

SSA assassination records as well

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Photographs and their film: suggest (Jesse Core)

FBI control over what would and could be known, including in re

Secrecy, internally, and motive for withholding

Attached are 82-100090-156 and 157. The former relates to a completely unidenti-

fied film I identify as the Hughes film, the latter to WASH's footage and to Jesse Core, not fully identified in the Record. He was also public relations director for the International Trade Mart.

Why the Rosen to Belmont memo, 456, fails to identify Hughes and reports incompletely and in fact misleadingly I leave to your own conjectures. I believe this and the omissions of what I have already told you in the Core memo are consistent with the control within FBIHQ of what would be and could be known in HQ, including by Hoover. These address motive for withholding. Additionally they serve to control the investigation of the assassination of the President to eliminate all not consistent with the FBI's pre-conceptions so that what was obtained in the first few moments, prior to my investigation, would be the unquantized conclusions. Also motive for present withholdings.

The Hughes film does not show anyone in the window at the time the shots were fired, despite what this memo implies. It also is not the only such film. Another is the Powell film, subject of my 1968 request on the appeal of which you have not acted. Still another is one I learned about in the Dallas field offices files. It shows two images in motion in that window but the FBI said it didn't even show the window. (My private information is that only recently has the FBI tried to obtain it and then refused a copy when the owner was unwilling to part with the original.)

RFI confirms what I told you in my Core-456 memo as well, that he had gone to WASH and seen the footage on their "ovisols" right after Oswald's name was published 11/22/63. After that, at 6:30, which was pretty soon, he told the FBI, with whom he was in frequent touch, that the footage was provided to the FBI net. Why the FBI omitted what else Core said again you can conjecture about but it did omit relevant information or still withhold field office information I requested....I am aware that request have to be for existing information, which I believe there is. However, I am also trying to provide you with explanations for their withholding - with motive for withholding.