CONFIDENTIAL Comments on Nichols' T-4781, filed 6/17/70 Harold Weisberg 7/10/70

Perhos legally improved over the suit he withdrew, this new one on on others, from a hesty single reading just completed seems to me to posed the same kind of hazards to our work and basically the same legal and doctrinal liabilities.

While I can not claim experise in the law, there seems to me to be serious flaw in the naming of the defendants, in the naming of persons rahier than Departments and in the not naming of any others then the GSA and xivery not Navy but the Secretar of the Navy/ Archives is not sued as an agency; Rhoads is an an individual, as with Navy. It is my understanding this is enough to get the case thrown out of court. This is carried over into the body of the complaint (bottom P 1, top 2), where certain items are said to be "held by" the individuals rather than the aganches. In the case of Navy, there is reason not to believe the unsupported allegation that the Secretary of the Navy hold certain things. I have been told by the Navy and I am inclined to believe they unloaded everything. Maybe they did, maybe they didn't, but John mere cites no proof, later qualifies it, and should have memed an unknown responde ent to whom Nevy could have or did transfer that which be seeks.

P. 4, a) This reason for specifying why he wants to make the test bout the dents is spurious. First of all, he is not required to say why and he does not say he is not so required. He can, voluntarily, but should so stipulate. But if he issaying why, he should have valid, meaningful, not sourious or frivolous reasons. "To determine whether this weapon will blast out the small dents in the ammunition is, if genuine, not a good reason. He knows it will happen, and it is caused by the anno, not the weapon. The weapon is entirely passive in such a test, the charge in the ammo being what does it. Here he is incompetently lifting what Dick and I did, but in a wrong context. Either answer, I believe, is without meaning, for howthe dents not in the casings only is smply established by what Dick and I did and Dick reported to John.

Permitting him to fire the weepon cannot "determine whether the weapon can be fired as fast as required by the Warren Commission findings" (the timelater referred to with less than complete fidelity as only 5.6 seconds). It could deernine how rapidly, under entirely different corcusstances, he or enother oukld on that occasion fire it, not how rapidly Oswald or snother could or did on 11/22/63 or how rapidly it could prior too overheul thereafter. This is a cheepskete trik, not serious, legitimate research, and is abject to attack as such in response. It serve not legitimate, scientific purpose.

"....e jects the clip onto the floor" is another unoriginality, Dick having reported what we did with this and Sylvis having made the charge. It is also meaningless, for even the use of the clip could have altered the conditions that existed 11/22/63. Moweover, the clip can hang one time and not the next. I neve two clips. One mangs, one doesn't. The one that doesn't could in an instance, whereas the one that does might not in an instance.

"Mr. Oswald's rifle ... " John concedes Oswald was an assessin, whip knowledge of the evidence, with mich onn is not afflicted, refutes. He also conceedwa Sawald's cwnership, have and elsewhere, which is not established.

The resson for asking to examine CE141 is spurious and another exact why there should not be the unrequired where there is a reason other then the orgiven. There is no requirement that the unused bulls t be of the same batch as the others. P. 7 repeats that Osweld was an assessin and adds that the window was

a "sniper's nest", again without reason or pppof-or need. Says he was denied spectro, but not by the defendents in this action,

none of whom ever had it, therefore couldn't.

(h) is entirely irrelevant because either answer is wothout meaning and he acknowledges an answer, that the spectro of the Walker bullet is different. The government can tee off on him on this kind of stuff in response. Eurting us all. when the rille was found-why else was the rille found?- and is shown in pictures.

Clobbersville Express. And still entirely meaningless, just scrimshaw. Besides, th4 purpose he alleges is impossible. With so much of this true of so many, im the legard to us is great and the chances of getting thrown out on motion good. Which is bad.

9-10; 1-still meaningless and an impossible determination. At best the possibility can be indicated, and that he mas slready accomplished, as he specifies.

10 Par 6 is lifted from FM III, is not in his compleint or his N.O. testimony. He read FMII at least at Lib Cong, if others did not inform him. He tried to get right to use from me and didn't respond to my letters in reply.

11. Significent that he didn't make request for permission to examine CE843 until <u>after</u> I got the receipt for it. His request is more than two monks after the request for each and every other item, is then, the day before he got the rejection on the rest, for this alone. I presume his source. Gery please note.

12 reference to "curiosity seekers"at autopsy dubious and wrong and subject to strong refutation, the opposite being the case and the need.

mistological, under (b), is stupid, for it doesn't say where in mack, or that there is no scord of any from front, and worse (tip 12) are described as "an integral part of this Esthesda autopsy 63-272" whereas it is not any kind of part, not having been completed until after what he has already describeds as 63-272" was filed. It would not take many such cases, with a skilled lawyer doing the work, to show "own doesn't know what he talks about and has other than serious, scholarly purposes. With but a single histological slide seid to exist an without him alleging otherwise, how can he ask for what he has not even chaimed exists, what has source says doesn't exist, and how can he make claims in the plural," to determine whether these are going of entry or exit".

And the gross omission here is that the proctocol makes no reference to what he seeks in the radiological report (13, bottom).

sows' To me, John and those thinking they help him remain 5005 ears, not silken purses. And usuking sows' ears come from slaughterbouses.

Note that among the things John has abandoned is any quest for the spectro. The government can argue this against him, for that could consein be the answers he claims to seek, as specified in his abandoned suit.

inty formerly low opinion of his understanding, work and suit areans is not elevated by his failure to learn from the previous error, by the stillpermeating dishonesty, or by the namear of three lawyors signed to the complaint. All this cheapskete stuff can do us no good and can do us much harm, especially when so uninhibited an ego, for so little resson, dominates.