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To Jim Lesar from HW re ticklers, critics

2/19/85

Your note on the first page of the batch of records disclosed to "ark Allen and sent to me 2/13 reads, "This also where from last release to Mark Allen - shows they have ticklers files on critics."

This is grist for the FBI disinformation mill, so eliminate the redundancy that is so attractive to the Phillipses of that menagerie. Just call them what they are, ticklers and nothing else. The ticklers need not be, for example, "files," and the FBI has its own interpretation of the word files.

This also reflects that ticklers are preserved where there is a potential need for the information collected in them, particularly in political cases or cases in which the FBI has its own kinds of political interests. This one is almost two decades old, not by any means the only one of that age, as I attested in 0322/0420.

This and the others with it are also divisiaonal records, kept in the divisions which have need for the information compiled into ticklers.

This and the others are, I think, enough for FOIA (and perhaps other) litigants who have lost because of the persistent FBI lie, witness Phillips deepite my many sworn disproofs, that ticklers are temporary, kept for days only and then "routinely# destroyed, to go back on "new evidence." The trath is, as these reflect, that the JFK assassination ticklers continue to grow, are added to regularly. Again after two decades.

The copy of the file folder that this sheet represents is, I'm pretty confident, of one such folder in a Lame tickler. (No author's name on it, for example)

while in some respects the needs of FBINQ and field offices like ballas and New Orleans are not identical, each requires ticklers for its own needs. One is to save time, much time, in searching and reading to extract information. Samples of the condensations are on the carrison witness ticklers, all FBIHQ needed to know unless considerable detail were needed. In an open case, which this is, the field offices need not only overall summaries but instant access to what each has and knows about items and persons and organizations of interest.

This identification, of the file folder, identifies the source of the record provided with it, not from Central Records.

Such ticklers are not "poutinely" destroyed or destroyed at all because there is always, in the future, a possible need for them. An example is attached to one of my affidavits in the field offices or King case, a very large Lab tickler for which the Lab perceived no immediate use. Instead of destroying it Kilty asked and obtained permission to transfer it to Central Records, where all of the records in it already existed — but very widely scattered.

This hane tickler will, without reasonable question, contain material not in any of the main assassination files because the FBI has hane information that is not in any of them.

The tickler record identified with the number 53 also is not from a Central Records copy and was marked in hand for "ASS. file." The word here could refer to a separate divisional file or to a tickler within a division. But it still exists after two decades outside Gentral Records. Although this is political material the tickler it is actually of the General investigative Division, alex Rosen's, not Sullivan's intelligence outfit, because the person to whom it was directed, "Schutz," I take to be Henry A. Schutz, who was the a unit cheif in its criminal section.

for your convenience I provide copies and suggest that these and others can be of use regardless of what the appeals court (from which as of today I've heard nothing) does or coes not do because they are "new evidence" and open a road that if you do not take, I will try to, although I do not know now what will be possible. The precedents, particularly as they relate to lawyers, are too significant not to fight ever y foot.

Several ticklers are identified as "JFK CURPENT ASSASSINATION TICKLERS," then the volume and document number indicated. Vol. 1, for example, prepresented by (withheld) docs 82-6, inc.

I have a special reason for including a copy of the PMI Academy routing slip addressed to "Bill Nettles, 5048 JMH." William Nettles was in Division 6, and I don't recall if this was Sullivan's or Rosen's, although from the tickler more likely Rosen's. The attached information is of 1975. I skinned the names and came to one I recall seeing only once in my life and thus a name I believe is not very common. You ought remember it, Minderman. The only Minderman I remember is Earl, E. Howard Hunt's colleague at Mullen, user of the Mullen and Munt cover address, the man who went to Mexico City for at least Mullen, which had an office there, its own or not, the man who disappeared from Washington and whose phone was assigned to another after Watergas broke. He might very well have the knowledge and experience the MBI wanted for its academy!

In all of these records there is only one set with a proper file identification. It is the Hosty tickler and lo! it has the file number at FBIHQ where I said the FBI had assassination information, 67-494012-143. (Edward subcommittee tickler, of which there are everal, again the kind of info the FBI could need to retrieve instantly in the future.) There are others, I've copied one only.

There is a tickler identified as "Garrison Witnesses," of which Docs 1,4, and 6,7 and 8 are withheld. Theminformation is of 1967 and 1969, hardly representing "routine" destruction when it still exists so long after the 1969 end of that trial.

I am certain ticklers were an issue and were lied about in the King case so I suggest that because we do not know now what may or may not be relevant and/or useful on the coming remand, you may want to keep some of this tickler into in a file for possible use then. I think that the (excuse the expression) lies are a major factor in the difficulty and risk in the representation and god knows the record is specie enoughs on them! In this connection, if it become relevant, remember that over his we had SA Horace Beckwith banished from the case.

I don't know what Mark is getting or what of it you are sending me but I think that by now it ought be obvious that the old and still stisting JFK assassination ticklers are simply enormous in their size, are being added to, this is known to Phillips' own component, and thus his lies assume greater significance. But in general this is, I think, significant information in any case in which the FBI prevailed by attesting that its ticklers are routinely destroyed. (Which may very well be true in the run-of-the-mill sveryday stuff.)

Mark _ynch 122 Maryland Ave., NE Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mark.

I think but I'm not sure, being a bit fuzzy today, that I've sent you some records disclosed to mark Allen reflecting the fact that the FBI lies in at least FOIA litigation in always swearing that ticklers are routinely destroyed after a matter of day, as Phillips and others have sworn in all my cases. I think that the reason I did is because it might be relevant in cases you handle, FOIA and other. What I have in mind by other is a case you do not have, Paul Robeson's son. Or the Rosenberg case, etc.

There is another toutike lie, that the ticklers contain only carbons of what is in the disclosed main files. A classic case of this in the so-called long tickler, in my King suit, clearly a political tickler loaded with what could be used to defame, etc. Misused, I should say. This tickler disclosed wiretapping to me, and it was in a bank robbery file, not a main assassimation file. Etc. etc. It also happens, it may interest you to know, that permission to wiretapping had been requested, Ramsey Clark did not approve, and much later, after his wiretapping, Hoover write an indignant withdrawal to Clark.

Enclosed is a copy of a memo on some of the copies of records reflecting the existence of ticklers after as much as 20 years that I'm sending to Jim. If at some point in the future this is of interest to you, Mark Allen has all of it because 'im is sending me only some of it.

Best wishes,

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(Article: "Kennedy Assassination: 13 Witnesses Disappeared--Did CIA Also Try To Eliminate the 14th?")

(Text) Revelations sounding like those taken from a thriller but considered quite credible by experts—on the strength of their knowledge of the methods of the U.S. secret service, CIA—have been made at a Frankfurt-am-Main press conference by Germanborn U.S. journalist Joachim Joesten. Joesten has published several critical works about the U.S. secret service and has been investigating the assassination of President Kennedy for several years. As eary as 1964 he published a book about the alleged Kennedy assassin, Oswald. By the end of August a second book, entitled The Truth About The Kennedy Murder, was to be published in Switzerland, a book in which Joesten refutes the official Warren report on Kennedy's assassination and arrives at the conclusion that President Kennedy fell victim to a conspiracy of rightist circles.

At the press conference Joesten declared that documents on the Kennedy assassination were stolen from his trailer last weekend in Zurich. These stolen documents were material which he had used in his book. The book, among other things, charges the American Government and the CIA with having hushed up the true circumstances of the Kennedy assassination.

When Joesten discovered the burglary, he felt threatened. He went to the Swiss police and requested protective detention. The police complied with his request but when he wanted to be released he was taken to an insane asylum. Only at the intervention of his brother-in-law, Munich professor of neurology Dr. Lersch, who went to Zurich immediately, was he released after 24 hours.

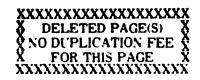
The question why and on whose orders the Zurich police acted so strangely remained unanswered at the press conference. On the other hand, a number of statements from Joesten's book make it understandable why he felt threatened after the burglary and why he requested protective police detention.

In his book Joesten declares that 13 witnesses, whose evidence was apt to shake the Warren report on Kennedy's death, died under such mysterious circumstances that one could not believe they were accidents. The witnesses rather fell victim to a systematic series of murders. Joester names, among others, journalist Bill Hunter, who on 22 April 1964 was "accidentally" shot by a policeman at a police station in Long Beach; journalist Jim Keethe, who on 21 September 1964 was killed in his apartment in Dallas by a jujitsu blow on his throat and whose killer was never brought to trial; Ruby's first lawyer, Tom Howard, who in 1965 died in Dallas, also under mysterious circumstances; and a number of other persons, all of whom had either been friendly with Oswald's murderer, Ruby, or who had had the opportunity to talk with Oswald or with Ruby in prison.

(Editor's Note: Similar reports are carried by the three noncommunist Vienna papers on 11 August, NEUES OESTERREICH, AREEITER-ZEITUNG, and DIE PRESSE.)



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FBI Keeps Silent On Agent's Case

By JAMES EWELL

Tuesday on the report that Dal- assassination. Jr., who investigated Lee Harvey that the FBI knew Oswald was Oswald prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy had been suspended for 30 sas City office.

Hosty's supervisor here, agentin-charge Gordon Shanklin, declared flatly:

"I'll make no comment on it at all."

An FBI spokesman in Washing-day on the Hosty suspension. ton withheld comment, saying that the office never discusses personnel.

The report said that Hosty, ninth child, would not draw pay during the suspension.

The report added that the action was the direct result of the enforcement here. Warren Commission's criticism of the FBI in its report on the assassination.

Hosty specialized in security intelligence for the Dallas office, and had routinely checked on Oswald and Oswald's Russian wife, Marina.

The Warren Commission report said Hosty never talked with Oswald, but had sought information about him through other sources, including Mrs. Ruth Paine, who shared her home in Irving with Marian Oswald.

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The agent's name was drawn into the FBI-Dallas police squabble after Police Chief Jesse E. Curry disclosed on the day after the assassination that the FBI knew, but had not informed police, that Oswald was working in Dallas in a building on the Presidential parade route. Curry based

the charge on a memo from De-The Federal Bureau of Investi-tective LL Jack Revill which was: gation maintained official silence sent to his office only hours after The nemo las-based agent James P. Hosty quoted Hosty as telling Revill "capable" of killing the president.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover denied that the agent ever made days and reassigned to the Kan-the statement to the Dallas police lieutenant.

Curry and Revill, the departintelligende ment's criminal chief, both testified in Washington before the commission about the

Neither would comment Tues-

Sources, meanwhile, described morale as "shot" among Dallas FBI agents as a result of the action against Hosty. The sources whose wife is expecting their said some of the other agents feel Hosty was being made a "fall a feeling also shared by guy." those in other branches of law

> One police official defended Hosty's work in the FBL He described him as "one of the better agents in the area, conscientious, worked hard and was well informed."

> The official said it was obvious that Hosty was made a "scapegoat for doing exactly what he was told to do."

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