

Comments on FBIHQ 62-109060 records mentioned in Paul Hoch's notes

Serial 859 is represented by a "Permanent Serial Charge Out" sheet of 11/30/63. The "Subject" is "June Mail," with only the identification of the assassination added. This is helpful in locating where these removed surveillance records are stored, "Has been removed and placed in the Special File Room of Records Branch."

There remains, of course, the question who's mail? (In Section 11)

Serial 1002, Section 13, is classic Hoover (in the note) and classic FBI in the leaking to Les Whitten of the coming FBI conclusions in its CD1. Hoover wrote on the story "I assume none of this is coming from FBI." DeLoach was no less sanctimonious, telling Mohr "We have given Les Whitten no information ~~xxxxix~~ whatsoever." Technically it was true. It was not information. DeLoach gilded the lily by quoting Whitten as saying "he had 'good sources.'" (PH- Hoover was not worried. You should heed their cover-the-ass method!)

Serial 1042, Section 13 is the Los Angeles forwarding of the Watley report. PH says "Davis= informant?" The equals mark is correct. The ? can be removed. Hall and Hemming are hand noted for 105 files, "Internal Security-Nationalistic Tendencies." The file on Davis is 134-6356. 134 = "Security Informants."

Serial 1094, Section 14 represents the forwarding of the borrowed Secret Service copy of the Zapruder film with a request for two dubs to be returned with it. HQ sent only 1 dub, with caution for official use only. The Dallas language is Eastman Kodak ...developed original negative and three copies for ZAPRUDEH." Well, this does represent their knowledge of film. It was a positive that was developed. However, of possible significance is the failure to state the total number of copies the Eastman lab made. This is limited to three copies for Z. Says nothing about pirated copies, no Dallas secret.

Serial 1115, Section 14. PH says it is a copy of the story provided to Jeremiah O'Leary by Lt. Donovan, which is accurate. The DeLoach to Mohr memo says O'Leary left a copy of his story and suggested that Donovan be interviewed. He had not been. He was the next day. The story O'Leary left was not the printed copy. It is a copy of the uncorrected typed draft. A little out of the ordinary for a normal reporter being helpful. Partiotic, perhaps?

Serial 1132, Section 14 has two parts. The first suggests that they learn from Zapruder the f speed at which his camera was going. This might account for the Barrett report, which gives the wrong speed. The second discusses the Walker bullet without any mention of scientific testing. Conrad (lab) refers only to how mutilated it was. (Dallas PD had already determined it was 30-caliber and hence not from the so-called Oswald rifle.) Conrad ignores this and lets it be believed that because of the mutilation it cannot be ~~xxxx~~ "whether the Walker slug had been fired from the assassination rifle." Getting a 30 cal through a 6.5 mm barrel would make it a truly magic bullet. As Marina said, that is the FBI for you.

Serial 1167, Section 15 inadvertently discloses that a Chicago political informer who provided the info on John Rossen a liberal. He was source not of FBI but of Mayor Daly's "social events." This is of interest to me because similar material, in great detail, reached the Minutemen, from who I obtained it years ago. I suggest the co-operation was between the Mayor's people or police and the MM source.

Serial 1188, Section 15, includes the unwanted information that there was a second Oswald helper in the Trade Mart lit. dist. project and what I do not recall from Steele's testimony, that Oswald told him at the outset the project would last only 15-20 minutes. (This would seem to indicate that Oswald expected TV coverage and at a certain time.) This TT coincides with what Steele and Jesse Core both told me about the third man. I am surprised, however, that it took a day for WWL to speak to the FBI and that the FBI appears not to have spoken to it after knowing from WDSU of the TV coverage. Core and Planer, News Director, WDSU TV, both told me that some footage had disappeared by the time the FBI returned the WDSU footage.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: November 29, 1963

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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DeLoach	✓
Mohr	✓
Bishop	✓
Casper	✓
Callahan	✓
Conrad	✓
Felt	✓
Gale	✓
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	✓
Tavel	✓
Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holmes	✓
Gandy	✓

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The story by Leslie H. Whitten in the 11-27-63 issue of the "New York Journal American" is headlined "Report to LBJ Calls Oswald The Assassin." Mr. Hoover has stated, "I assume none of this is coming from FBI." The Director is correct. We have given Les Whitten no information whatsoever.

Mr. Whitten as well as literally hundreds of other reporters have, of course, called my office asking for information. We have treated Whitten the same as all the others and have answered "no comment" to him. Whitten did say, however, that he had "good sources," that he intended to "rewrite" much of the information that came from various news accounts emanating from Dallas, principally the interview with District Attorney Wade.

For information.

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Report to LBJ Calls Oswald The Assassin

By LESLIE H. WHITTEN

Hearst Headline Service Special to N. Y. Journal-American
WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover expects to have his report of the slaying of President Kennedy by Lee Harvey Oswald in President Johnson's hands by Friday at the latest.

The report, it was learned, will cite evidence—some of it unrevealed so far—establishing "beyond reasonable doubt" that Oswald, 24, was the killer of President Kennedy.

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Mr. Hoover, who put more than 50 men on the Dallas aspects of the case and scores more in his 55 field offices, will also make these two major points. It was learned:

• There is no evidence thus far to indicate Oswald was ordered to murder President Kennedy by any groups—Communist, Trotskyite or other subversives.

• But a raft of Communist literature, letters and other documents, plus Oswald's background and interviews with his acquaintances establish he was philosophically attuned to the violent aspects of the Communist movement. The report will indicate that, if only indirectly, the discipline of Marxism played a part in his murderous action.

Mr. Hoover will also advise the new President, unless a startling new development arises before Friday, that Jack Leon Ruby, who shot Oswald to death, was not part of any plot "to seal Oswald's lips."

Such reports, said one Justice Dept. official are "top secret."

EUROPE REPORTS

The reports have sprung up mainly in some sections of continental Europe where a long tradition of government deception of the people, particularly under dictatorships, gives grounds for popular suspicion.

"There is no evidence of any kind of plot, or conspiracy in this thing," said a Federal official close to the Oswald probe. Even after President Johnson gets the report and releases it, however, the investigation will continue. Dallas police have turned over all their evidence to the FBI.

On Capitol Hill, Senate minority leader Everett Dirksen (D-Ill.) opposed a "multiplicity of investigations," but said a single all-embracing Senate probe should "start at once."

Evidence developed by the FBI and Texas authorities so far includes:

- Discovery that the 6.5 mm.

Italian rifle found near the window from which the fatal shots were believed fired was bought by Oswald using an alias. FBI handwriting experts clinched the identification.

• Palm prints of Oswald, on paper believed used to wrap the rifle when it was brought to the window, on a box nearby, and on the metal underside of the rifle itself.

• A photograph showing Oswald displaying a rifle similar to the one found, complete with four-power scope.

• FBI ballistic tests showing the rifle killed the President.

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