

Dear Dave,

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"Inventory of the Records of the Presidential Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy," the National Archives 1973 book, is an argument not an inventory.

It is not an inventory because it is not complete. As with the Commission's actual working papers.

These may be lumped under meaningless descriptions and thus invisible but this is not the purpose of an inventory.

There is simple factual inaccuracy, ranging from the wrong date of the WDSU Oswald film (it was 8/15/63, not 8/16) - and the fact of the inclusion of the WWL film is omitted - to misidentifications, like the 16mm Wolper film being described as that of a single amateur photograph whereas it is the Wolper selection from the Dallas Cinema Associates collection of film (See PW.).

Rather than being ~~an~~ impartial, neutral, this work is conclusory. ~~It states conclusions~~ and descriptions and opinions as fact.

The largest single part is the one and the only one readily available elsewhere. What was not readily available remains in that state. ~~ALTHO~~

It hardly led to by perusal of this book. Its list is of some of the Commission numbered documents only. Here it is an improvement over the original form. The original FBI gobbledegook of Lee-Harvey Oswald-Internal Security-USSR and sometimes Cuba is replaced by a short reflection of some of the content. Those numbered documents not printed by the WC, example CD 1, are not included in this listing.

It appears that one has to have the subject-matter knowledge that makes the book virtually valueless to be able to obtain any value from it.

The average person can learn and obtain little from it.

It is ~~surpr~~ appropriate that the printing on the cover and spine of the book are almost white on white and not easily legible.