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disposal & Mark Allen 3/18/65"
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with records

Dear Jim (and Mark)

9/22/83

I went over the two sections of the Balletti file as soon as I could today, not knowing whether you planned to do anything and because it was a better way to spend a broken-up day.

I have a few comments and I note conspicuous omissions, like the authorization for the investigation, any communications with DJ, and final report and the existing and relevant records that include uses made and referrals of the info to other components or agencies.

There are 25 serials totalling 74 pages referred to an unidentified agency. Why not identified is apparent because referrals to the CIA are always posted and in this case the involvement of the CIA is both public and inherent in the records.

The disclosed records fail to disclose identification of the principal, who was behind the bugging.

I think it is remarkable that the FBI took 53 days to interview its former SA Ed Du Bois, who ran the agency used.

I think it is also remarkable that the Dick's notes are not included and not noted as withheld under exemption.

As I recall it, the phone checks are not complete and do not include those of "John A. Rollins" who was easily guessed to be Rosselli.

Serial 31, the check of Maheu's phone calls, do include then ~~XXXXXX~~ CIA HQ, Edward P. Morgan (who went to Warren, then Secret Service, then was interviewed by FBI and who put out story that led to Castro kickback theory) and the Edward B. Williams law firm.

Without doubt there was more of this that got to the DeLoach office than the one record indicated, Serial 32 (Wick was in that office.)

This thing was so amateurish it is hard to believe the CIA had any involvement and easier to believe that Rosselli and Maheu did it on their own, but I do believe the original story, that the CIA had it done. None of the records relating to getting the charges dropped are included and while most of them would not be FBI, copies would have reached the FBI. It is likely that they and other pertinent records merely were not included in 139-1201 and thus are not disclosed.

While the story that was put out some time ago has Morgan representing Rosselli and Giancana, I see no reason not to believe that he really or also represented Maheu, who phoned him, and that the putting out of the original story, beginning with Morgan's trip to see Warren, might not have been a CIA scheme to start the Castro-kickback theory, a major diversion.

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