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Dear Mr. Margolick,

Please excuse my typing. I must sit with my leg elevated and thus type sideways and I've had surgery on my better eye.

A reporter from a very small TV station asked for copies of a few FBI records like those I enclose and then decided to photograph them when he was here. I think that particularly because you are a ^{lawyer} reporter they may interest you. These are only some of the records indicating that no real investigation of the JFK assassination was ever intended or made.

The first of the three from the Dallas field office, a lead suggesting a suspect, was typed, checked through the indices and annotated with citations, serialized and filed before Oswald was even charged. The handwritten note, which I take to have been made by the supervisor, reads, "Not necessary to cover as true subject located." Were this true, as nobody had any way of knowing almost the moment of the crime, any possible conspiracy, obviously, could not have been investigated.

The second, dated the first working day after the assassination, states that the Bronson motion picture does not even show the building from which the shots had been fired, another matter that could not have been addressed so conclusively before any real investigation was possible. In fact it has 87 frames or individual pictures of the window from which Oswald alleged fired, taken moments before the crime, *and that nobody is in it.* It states also that although the 35 mm pictures were taken at "the precise time the shots were fired" they are worthless and like the movies, no copies were taken, because they do not show Oswald with a smoking gun, "are not sufficiently clear for identification." They are, in fact, quite clear and include a large area around the limousine and would have been quite useful for many purposes, including identifying people in the area, the positions of the bodies of the victims and other real investigative matters. The 1976 record shows one of the ways in which important information was hidden. Of the ^{known} threats ^{at THAT TIME} mentioned and ignored by the FBI, at least three were published by the Warren Commission.

The acting attorney general's memorandum to the White House. "Oyers being the correct channel, is dated the Monday after the assassination, first working day. It is the DJ copy. I have the FBI's and the holograph, which indicates that it was written at home or in the office the day before, as soon as Oswald was killed, and typed quite early Monday morning. (The FBI had its copy Monday morning.) It says, before any real investigation was made or even possible, that Oswald was the lone assassin, about which the nation has to be satisfied, and that the evidence was such he would have been convicted at trial. At that time ^{THAT} it was false and today it would be quite problematical. We are not even to have given these questions any thought, he says.

The four-page record was disclosed by the FBI under FOIA with no further identification as a part of a tickler. I take it to be a damage-control tickler outline as of the time of the House investigation. When I copied the copy from which this is copied I place paperclip at point I wanted not to miss. I think these are self-explanatory. I did not add the handwriting. On the second page, Alex Rosen then was head of the General Investigative Division at FBIHQ, more or less ^{IN} charge of the investigation although other divisions also were deeply involved, especially domestic intelligence. I see that some may not be clear to you, like 1 B 3. If interested please let me know and I'll explain such matter. The Hosty note is one Oswald left for Hosty, the FBI's Oswald case agent, ^{WAS} a serious threat a few weeks before the assassination. He did make threats to bomb, in some versions, the Dallas police headquarters, on some

the FBI's and in some both. Hasty was ordered to destroy the note as soon as Oswald was killed and the matter was kept secret until someone inside the Dallas FBI leaked it to the Dallas Times-Herald as soon as the retirement of the special agent in charge, Gordon Shanklin, was secure. They the FBI pretended it has no reason to believe Oswald had any tendency toward violence and thus did not tell the Dallas police about him. When Hasty so testified to the Warren Commission - perjury - he was praised by FBIHQ. I have the records of the FBI inspector general's so-called investigation after this leak if you know anyone who might be interested. They dated and timed their notes of their questionings and some took only a few minutes. The clear purpose was to cover up and they were able to create a situation in which they could get away with laying charges on nobody for this serious offense, destroying evidence relating to the crime and then, on all levels, swearing falsely about it.

So you can understand, because I placed the copied paperclips and made the marginal marks in the Hatzenbach memo, I kept and keep all records I get under FOIA exactly as I receive them but do make some copies for separate filing. These are xeroxed from the separate filings.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg