Dear Jeff, 7/24/80

This is hursied to make today's outgoing mail and because the professor under whom my materials will be archived is here. I'll try to complete that I can before he gets here from his motel this morning.

So I den't have time to put it together. But you'll have no trouble.

On the FAI's knowing of the CTA plots against Castro before they were told about it by former FMI SA Edward P. Morgan, lawyer for Rosselli and Ciancana (in 1967, and I have the FMI records on that if you decide you went them):

In an 3/22/76 story on the Mergan angle after it was broken, and Hoover's response to them Secret Service Director James P. Rewley, drafted by an FEI supervisor, "This official's job was complicated by the fact that he had never been informed of what Boover and his closest circle of confidents in the PEI beamed early in 1962 - that the CIA was deeply involved in assassination attempts against Castro..."

How they learned, as I told you show Mahau/CMA paid Ghancona off by surveillance of his here ( W. Post 9/12/76, Style section) girlifriend: " ... the placement of the bug the tap was a disaster. Mahau's private eye left if unattended on the afternoon of Cot. His 31, 1960, and it was discovered by a maid who reported it to the local sheriff ..."

Game source quotes Church committee as finding that the CIA paid for this Mahou operation, that Roseili paid the operative's bail "and eventually, the Attorney General, acting under pressure from the CIA, ordered any contemplated prosecution be dropped because it could jeopradize the national security operation in which Giancana and Mahou were involved."

After Resselli's murder, Mana Herald, 9/19/76, "In 1961, through a bungled wiretap, the FRI became sware of Rosselli's CIA activities. While Giancana and Rosselli were in Florida planning the operation, Giancana wanted to return to Las Vegas to check on his girl friend, Phyllis McGuire, when he suspected of dating comedian Dan Rowan. To keep Giancana in Florida, it was agreed that bug would be placed in her hotel room...but the private detective t hey hired with CIA money ...was discovered and arrested. ...Prosecution was avoided when the CIA intervened and said the 'nat ional interest' would be damaged..."

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all of this was covered up again in a 1966 Senate wiretapping investigation.

I remember more, more colorful language, but I don't think it worth the time to continue a check of fat files because of the time required. Ask if you want more but all I'm trying to show is that the FBI had this on the CIA for years and waited until the for them propitious moment, which wis happened to be when they were under severe criticism from a number of my books and others that followed.

LBJ's doubts about there not beging a conspiracy were edited out of his CBS series, Cronkite interviews. My WaPost clip is undated but is about 4/28/70. It was leaked from inside CBS to a friend of mine who gave it to the Post. "A CBS source, who confirmed that the former President expressed reservations about the Warren Commission finding that Mr. Kannedy was murdered by a single assassin, refused to disclose the wording of the question put to Mr. Johnson and his answer."

I can remember the name of the man who wrote the Atlantic "onthly story on his interview with LEJ in which there is the quote, approx, "We were running a God dammed Murder. Inc., in the Caribbean," referring to the CIA, so I can't include that because I can't find it. I'm sure there were wire stories on it and that your morgue has it. The stories quoted above have references of general nature but not the quote. If I think of (I think Leo Janos, Leser Janis, but he doens't have it.) it and can provide the quote, I'll phone you with it.

The record from which I read to you is unclearly marked as from the 62-109060 file, captioned as on the face. The serial number is clear: 5075. I read the bottom of p. 3 and p. 4. The only marks I've added are the breader, outer vertical lines plus the underscoring of "Further." The double lines are on the copies I got from the FEL. The slashes and X marks are FEL filing directives. The famoy "B" is DeLoach's regular mark, the check mark Clyde Tolson's "T." The regular channel to Hoover was via Tolson. This is the gne quoting Watson, to whom the FEL sent what it sent: "Watson stated the President felt that the CIA had schetching to do with this plot," or "a plot to connection with the assassination" of JFK.

As I go over the copies I made for subject filing some relating to the Morgan disclosures appear to be unusual so I include them. One is Hoover's 2/15/67 letter to

Rowley, a ho-hum appraently drafted by Kenneth M. Raupach (KMR) of the then General Investigative Division. What it refers to in the added note is enclosed, Serial 4500. It decides not to tell the White House "since this matter does not concern, it nor is it pertinent to the present Administration." (bottom p. 2) Despite this, they sent what I begin with and read to you, dated 4/4/67.

They also decide to make no investigation. The answer or explain? they didn't have to.

In the 12/2/63 memo on the amno for Oswald's rifle, the part bracketed (on priginal)

speculates that the Marine Corps order was really for the CIA. I don't know who the

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Thompson for whom two copies are indicated. One of that name was a supervisor then
in the Rosen General Investigative Division and I have an indistinct recollection of a

Mr. Thompson (Lee?) in some kind of LBJ Maison role. It may be neither.

I'm checking the original records to see if the 4/26/67 memo was provided to me and if it adds anything.

As you may recall, I keep the original records as I receive them and make copies for subject filing, largely as guides to those who use the files in the future. So there can be other pertinent records I did not copy in the belief that the copies would lead future researchers to them. I know there are many more Morgan records, including the interview report the FBI filed, and more pertinent to the one I read but I assume adding nothing I regarded as significant.

There are two memos of the same description. Both are withheld from me in the Assassination and Commission files, as referred to the CIA, which has not acted on those referrals since 1977 (under the 10-day Act.) Most of the memo was provided in the Oswald file. Of what is withheld the FOIA processing worksheets says it was referred to the CIA. This includes a number that appears to be 13667. Means nothing to me. Including such a number is not general practise. The initiaes are of R.E. Løng, then an FBI supervisor, later an Assistant Director, Finance and Management.

I'm including this for a different reason because it adds nothing to the part about convincing LBJ that the CIA was in on the JFK job. On page 2 the FBI discloses, without referral to the CIA, the CIA's "sensitive" coverage of both the Cubans and Russians in

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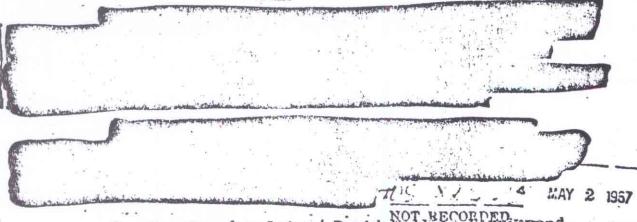
Mexico, a supposed secret. It refers to electronic surveillance, etc.

This is not new now. The Cubans claim to have found bugs in all the electric outlets. That they picked Oswald up on a tap also is not new, although it was kept secret for years.

This is not one of my better days. I'm a bit unsteady so perhaps also a bit unclear. If you have any questions, ask.

On the other story, which I gave to "ardner the day he was put on the Billy "arter" story, I phoned him yesterday and asked if it could be swithced to another reporter. He agreed but of course he's not boss. He knows I'll want to give it to someone else if the Post doesn't go ahead soon. I'll wait a little while bonger and if I don't hear about this I'll phone again.

Best wishes,



2. Garrison's claim: David NOT RECORDED and Clay Shaw arranged for Oswald to get an office in New Orleans in connection with his Fair Play for Cuba activities

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New Orleans. While engaged in Fair Play for Cuba activities in New Orleans during the Summer of 1963, Oswald resided at 4905 Magazine Street and maintained Post Office Box 30061. The Fair Play for Cuba leaflets distributed by Oswald carried one of these two addresses.

3. Garrison's claim: David Ferric and Clay Shaw sent Oswald to Moxico in a fake attempt to obtain permission to reenter the Soviet Union.

Facts: Oswald's trip to Mexico in an effort to return to Russia via Cuba was no fake. Oswald's correspondence with the Soviet Embassy November 9, 1963, and information received by CIA's sensitive coverage of the Soviet Embassy and the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City gave strong corroboration to the fact that Oswald was earnestly attempting to depart the United States via Cuba.

4. Garrison's claim: David Ferrie and Clay Shaw instructed Oswald to go to Dallas for purpose of assassinating President Kennedy.

Facts: It was pure chance that Oswald was employed in the Texas School Book Depository building on the day of the assassination. He got this job through a lead supplied by a neighbor. It was not decided until November 14, 1963, that President Kennedy's Motorcade would pass directly by this building on November 22, 1963.

5. Garrison's claim: David Ferrie and Clay Shaw engineered the idea of Oswald buying a gun under the name of A. J. Hidell.

Facts: Oswald had purchased both the assassination rifle and the 38 caliber revolver which he used to kill Officer J. D. Tippit while residing in Dallas prior to moving to New Orleans in late April, 1963. The two weapons were shipped to Oswald by the firms from whom they were purchased in late March, 1963, approximately one month before Oswald moved to New Orleans from Dallas.

6. Garrison's claim: David Ferrie stood by a telephone at an ice skating rink in Houston, Texas, at all times on November 22, 1963, the day of the assassination.

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Facts: Our investigation disclosed David William
Ferrie was in New Orleans on the afternoon of November 22, 1963.
He did not leave for Houston in the company of two associates
until the evening of November 22, 1963, and did not arrive in
Houston until the morning of November 23, 1963. This was
corroborated through motel registration and individuals who
were cognizant of Ferrie's activities during this critical
period.

## OBSERVATIONS:

Had Jack Anderson taken the time to become even vaguely familiar with the findings of the Warren Commission as set out in its report, he would not have been a "sitting duck" for Garrison's wild accusations.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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emorandum DATE: 4/4/67 cc Mr. DeLoach . D. DeLoach Mr. Rosen Mr. Sullivan Mr. Wick ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY Jack Anderson came in to see me at 11:55 a.m He has just returned from New Orleans where, at the invitation of District Attorney Jim Garrison, he interviewed Garrison for approximately six hours at his home. Anderson and Garrison later had dinner at the Latin Quarter restaurant in New Orleans Miller of Land Lake! Anderson stated that he went to New Orleans fully prepared to present a hostile viewpoint to Garrison After listening to Garrison for approximately 90 minutes he began to believe Garrison's story. Anderson describes Garrison as a very convincing talker who has considerable facts at his disposal. Anderson now believes there is some authenticity to Garrison's claims and future plans. Garrison told Anderson that he will undoubtedly hold a full-scale trial within six months. Basically, Garrison told Anderson that the entire, assassination plot stemmed from David W. Ferrie, who was the genius and mastermind of the entire thing, and with Clay shaw, who was in the beginning subsidized by the Central Intelvigence Agency. Garrison has facts, as well as witnesses, according to Anderson, to prove that Lee Harvey Oswald came to the attention of Ferrie and Shaw when Oswald first arrived in New Orleans. At that point both Ferrie and Shaw recognized the fact that Oswald was a former marine, had had lengthy experience in the Soviet: Union, was married to a Soviet citizen, and therefore is had ties and background which would lend themselves to gaining easy access to Cuba. Shaw at this point already had been approved by the CIA, through an appropriate cut-out, to engineer a plot that would result in the assassination of Fidel Castro. Upon learning of Oswald's background, Ferrie concerned the idea of setting up Oswald in an attempt to establish a Fair Play for Cuba organization in New Orleans. Ferrie and ... Shaw arranged for Oswald to obtain an office which formerly had Du mino Branquis 10 CDD: CSH (5) Sullware 4/26/67 while CONTINUED ----OVER

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been rented by an anti-Castro organization. Ferrie and Shaw also conceived the idea of sending Oswald to Mexico in a fake attempt to obtain permission to re-enter the Soviet Union. Garrison, according to Anderson, can prove that Oswald did this merely to establish a good atmosphere so that he could gain ready access to Cuba.

Garrison claims that it was at this point that Oswald became disillusioned and refused to go through with the plot to assassinate castro. Upon returning to New Orleans from Mexico, Oswald advised both Ferrie and Shaw that he would not go through with their plans. Shaw and Ferrie, being guided by several Cubans in their midst, then conceived the idea (mostly because of the fiasco at the Bay of Pigs) of assassinating President Kennedy. Ferrie and Shaw believed that Oswald could be the "patsy" and instructed him to go to Dallas for the purpose of the assassination.

They also engineered the idea of him buying the gun under the name of A. J. Hidell, and the use of the mails in procuring this gun so that it would be an open, public record which could be traced to Oswald. They additionally told Oswald that he should keep certain papers in his possession which would trace back to the gun.

On the day of the assassination, Ferrie traveled to Houston, allegedly for the purpose of ice skating. Witnesses at the ice skating rink remember Ferrie as being at the rink and have indicated to Carrison that Ferrie, while he did not ice skate, did stand near a pay telephone at all times on the day of 11/22/63.

Garrison also has witnesses who will testify that
Jack Ruby was the eyes and ears for Ferrie at all times. Ruby
sent two of his people to Houston so that, upon the success of
the assassination attempt, these two people could use a local
pay phone to advise Ferrie of the success of the plot. Garrison
claims that a long distance phone call from Dallas to Houston
could, of course, have been traced; hence the desirability of
using the local phone. Anderson stated that Ruby was definitely
in on the plot and was later instructed by Ferrie and Shaw to
take care of Oswald.

Anderson next sprang the "Sixty-four dollar question."
He stated that at the close of Garrison's six-hour recitation of facts, he (Anderson) was of the opinion that Garrison was not only sincere, but very convincing. Anderson stated that Garrison firmly believed his facts. Anderson then told me that he bluntly asked Garrison why Garrison had not given all these convincing facts to the FBI, whereupon Garrison replied, "I got started off on the wrong foot with the FBI." Garrison added, "I would be more than willing to give the FBI everything I have and let them finish the investigation if they so desire."

Anderson told me that he, of course, is now in a position to contact Garrison and indicate that the FBI will or will not take over this case. I told Anderson that the FBI would not under any circumstances take over the case. I stated that Garrison had made it quite plain that he did not want the cooperation of the FBI and, as a matter of fact, Garrison had threatened to put handcuffs on any of our agents who approached him for information.

I also told Anderson that, while we of course would accept any information that was voluntarily given to us, we at the same time would not take over Garrison's "dirty laundry."

Anderson told me that if the Bureau had any change of policy in the above regard he would appreciate knowing about it. I told him we would keep his offer in mind; however, there definitely would be no change of policy.

Anderson also told me that he had discussed this entire matter with George Christian, the President's Press Secretary, at the White House. He stated that Christian was also convinced that there must be some truth to Garrison's allegations. Christian told Anderson to get in touch with the FBI. Anderson stated he had already been planning to do this, but that he now especially wanted to advise us of the full facts because of Christian's request.

In this connection, Marvin Watson called me late last night and stated that the President had told him in an off moment, that he was now convinced that there was a plot in connection with the assassination. Watson stated the President felt that CIA had had something to do with this plot. Watson requested that any further information we could furnish

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in this connection would be most appreciated by him and the President. I reminded Watson that the Director had sent over to the White House some weeks back all the information in our possession in connection with CIA's attempts to use former agent Robert Maheu and his private detective outfit in contacts with Sam Giancana and other hoodlums, relative to fostering a plot to assassinate Castro. Watson stated this was true and he remembered our memorandum in this regard, but that if we had anything else we should by all means forward it to the White House. I told him we had no further information in this regard.

ACTION: For record purposes. There is no need to make further contact with Anderson.



1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Shroder 1 - Mr. Raupach 1 - Mr. Wick l - Mr. Sullivan Honomble James J. Rowley Thefad Chates Searct Corvice Washington, D. C. Dear Lir. Lowley: Thank you for your latter dated February 13, 1997, ... all rung me of your discussion with Chief Justice Earl Warren 3 and one fadry 31, 1937, and the information be furnished to you. Li connection with the allegadon that a Ocates con piency was involved in the respectingtion of Prosident Louisey, our ... involvention uncovered no evidence increaling 1 ical Castro or off sinks of the Calan Covernment were involved with Lee Harvey Oswald in the assass inction of President Renneay. This Darson is not conducting any investigation regarding tilla maiter. However, should hir. Pearson, hir. Morgan, or at " May Morgan's course of information care to volunteer any information to this Parenu, it would be accepted. Thereafter, consideration would be given as to whether any additional investgation is warranted. Despera I am taking the liberty of furnishing a copy of your letter? and my reply to you to the Acting Attorney Coneral. Sincerely yours, NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memo captioned "Assassination of President John The Will Kennegy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas, "KMR:hw, 2-15-67.

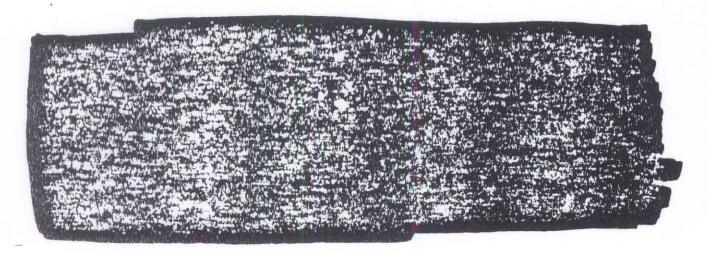
morandum February 15, 1967 Mr. Delloach 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Rosen Rosen l - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Shroder 1 - Mr. Raupach ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT SUBJECT: 1 - Mr. Wick JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS 1 - Mr. Sullivan PURPOSE: To advise of the action taken in response to a letter dated 2-13-67, from James J. Rowley, Director, U.S. Secret Service. BACKGROUND: By letter dated 2-13-67, James J. Rowley, Director, U.S. Secret Service, informed the Bureau he had a discussion with Chief Justice Earl-Warren on 1-31-67. At that time the Chief Justice informed h Mr. Rowley that during the week of 1-23-67, Drew Rearson was in to see the Chief Justice. At that time Pearson advised the Chief Justice that a lawyer, Ed Morgan, had a client who informed him "that Bobby Kennedy had organized a group who went to Cuba to kill Castro; that all ware killed or imprisoned, except one person who escaped; that subsequently Castro decided to utilize the same procedure to kill President Kennedy and that he hired Oswald to do the job. " Pearson wanted the Chief Justice to see Ed Morgan; however, he declined. The Chief Justice informed Pearson it would be necessary for him to pass this information on and Pearson inferred that Ed Morgan was not in good standing with the FBI and as a result the Secret Service was notified. Arrangements were made by Mr. Rowley with Drew Pearson to have Ed Morgan come to see him and a tentative date was made for 2-8-67. Subsequently, on 2-10-67, Mr. Rowley spoke with Chief Justice Warren, informing him that neither Mr. Pearson nor Mr. Morgan had called and that the information received from the Chief Justice would be reported to the Bureau. The Chief Justice advised Mr. Rowley to do whatever he had to do. Ed Morgan may be identical with Edward Pierpont Morgan, a former Bureau Inspector, who resigned 3-15-47. He is on the "not to contact list." Morgan is a known source of information for Drew Pearson, in his vindictive attacks on the Director and the FBI. 1-SCS XENUX FEB 24 1967 CONTINUED - OVER

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No investigation will be conducted regarding the allegation made by Pearson to Chief Justice Warren. However, if information is volunteered to the Bureau regarding this matter, it will be accepted. ALL 1.2-11

## ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to Mr. Rowley. Also attached is a letter to the Acting Attorney General, with a copy for the Deputy Attorney General, enclosing a copy of Mr. Rowley's letter and the Bureau's reply. Consideration was given to furnishing this information to the White House, but since this matter does not concern, nor is it pertinent to the present Administration, no letter is being sent.

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My memorandum of 11/23/63, set out additional information relating to the sale and distribution of the Western manufactured 6.5 mm Manuficher-Carcano ammunition used in the assassination. That memorandum was written in response to Mr. Belmont's instructions that every effort be made to trace the ammunition on the possibility that some of it may be traced into Oswald's hands.

The Springfield Office has advised that they have obtained, through contact at the Western Cartridge Corporation, East Alton, Illinois, copies of that Corporation's records relating to the manufacture of this ammunition. Western manufactured four million rounds of this ammunition for the United States Marine Corps during 1954.

Attached is a two-page copy of the records of Western relating to the complete manufacture of this order of ammunition which was authorized under Covernment contract DA-23-196-ORD-27.

The interesting thing about this order is that it is for ammunition which does not fit and cannot be fired in any of the USMC weapons.

This gives rise to the obvious speculation that it is a contract for ammunition placed by CIA with Western under a USMC cover for concealment purposes.

ACTION:

This information is being furnished Divisions 5 and 6 for whatever further investigative activity is deemed warranted.

1 - Mr. Tolson (Enclosures 2)

1 - Mr. Belmont (Enclosures 2)

1 - Mr. Wohr (enclosures 2)

1 - Mr ( De Loach (enclosures 2)

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