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Memorandum D. Ryan to Mr. Bailey  
Re: House Select Committee on Assassinations

RE JFK ASSASSINATION MATERIAL

Item 1: Report page 14, DII-PATS, states, "The FBI did attempt to alleviate the 'problem.' In a report dated September 26, it produced the story of Loran Eugene Hall who claimed he had been in Dallas in September, 1963. . ."

Objection: To say "produced the story" tends to connote a fabrication, which is not the case according to Bureau files.

Recommendation: Language change to "In a report dated September 26, it reported the interview of Loran Eugene Hall. . ."

Action: Mr. Blakey accepted the recommendation.

Item 2: Report page 50, DII-PATS, states, "Third, shortly after the assassination, Dallas FBI Agent Hosty destroyed a note that had been delivered to his office allegedly by Oswald, shortly before the assassination. When that conduct was finally made public in 1975, it aroused great suspicions, especially since it had been previously revealed, even to the Warren Commission."

Objection: Bureau files disclose this information had not been disseminated to the Warren Commission because it was not known at FBIHQ in 1963 and 1964. It did not come to the attention of FBIHQ until 1975.

Recommendation: Language change to: ". . . especially since it had not been previously revealed, . . ."

Action: Mr. Blakey accepted the recommendation.

Item 3: Report page 58, DII-PATS, states ". . . approximately 2 or 3 weeks before the assassination of President Kennedy, Oswald allegedly delivered a note addressed to Hosty at the FBI office in Dallas. . . Between 1963 and 1975, the existence of the note and its destruction were kept secret within the Bureau."

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Objection: Such language connotes an institutional cover-up of the information. This directly opposes a correct interpretation of the recorded facts which indicate the secret was kept only in the Dallas Office by certain individuals, including SA Hosty, until 1975.

Recommendation: Language change to ". . . kept secret within the Dallas Office."

Action: Mr. Blakey accepted the recommendation.

Item 4: Report pages 263 and 264, DII-PATS:  
Action: Mr. Blakey confirmed that the difficulty with regard to continuity on pages 263 and 264 is eliminated by renumbering so that page 264 becomes 263 and vice versa.

Item 5: Report page 10, DADE-PATS:  
Action: Mr. Blakey confirmed that the Gale to Mr. Tolson memoranda of 12/10/63 and 9/30/64, Committee JFK Exhibits F460 and F461, will be published in an expurgated form. The names of Special Agents disciplined in 1963 and 1964 will be deleted, according to Mr. Blakey.

Item 6: Page 64, Appendix-Volume XI, speaks of the FBI's surveillance of Marina Oswald from 2/29/64 to 3/12/64 and states, "No indication was found that the Warren Commission staff members were ever informed of the FBI's electronic surveillance of Marina Oswald."

Objection: The above language connotes a Sub Rosa operation by the FBI when, in fact, the surveillance (physical and technical) was instituted following a request of the Commission, which was also furnished the results of the surveillance. The Attorney General's Office approved the telephone surveillance. See Bureau file 105-126032-66 and following.

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