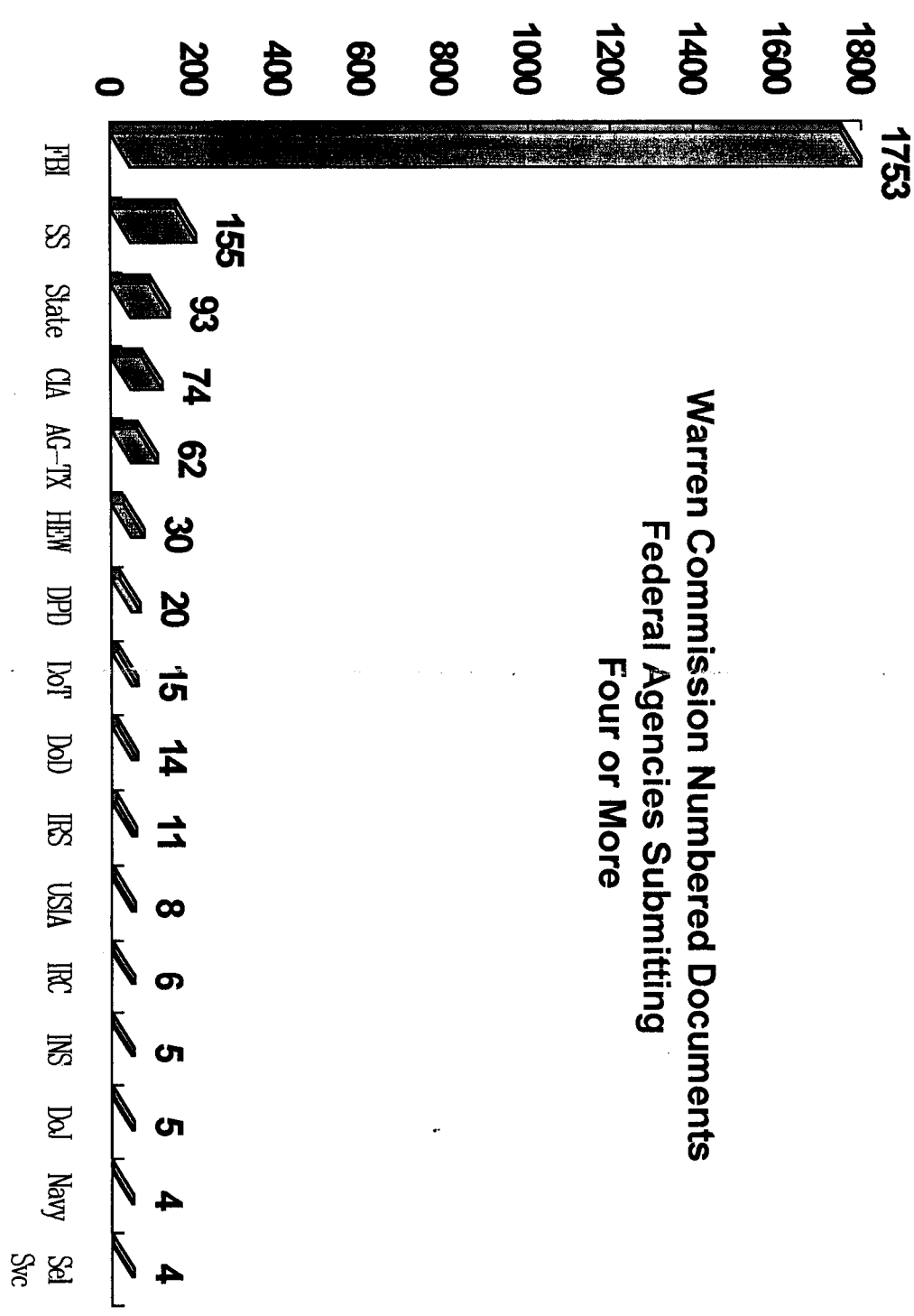
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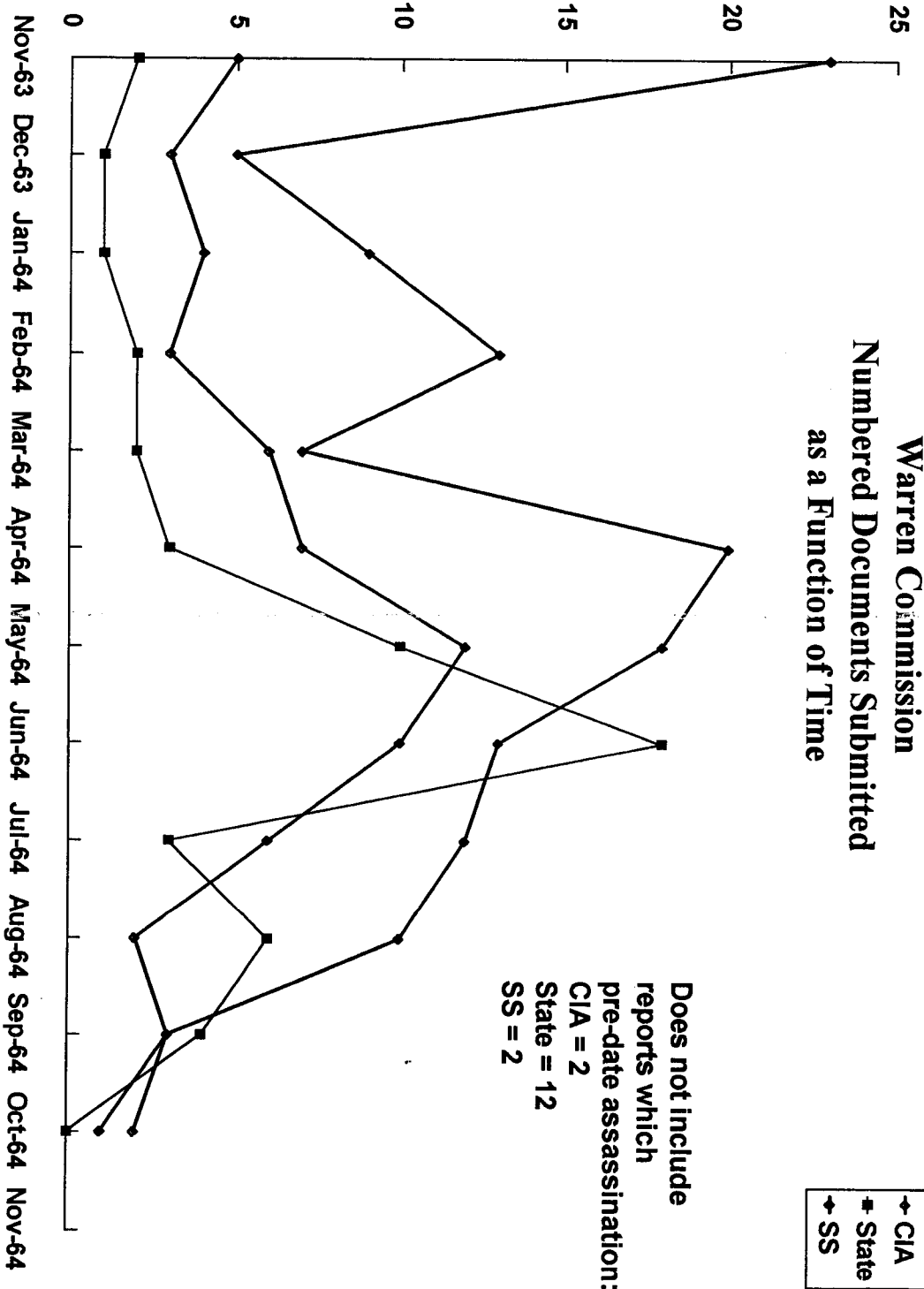
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Federal Agencies Submitting  
Four or More**



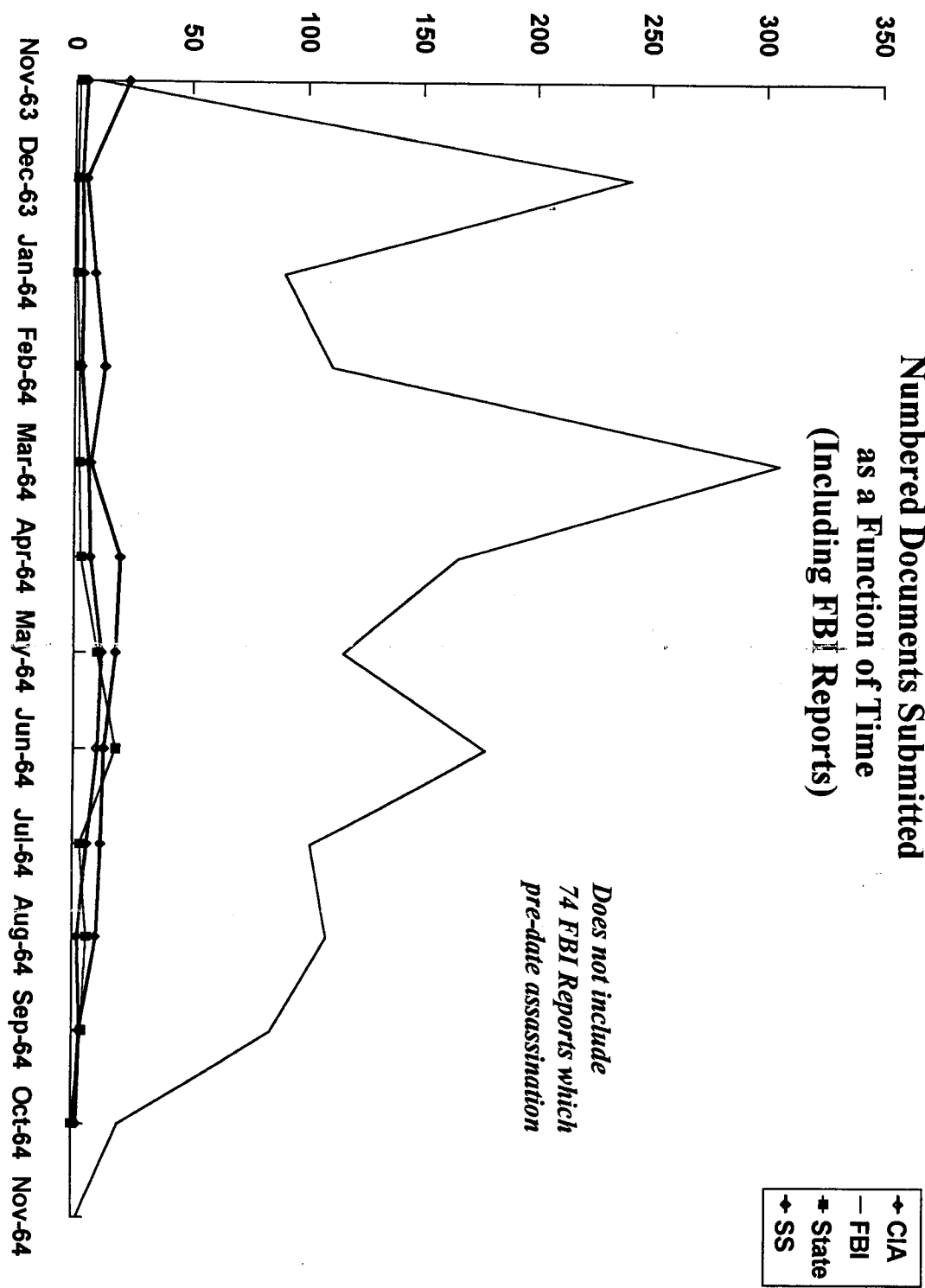
# Warren Commission Numbered Documents Submitted as a Function of Time



◆ CIA  
■ State  
▲ SS

# Warren Commission Numbered Documents Submitted as a Function of Time (Including FBI Reports)

*Does not include  
74 FBI Reports which  
pre-date assassination*



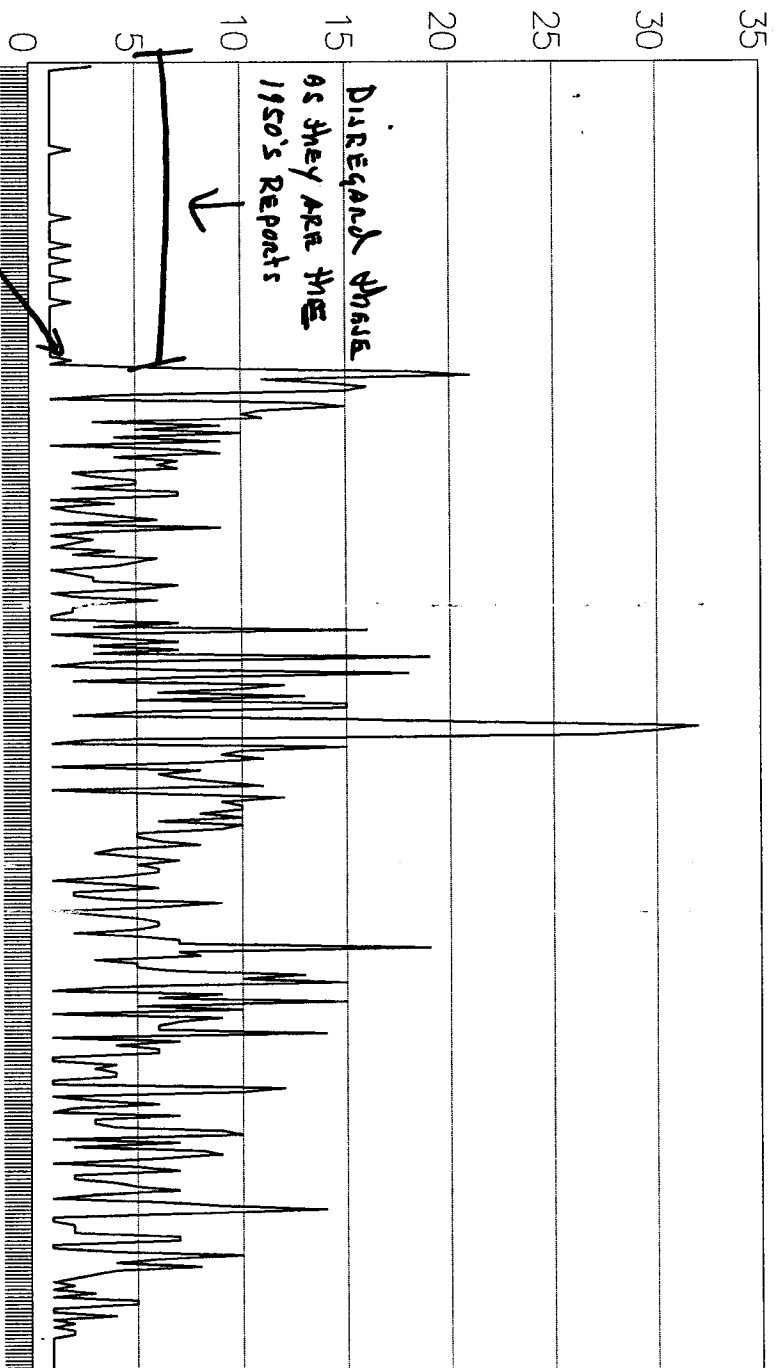
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# FBI Submission of CD's

As A Function of Time

1st Draft

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11/22/63