

Dear George,

2/3/78

The pages of the FBI's JFK releases that included a few on Ford came today, just as I was leaving to take "oil shopping. I read them then and decided I wanted to make a few notes. On the chance some may be of interest to you a carbon of this will be my notes.

(If you can locate the others on Ford it would help "im in the litigation, and I'd like to have a copy of the one in which Hoover called him a "toad" on the wall.)

62-109090- Not Recorded, W.S. Sullivan to A.H. Belmont 5/13/64, subject Angleton, etc.: That the first graf took attention I can understand but I think there are significant indications in the second, like Angleton (sic) did not have the complete answer worked out on suggestions for safeguarding the President. After almost a half year?

As are some of the other copies, this one was also directed to the Soviet Section. I wonder why. It has no Soviet content and no apparent relevance.

62-109090 - Not Recorded 6/30/64 Rankin to Hoover on the Oswald Diary leak: the resolution Ford proposed included an investigation of that leak and of any of the future but it did not propose any of the past be investigated. That made it safer for the FBI and others.

I'm sure that before this time the story of that leak was known. It is where O'Leary fingered Hugh Aynesworth, who may not have required fingering. Bill Alexander let Aynesworth have it. He got either \$4,000 or \$5,000 from LIFE, which then had to pay Marina either \$20,000 or \$25,000 to be safe and secure.

(An unrelated page 2 of a Ruby memo is attached.)

62-109090- Not recorded 4/17/64 Hoover to Ford, on party Ford's attended at DeLoach's home and using that as excuse to flatter Ford: This appears to be from Section 9, the only record you sent with such an indication. There is another file noted. It appears to be 94-40611. in the FBI filing code 94 is "RESEARCH MATTERS. Sounds like something other than normal research. On a dull day maybe you'd like to see if this is where they hid secret Congressional files?

62-109090 (possibly Serial 35 or 36) 12/12/63 DeLoach memo, probably to Mohr (illeg.)

News attention does naturally go to Ford and his being an informant for the FBI although a member of the Commission. But I see other interests. One is that so many of the Commission members did not want a man like Olney as general counsel. (Paul Hoch followed this aspect once we broke loose parts of the executive session on this, with the names obliterated, and correctly guessed Olney's was one of those names.)

It is not from the allegation of a "one man commission" when the chairman's choice becomes chief counsel. That is normal practise.

The transcript of that session reflects discussion somewhat less emphatic than this says Ford says it was.

Hoover's note approving Ford's claim to not wanting any word of the FBI's report out is no less self-serving that Ford's because Hoover had already leaked the essence of that report a week earlier. Ford is ridiculous in his pretenses because of this and the Commission's discussion of it. That was 12/5/63. Among those to whom there were leaks are O'Leary and Les Whitten, then with Hearst.

"Garrulpus" is Hoover's odd comment on McCone's passing on a bum steer about the phoney Alvarado Ugarte fabrication that he saw Oswald paid off at the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City. The CIA was passing on a bum steer even after forced to prove it false. As Rocca did in his 1975 memo to the Rockefeller Commission.

62-109090-Not Recorded, 7/13/64 Rosen memo on interviewing Ford over leak of LHO diary and attached DeLoach memo on his conversation with Ford, both duplicate filings: It is my impression that there was no mystery by this date, that the FBI had the whole story and knew it had no Ford connection. The name is Alexander, not Holmes but William.

There is a case, whether this one or another I'm not checking to see, in which Ford wanted to wave around an FBI clearance. I have it in facsimile in WW II. The FBI questioned Ford and nobody else and wrote him a letter saying he denied it all.

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *Alton*

DATE May 13, 1964

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FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

SUBJECT: JAMES ANGLETON
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

Warren Commission

James Angleton just called me to advise that Mr. McCone, Director of CIA, will testify before the Commission tomorrow. Angleton said it occurred to him that it would be well for both McCone and Mr. Hoover to be aware that the Commission might ask the same questions wondering whether they would get different replies from the heads of the two agencies. Angleton wanted us to know some of the things which he believes McCone will be asked and the replies which will be given.

One question will be "Was Lee Harvey Oswald ever an agent of CIA?" The answer will be no. A second question will be "Does CIA have any evidence showing that a conspiracy existed to assassinate President Kennedy?" The answer to this question will also be no. The third question will be "What suggestions does CIA have to offer for safeguarding the life of the President of the United States?" Angleton didn't have the complete answer to this worked out but because of the nature of the question, it wouldn't conflict with what the Bureau has already suggested. A fourth question will be "Does CIA believe the Soviet documents on Oswald submitted to the Warren Commission accurately reflect the Soviet relations with Oswald?" Angleton said their answer cannot be either a flat yes or no because they do not have the knowledge to so state. He said he believes McCone's answer will be to the effect that CIA is aware that Soviet Russia does have a directorate charged with the responsibility for carrying out assassinations and, therefore, these documents in question would not normally reflect accurately relations with such a person as Oswald. However, on the other hand, CIA has no evidence that Oswald was under the instructions of this directorate charged with assassinations.

Angleton said if anything further developed today which would be helpful to us, he would call.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the information of the Director.

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