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The Federal Bureau Of Investigation

2. Early Bureau Response To The President's Assassination

A. November 22-25, 1963

1. Early teletypes; instructions to field; Hoover, Sullivan, Belmont memos; 80 agents to Dallas
2. Jenkins memo of Nov 24: Hoover says Oswald alone did it, Bureau must "convince the public Oswald is the real assassin."
3. Hoover memo on Nov 24: "wrap up investigation; seem to me we have the basic facts now" 62-109060-1490
4. Hoover memo on Nov 29: "hope to have investigation wrapped up by next week"

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B. Lee Harvey Oswald

1. Establishing chain of evidence, bullet to gun, etc.

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2. Hosty note destruction: handling by Bureau on Nov 24 and effect in subsequent days
3. Interviews of Oswald associates, Marina wiretap M - MARINES, ETC.

C. Jack Ruby

1. Basic facts, early memos
2. Hoover suspicion of basement entry and assistance
3. extensive teletypes and reports on organized crime connections, also Hoover's own memos
4. contacts in 1959 as P.C.I - for use as informer on criminal element in Dallas

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## 2. Structure and Methods of the Bureau Investigation

### A. Basic Organization and Jurisdiction

1. Legal basis of FBI involvement in probe, statutes,
2. Hoover and Belmont memos
3. Organization chart

### B. General Investigative Division G.I.D.

1. Rosen testimony on "ancillary nature" of probe;  
Lack of meetings; assignment to bank robbery desk
2. Supervisors Senate testimony on physical evidence chain
3. Sullivan on lack of communication with Domestic Intelligence - the Division running the probe of LEO  
LACK OF COORDINATION BETWEEN DIV 5-6
4. Rosen characterization of FBI "standing with pockets open waiting for evidence to drop in"
5. Supervisors testimony on LEO not being included in G.I.D. probe other than in relation to physical evidence
6. Rosen didn't know of "Cala Report" which found deficiencies in Bureau coverage of Oswald  
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### C. Domestic Intelligence Division D.I.D. DIV. 5

1. LEO background established, prior coverage
2. Sullivan testimony on chaotic process, lack of input
3. Soviet experts handled Oswald investigation
4. Secret disciplining of BID officials who handled pre-assassination investigation of Oswald
5. Incident of Sullivan's people copying GID files
6. Hosty note destruction: Sullivan lack of knowledge
7. Assignment of Ruby probe to Civil Rights Division - outside of BID jurisdiction, thus not a part of general Oswald investigation.

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**D. Investigation of Potential Cuban Aspects**

1. Cancellation of orders to contact Cuban sources on Nov 23

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2. Deletion of [redacted] (S-1)(S) from memo provided to Commission (S-2)(S)

4. Cuban experts and supervisors excluded from investigation b1

5. Church Committee findings on narrow Cuban focus

6. [redacted] (S-1)(S)

**E. Investigation of Potential Organized Crime Aspects**

1. Hoover memo and teletypes on Ruby connections

2. Ruby phone records

3. Justice Dept. interest in probing O.C. aspects

4. Chicago interviews with Ruby associates

5. Evans and Staffeld (and Denaby and Stanley) statements on not being consulted

6. Use of Ruby as informant on Dallas criminal element

7. LCN sources available at time

**3. Bureau Relationship With Warren Commission**

**A. Formation of Warren Commission**

1. Hoover opposition: memo and Jenkins memo

2. Katzenbach testimony and Sullivan statement

3. Early memos - adversary relationship

4. Hoover blocking Warren's choice for general counsel

5. Preparation of dossiers on staff and members.

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**B. Assistance To Warren Commission**

1. Basic scope of official relationship
2. Early friction over informant allegation (LHO)
3. Withholding of Hosty name from Oswald notebook
4. Hoover instructions to agents not to volunteer info. to WC
5. Destruction of Hosty note: implications
6. Withholding of secret "Gale Report" on Bureau mistakes in earlier Oswald probe; disciplining of officials
7. Hoover instructions ordering that no Bureau official attend earliest WC session, despite Katzenbach request
8. Daisy in sending information to Commission regarding Bureau's past mine contacts with Ruby
9. Apparent withholding of "Oswald imposter" memo of 1960-1961

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11. Handling of Ruby polygraph

**C. Related Bureau Actions and Activities**

1. Preparation of dossiers on WC staff after the Report was out
2. Hoover's leaking of early FBI report (Sullivan statement)
3. Hoover views on Communism and Oswald (Kronheim letter)
4. Sullivan relationship with Angleton: pre-arranging of answers to Commission questions.
5. Secret plan to distribute Oswald-Marxist posters in Bureau plan to discredit Communist Party; prejudicial aspects
6. Hoover reaction to Warren Report
7. Subsequent preparation of sex dossiers on critics of probe
8. Questions regarding FBI's continual pledge that "case will remain open for all time;" actual designation of it as "closed" in internal Bureau files.

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the FBI has no such information. The tickler disclosed to Mark Allen, a really massive compendium of a wide assortment of miscellaneous records, reveals that the FBI in fact had even separate files on "critics'" books. It has and disclosed to the press compromising photographs of a well one of the best-known "critics" and copies of them wound up in the possession of counsel for the late Clay Shaw. Shaw had been indicted by former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, charged with conspiring to kill JFK. Shaw was acquitted.)

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1. SOURCE SAID HE SAW SANGHVI COPY FOR 30 NOV ISSUE. SANGHVI MADE NO MENTION CIA. CIA ANGLE INSERTED BY KARANJIA.

2. SOURCE REPORTED SOV CON GEN TOLD HIM 30 NOV THAT OSWALD SENT TO USSR AND MARRIED SOVT GIRL UNDER CIA INSTRUCTIONS. SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT SOVTS ANGRY WITH KARANJIA FOR ORGANIZING FOR UNCOMMEMORATIVE MEETING 29 NOV. NO SOVT ATTENDED.

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30 JUN 1987

Ted Gandolfo  
Chairman: Assassination  
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Reference: F87-0577

Dear Mr. Gandolfo:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter dated 29 May 1987, and concerns your 13 May 1987 request for CIA document numbered #113, which "relates to Lee Harvey Oswald's visit to the Soviet Union in 1959." Your letter states that the document we sent to you on 26 May 1987 was not the document you had requested.

We have conducted an additional search of our computerized data base of previously released materials and have located document numbered 113, copy enclosed.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. This concludes our action on your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. S. Strickland", written over a horizontal line.

Lee S. Strickland  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

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7/12/87

Dear Ted,

Thanks for the book. As you know, I'm not much interested in HSCA per se or what other people represent as truth and fact, but I was interested in reading the Rules committee transcript. There have always been Sicks in Congress and I suppose there will continue to be. Alas.

You did not include the Garrison tape except and when the pressure is off and you feel up to it I'd like to hear that. What you played by phone I could not really make out. But take care of first things first. "o rush.

I think the Hoover letter is a fake. I'll not take time for all the reasons but I've seen enough of those I knew were real to have serious doubts about this one. From the top it is not the way they are. Moreover, the typo in this one would have gotten someone in real trouble. I've never seen a typo in any letter he signed. If I were to guess I'd say that Fox, who I know nothing about, did the faking. Did you get this from Jimmy? You told me, I think, but I forgot.

I don't know how much the CIA record 304-113 can be said to mean. It does not say that the CIA said Oswald was sent to Russia to marry a Russian girl.

It quotes an unidentified source as saying that a Soviet consul general said that the CIA sent Oswald to Russia to marry a Russian girl. Big difference.

What you say of the sale of your book ought excite you! It is, I think, a strong if not exceptional reaction.

But the main thing is taking care of yourself and healing well, the way you were told by the surgeon. Do not do what you ought not/do. There is and there will be more time.

ood luck, and thanks,

Harold



AGONY WITHOUT ENERGY

(tentative last chapter)

Although all the Texas recommendations were feasible, were, indeed, "sound and thorough", the could not be followed without making some kind of investigation. In the area of Agent Oswald, that was the last thing anybody federal wanted. Carr's proposals were not unusual. They presented no problems of cost, <sup>none of law.</sup> none of hardship, / They were simple and obvious. ~~But~~ That they were so carefully avoided when they ~~xxxxxxx~~ represent the very least any self-respecting investigation could undertake does not inspire confidence that Oswald was without this kind of history, that the federal government was without so embarrassing a complication.

The Commission did co "consider" them "seriously", for it had to live with them, once Carr put them in writing and while the Texas investigation was unburied. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Ultimately it evolved a simple formula. It scraped the bottom of the Texas barrel, to appear to be compromising with the Texas suggestions, to be adopting them in part, the result being what the suppressed opinion of January 27 describes as unacceptable to the country.

Hoover ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and ~~WALA~~ McCone were called as witnesses the same day, May 14, 1964, which just happens to be two weeks before the Commission had hoped to complete its work. Hoover was ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ preceded, ~~xxx~~ on May 6, by ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Alan H. Belmont, then an assistant director of the FBI. Next to Hoover was his long-time friend Clyde Tolson, with the title Associate Director. Belmont was "in charge of all investigative work". McCone was accompanied by Richard M. Helms, then a Deputy Director, the man who ultimately succeeded McCone as Director.

There were no other CIA witnesses. Only a few of the agents who might have had contact with Oswald or who might have had knowledge of the contact of other agents with him were called as witnesses or provided affidavits, as a substitute to testimony. Affidavits not be neither examined nor cross-examined. In printing the testimony the Commission found it expedient to include the Hoover, McCone, Belmont and Helms testimony in a single volume, its fifth, and to see to it that none of the other relevant testimony or evidence of any kind was included in the same volume.

~~Here is how that "investigation" went.~~

Some of ~~members~~ of the Commission staff actually seem to have thought that the Commission really was going to ~~inx~~ investigate the reports of Oswald as an agent. Although they have since preserved total silence, x those who had doubts during the Commission's life having stifled them since, behind the scenes a number did attempt to get meaningful information, ask questions with import. This is reflected in letters drafted for Rankin's signature and staff discussions, none of which were expected to be seen by anyone during the Commission's active days. Over the years, a number of us working together have resurrected ~~them~~ some of them from official oblivion.