

May 27, 1975

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

With reference to my phone call to you on Sunday, while I agree that Oswald probably did not operate at a level as high as that of the FBI Director's office, on the other hand, certain considerations I believe must be taken into account and thought through before [redacted] one can completely dismiss the idea. These considerations are the following:

1. There are only two names on page 68 of Oswald's notebook - one is the name of Special Agent James P. Hosty of the Dallas Field Office of the FBI. The other name precedes Hosty's on the page as if it were perhaps the source of Hosty's name. That name is listed as "Candy or Gondy", as if it had been heard (over the phone [redacted] perhaps by direct call) and could not be checked for spelling.
2. A Miss Gandy was J. Edgar Hoover's secretary. She apparently handled certain contacts for Hoover. You know about that better than I.
3. It was related shortly after the assassination in 1963 how Bobby Kennedy received at poolside at his home in McLean a phone call directly from Hoover telling him in a very terse, cruel tone that "your brother is dead" apparently said in such a way as to carry the meaning "your brother is dead now and [redacted] I won't be taking any more orders from you."
4. On May 25, 1975 [redacted] ex-FBI agent Joseph Schott describes a Hoover trip to Texas in 1959 to check out a [redacted] favorite Presidential aspirant of his - LBJ.
5. In the same article above, Schott winds up a [redacted] light-hearted narrative with a very [redacted] sober note - that when Jack Ruby knocked off Oswald, and Bobby Kennedy buzzed Hoover's phone, Hoover knew he no longer had to answer. And he ordered that the phone be returned to Miss Gandy's possession, she having been the one to

whom previous AG's had reported, as a Haldeman-wall to be pierced if possible?

6. That if Hoover had planned JFK's assassination in collusion with LBJ or whomever, allowed very, he very likely would have ~~had~~ few FBI agents to know about it. Thus, a phone call from a "Gandy or Gandy" instructing Oswald to phone or contact Hosty in the Dallas field office or whatever could have been a possible ~~method~~ method of contact obviating the need for many others in the Dallas field office to know.

7. It is interesting too that Gordon Shanklin is still Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Field Office. He apparently is the one who was SAC on Nov. 22, 1963, unless I am mistaken. I believe that is noted somewhere in your book # 4. Shanklin was reported in last Friday's Wash Star (May 23, 1975) as saying that the Rockefeller Commission had asked his office to interview various police officers in Dallas a few weeks ago and they were still doing it - police officers who had been in Dealey Plaza on Nov. 22, 1963. Shanklin was quoted further as saying that if the Rockefeller Commission should decide to re-open the investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy, he (Shanklin) didn't know who would be asked to handle the investigation or re-investigation.

I would be pleased to know your reaction to the above considerations, if you have the time to pen a short note letting me know if I'm off base or not. (By the way, a very fine article in US News and World Report out today, dated June 2, 1975 titled "Assassination - Behind Moves to Reopen JFK Case."

Bill Durham

