

Comments on FBIHQ 62-109060 records mentioned in Paul Hoch's notes

Serial 859 is represented by a "Permanent Serial Charge Out" sheet of 11/30/63. The "Subject" is "June Mail," with only the identification of the assassination added. This is helpful in locating where these removed surveillance records are stored, "Has been removed and placed in the Special File Room of Records Branch."

There remains, of course, the question who's mail? (In Section 11)

Serial 1002, Section 13, is classic Hoover (in the note) and classic FBI in the leaking to Les Whitten of the coming FBI conclusions in its CD1. Hoover wrote on the story "I assume none of this is coming from FBI." DeLoach was no less sanctimonious, telling Mohr "We have given Les Whitten no information ~~at all~~ whatsoever." Technically it was true. It was not information. De Loach gilded the lily by quoting Whitten as saying "he had 'good sources.'" (PH- Hoover was not worried. You should heed their cover-the-ass method!)

Serial 1042, Section 13 is the Los Angeles forwarding of the Watley report. PH says "Davis= informant?" The equals mark is correct. The ? can be removed. Hall and Henning are hand noted for 105 files, "Internal Security-Nationalistic Tendencies." The file on Davis is 134-6356. 134 = "Security Informants."

Serial 1094, Section 14 represents the forwarding of the borrowed Secret Service copy of the Zapruder film with a request for two dubs to be returned with it. HQ sent only 1 dub, with caution for official use only. The Dallas language is Eastman Kodak "...developed original negative and three copies for ZAPRUDER." Well, this does represent their knowledge of film. It was a positive that was developed. However, of possible significance is the failure to state the total number of copies the Eastman lab made. This is limited to three copies for Z. Says nothing about pirated copies, no Dallas secret.

Serial 1115, Section 14. PH says it is a copy of the story provided to Jeremiah O'Leary by Lt. Donovan, which is accurate. The DeLoach to Mohr memo says O'Leary left a copy of his story and suggested that Donovan be interviewed. He had not been. He was the next day. The story O'Leary left was not the printed copy. It is a copy of the uncorrected typed draft. A little out of the ordinary for a normal reporter being helpful. Partiotic, perhaps?

Serial 1132, Section 14 has two parts. The first suggests that they learn from Zapruder the speed at which his camera was going. This might account for the Barrett report, which gives the wrong speed. The second discusses the Walker bullet without any mention of scientific testing. Conrad (lab) refers only to how mutilated it was. (Dallas PD had already determined it was 30-caliber and hence not from the so-called Oswald rifle.) Conrad ignores this and lets it be believed that because of the mutilation it cannot be ~~determine~~ "whether the Walker slug had been fired from the assassination rifle." Getting a 30 cal through a 6.5 mm barrel would make it a truly magic bullet. As Marina said, that is the FBI for you.

Serial 1167, Section 15 inadvertently discloses that a Chicago political informer who provided the info on John Rossen a liberal. He was source not of FBI but of Mayer Daly's "social events." This is of interest to me because similar material, in great detail, reached the Minutemen, from who I obtained it years ago. I suggest the cooperation was between the Mayor's people or police and the MM source.

Serial 1188, Section 15, includes the unwanted information that there was a second Oswald helper in the Trade Mart lit. dist. project and what I do not recall from Steele's testimony, that Oswald told him at the outset the project would last only 15-20 minutes. (This would seem to indicate that Oswald expected TV coverage and at a certain time.) This TT coincides with what Steele and Jesse Cere both told me about the third man. I am surprised, however, that it took a day for WWL to speak to the FBI and that the FBI appears not to have spoken to it after knowing from WDSU of the TV coverage. Cere and Planer, News Director, WDSU TV, both told me that some footage had disappeared by the time the FBI returned the WDSU footage.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (89-43)(P)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY

DATE: 11/23/63

Submitted by separate cover is one .8 mm film, taken 11/22/63, by ABRAHAM ZAPRUDER, Dallas, Texas. The film depicts assassination of President KENNEDY and the wounding of Governor CONNALLY. Bureau Laboratory requested to make three copies of this, maintaining one for Bureau use and returning two to Dallas by most expeditious means possible. The enclosed film should also be returned to Dallas for return to U. S. Secret Service, Dallas, from whom it was obtained this date. Secret Service advises their headquarters, SOG, also have copy of film. Eastman Kodak, Dallas, advises that they developed original negative and three copies for ZAPRUDER.

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FILM FORWARDED TO BU WITH THIS LETTER.
RETURNS TO SAC DALLAS 11-26-63

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TO MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: 12/4/63

FROM MR. I. W. CONRAD *IWC*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

In connection with the above-entitled matter, I discussed the following two items with Inspector Malley:

- (1) With respect to the 8 m. m. color movie taken by Abraham Zapruder in Dallas of the actual shooting, the Bureau, of course, has copies of this film and from it a rough approximation can be made as to the elapsed time between the three shots which were fired. However, since this estimate of time depends upon the speed at which the camera was running, it is considered desirable that we obtain from Mr. Zapruder information as to the speed at which his camera was set during the shooting of this film and, in addition, that the camera itself be forwarded to the Laboratory in order that we may determine the actual speed of the camera at the reported setting.
- (2) With respect to the bullet reportedly recovered from the shooting into the home of General Walker, I pointed out to Mr. Malley that because of the distorted nature of the bullet and the fact that we had no known specimens taken sometime near April 1963, it had not been possible to make a determination as to whether the Walker slug had been fired from the assassination rifle. I requested Malley to consider possible sources of bullets which might have been fired by Oswald during the early part of the year in order that we might further attempt to resolve the question of identity. In this respect I suggested that Mrs. Oswald be interviewed for possible leads as to where Oswald might have conducted target practice.

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Mr. Malley advised that both of these items would be checked into and we would be further advised.

1-Mr. Belmont ACTION: None...for information.

1-Mr. Rosen

1-Mr. Sullivan

IWC:DMG

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