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Dear Paul (cc Gary),

By accident, I may have found what might be the answer to Dodd's silence on the Butler testimony, who he never disclosed it. I doubt it is because he didn't credit it. I cannot disclose my source, but it is someone once close to Dodd. At about the time of the Butler testimony (and I am not suggesting any connection with it, for I do not believe this exists), he told my source, in great perturbation, "My God, Oswald was" either connected with or an agent of or employed by "both the FBI and the CIA".

My source had no way of knowing Dodd's source, for he did not disclose it. In fact, he didn't indicate it in any way.

One other thing I forgot to note in my Kohlman memo (he knew Hubert well and says that at the time Hubert got the Commission job he was having problems, marital and professional -no firm): at the beginning, as one might expect (though there is no file indication of it) Hubert conducted a rather large N.O. investigation. As you may recall from th draft of ExDess, it is because of his special qualifications for just this function that Boggs got him hired. And Boggs bragged about his initial accomplishments in his N.O. investigation.

Even before knowing this, I had always wondered why the Commission had a former N.O. district attorney on its staff and kept him off the N.O. investigation, assigning, instead, a fuddy-duddy and an overworked right-winger. I still do not regard this as innocent or accidental and I have little doubt that Rankin was responsible for it. It could not be for effeciency or because of special experiences. It had to be for the purpose accomplished, to obfuscate. If you feel otherwise, I'd like your opinions for the future.

By the way, do you know a good LA lawyer, for a civil suit? There is a book wholesaler in that area who owes me much money. I might also get him to ask the LA Free Press to pay me what they owe me - have owed me for two years.

Sincerely,