

Dear Mark,

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Jim tells me that you have identified the record used on last night's ABC Special on Hoover as 105-12555-4117. I disagree.

The ABC story is that before the assassination the FBI sent Childs/Solo down to Cuba and he came back with the fairy-tale that Oswald had said he would kill JFK. Aside for the total impossibility of what ABC reports, there are problems with the content of 4117, regardless of what is excised from it.

Hoover had Childs' report long before the assassination. But 4117 was not written until 6/17/64.

After the excision the Hoover letter to Berlin says that the information, meaning what is withheld, is similar to what Castro said in his post- assassination speech of 11/27/64. I've read that speech. I had a copy of the Spanish text, but someone stole it. I've read the FMIS account of it. Not only did Castro say no such thing, what he really said is quite opposite the Childs fabrication.

Jim seems to think that Hosty was ABC's source. Have you any reason to believe he was? I ask because I don't recall any Dallas record in which anything like this is reported.

I'm aware of the fact that it is quite unlikely that FALIQ would have sent such information anywhere after the assassination, but how else could Hosty have known, if he did?

It was not easy, but in the JFK segment ABC succeeded in being very unfair to the FBI.

I guess I know now why Lynch phoned to ask if she could come up and then didn't.

Despite the puffery, this fiction is not new. ESCA went into it. On coast-to-coast TV yet.

Two Unrecorded copies are noted in this serial in the 105 file. The legible one is the Commission file. I can't make the other out.

Best wishes,