

March 4

Dear Jim, re selection of copies from the Hoover O & C
file in today's mail

4/19/84

While Lil is making copies of a few personal comment and subject filing
a few observations about records I'm not copying.

The reflection of Hoover's interest in collecting anything at all, even the
incredible, like the nonsense about the alleged JFK marriage to Durie Malcom
(Blaufeldt well-known fabrication), that could be interpreted as critical of JFK
or Bobby, is interesting, especially because of the number of such incredible
records he kept in his office. Ditto for the report that Arthur Krock ghosted JFK's
Profiles in Courage. Again, how, when and with what help he did that book is well
and publicly known, so as of the time Hoover got that crap it was known to be crap.
(These also indicate what others in the FBI fed to Hoover.)

Capriciousness in withholding as well as improper and unnecessary withholding
is illustrated by a record that has neither an O & C identification number or a
record-copy number, the 3/6/64 DeLoach to Hoover " RE: WHITE HOUSE LIAISON." The
b7C claim is made to withhold what cannot properly be withheld, the name of the
Minneapolis SAC, Held. Moreover, that name is disclosed in each of the other
relevant records in this series.

Similarly, Document 2 is the charge-out form covering RFK's approval of the
King wiretap, 100-~~XXXX~~ 16670-254. As of 12/13/73 it may have been transferred and
withheld but it was disclosed earlier and I have it somewhere. (I'd be surprised
if a copy is not also in the OPR records disclosed to you.)

Document 1, 62-17799-424 (a file in which there are other records relating to
FBI conferences on this matter with the Secret Service) improper withholdings include
the ~~name~~ name of Clint Hill, Jackie's security guy. He testified to this, published,
it was in the papers and all over radio and TV, yet it is withheld (p.3) as b7C.

It is amusing that the FBI comments that Rufus Youngblood offered his life to
save JFK as illustrative of Secret Service bravery, although it was not until long
after that car left the crime scene that Youngblood covered Johnson, yet makes no
mention of the fact that Clint Hill, who reacted very rapidly, almost did get
killed by the front bumper of the car he'd jumped off of to rush to Jackie's aid.
Resumed 5/8- The Zapruder film shows clearly, especially in the stills, that the
bumper of the followup car from which Hill leaped and ran to Jackie's side just
did touch his pants leg. It was that close. (Page 3 of 62-27799-424.)

There is no number on the Hoover memo of 11/29/63 to his top brass, reporting
on his phone call from LBJ. This is quite interesting for a number of reasons. One
is that LBJ was apparently feeling Hoover out on those he was considering for his
Commission. Five of those he mentioned to Hoover were on the Commission. It is
significant that LBJ made no mention of Warren Only. Not five-six. Dulles mentioned
first and earlier.

Great interest in what is new, last sentence second graf on 2, relating to the
rearrest of Silvia Duran by the Mexican police, they "will confront her with the
original informant." We have never heard of any informant involved in that matter.
In the context of what we know it seems that the informant must be on her, unless
that crazy woman novelist had surfaced by then. If this is a possibility, perhaps
But is interested in this formulation.

In the first graf on 3 Hoover, correctly, states that the pictures do not show
any police recognition of Ruby when he was about to shoot Oswald or when he did. I do
not recall any FBI record analyzing those pix in any disclosed record or any of the
Commission's. I do not recall that the FBI by then had and forwarded those pix, either.
It thus appears that there is a file of info that has not been disclosed.

The next graf is explicit in stating that the FBI decided that the first and

third shots hit JFK and the second hit Connally. The rest of this graf is not correct and does not come from any disclosed record. The last graf reinforces this explanation of the shots. Also graf 5 on page 4.

Document 436, DeLoach to Mohr, 4/24/64, page 2 graf 1: DeLoach protests unnamed "Department official," who is Katzenbach, then acting AG, who told the Commission "that the FBI was 'leaking' information. I told Manchester that this allegation had of course been false." actually, it was under DeLoach himself that the info was leaked, including to a reporter friend of mine. These contents of the FBI report, CD 1, that it wanted out, started being leaked for appearance on 12/2/63, with the major stories 12/5/63. As Katzenbach told the Commission in executive session 12/5, nobody but the FBI could have done the leaking. (Ford was DeLoach's informant on the Commission.) At least some of this particular leaking was by Tom Bishop, who was directly under DeLoach.

"Oswald was a non-violent type of person," page 2, graf 3. How much more non-violent can one be when one hand-delivers to the FBI a letter threatening to blow its Dallas office up, which FBIHQ did know, according to the Inspector General's investigation of it after this was leaked in Dallas in 1975.

Although ^{Hoover} added three notes stating he would not see Manchester, he did and he blabbed a bit, boasted a bit, it was disclosed, and I have a copy in the Manchester subject file.

The record filing of this copy was eliminated in xeroxing to eliminate the right margin, where that is always noted. This copy is from 94-37374, which appears to be on Manchester, the book or both.

Document 453 does not have the main record copy file eliminated in xeroxing. This copy also is from the 94-37374 file. The original is in 62-111371 as Serial 10. I have a note on that file indicating that it includes 62-109060-3417 as a NR copy, of a memo on Manchester's meeting with Hoover, re this book. A copy was designated for a different 94 file, Xed out. Hoover's response, Document 454, also NR in 94-37374, apparently is # 8 in 62-111371. In the course of checking my incomplete file of FBI file numbers to see if I have a record of 94-45162, which the Xed out number may be, I learned that I do not but that there is still another 94 file that holds records relating to this matter, 94-48768, which is a recorded copy of a memo that is Not Recorded in the main assassination file, 62-109060, after Serial 3325. All these files for one author, one book, one meeting with JEH? Document 455, original # 7 in 62-111371, had a copy designated for another file, number illegible. In this one another of DeLoach's leakers, stated (in graf 3) that rather than leaking "we have remained meticulously silent." This memo summarizes their contacts with Manchester and concludes with its "cordial" nature since he wrote what the FBI liked in 1955. Hoover then noted, "I will see him" and states the time. Document 456 is #6 in the 62-111371 file and also originally was designated for the file the number of which is illegible. Although Lesar did not provide a copy of the DeLoach memo reporting what was said at the meeting with Manchester, I assume a copy of it also is in the O & C file. My subject-file copy is from a main assassination file, I think 62-109060.

I think it is a fair inference that although previously strong in his refusal to see Manchester, Hoover changed his mind on learning that in 1955 Manchester gave wide distribution to a Hoover article.

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE March 30, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

John F. Kennedy

SUBJECT: WILLIAM MANCHESTER
AUTHOR OF BOOK REGARDING
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Ed Guthman called at 4:00 p. m., 3-30-64. Jackie Kennedy has invited the captioned individual, a professor at Wesleyan University, to do a book regarding the pertinent six days concerning the President's assassination. The book will start on the night of the Judicial Reception 11-20-63 at the White House and will conclude with the burial of the President. Guthman explained that Mrs. Kennedy desired Manchester to write the book because he did an excellent job in 1962 on "The Profile of President Kennedy." Guthman also explained that Mrs. Kennedy believed that so many people were coming out with books that were so inaccurate that she thought it would be a good idea for Manchester to tell her story of the assassination events. The book will reportedly be published in 1968.

Guthman stated that Manchester and Mrs. Kennedy were most anxious that the Director meet Manchester and briefly tell him of the information the Director received from Dallas concerning the fact that the President had been shot and about the Director's immediate notification of the Attorney General. The Director was, of course, the first one to call the Attorney General and tell him that his brother had been killed.

Guthman stated that Manchester would not ask any questions concerning the FBI's investigation of the assassination inasmuch as this, of course, was a matter with the Warren Commission. He also advised that Manchester would be available at any time subject to the Director's convenience.

ACTION:

While this is somewhat of an imposition, it is suggested that the Director may desire to have me bring Manchester into his office at some convenient date in the future for a brief meeting. I will abide by the Director's instructions in this matter. In the meantime, we are preparing a summary memorandum on Manchester and will have it up no later than tomorrow, 3-31-64.

- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 4-24-64

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

John F. Kennedy
RFK

SUBJECT: WILLIAM MANCHESTER
AUTHOR OF BOOK REGARDING
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

My memorandum of 3-31-64 indicated that Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy had invited captioned individual to do a book concerning the six days surrounding the assassination of the President. This book will be published in 1968 or 1969. Referenced memorandum reported that Ed Guthman of the Department was most anxious for the Director to meet with Mr. Manchester concerning the book. Guthman promised that no questions would be asked concerning the FBI investigation of the assassination.

The Director indicated that he would not meet with Manchester in view of the false allegations mentioned by Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach to the Warren Commission indicating that information had been "leaked" by the FBI concerning our investigation of the assassination. The Director indicated that Manchester should see me.

Guthman's office called again on 4-21-64 and asked that I see Manchester at 3:30 p. m. on 4-22-64. Upon seeing Manchester, he advised me that he was primarily interested in the activities of the Director immediately following the assassination of the President. I told Manchester that the Director of course was the first one to advise the Attorney General that his brother, the President, had been shot and that the Director later advised that his brother was dead. Manchester told me that he knew this to be a fact and that he had visited the Attorney General's home and the swimming pool where the Attorney General had been standing at the time the Director had called him. He pointed out however that he desired to obtain this information from the Director rather than from an assistant.

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Manchester told me that he was having some difficulty in obtaining the information that he wanted. He mentioned that most people felt that nothing could be given to him until after the report of the Warren Commission had been issued. I told Manchester I thought that for the most part this would certainly be true for the FBI inasmuch as we were the agency appointed by the President to be chiefly responsible for the investigation of both the assassination and the murder of Oswald. Manchester told me that his question actually would not involve the FBI investigation of this case. He stated that even if this were true he still felt that answers should be given to his questions inasmuch as his book would not be published for 4 or 5 years following the issuance of the Commission report.

1 - Mr. Tolson
1 - Mr. Evans

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen

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11 MAY 1964

DeLoach to Mohr memo
RE: William Manchester
Author of Book Regarding
Assassination of President Kennedy

I told Manchester that I felt certain he could understand our position in being reluctant to give him specific facts concerning our investigation, particularly inasmuch as a Departmental official had seen fit to allege to the Warren Commission that the FBI was "leaking" information. I told Manchester that this allegation had of course been false. However, the fact still remained that the FBI did not want to be placed in the position of releasing information prior to the issuance of the Commission report.

Manchester stated that although he could understand our viewpoint he would still like to talk to the Director concerning the Director's specific activities immediately following the assassination. I asked Manchester what he had in mind. He stated it would be far better if we furnish him a great deal of information and then let him later pose specific questions in order to round out the information. I told him this seemed to be the cart pulling the horse inasmuch as we would first want to know what he had in mind and before we went to a great deal of work. I told him regardless of what he desired he would still have to realize that no information concerning our investigation could be released until after the issuance of the Commission report.

Manchester asked if the allegation were true that the FBI had known that Oswald was in Dallas, Texas, and at the Texas Book Depository at the time of the assassination of the President. I answered in the affirmative, however, explained at great length the fact that Oswald was not a violent-type person and there had been no reason to notify Secret Service of his presence. I also explained to Manchester the cooperation which had existed for many years between the FBI and Secret Service and of the fact that we constantly informed Secret Service of threats made against the President.

Manchester told me that he was having considerable difficulty in getting information from Secret Service. He stated that this organization has been criticized so severely and its personnel are so heartbroken over the tragedy that they are reluctant to talk about the assassination.

In leaving, Manchester told me that he would be in town for approximately three months living in a rented apartment. He stated that sometime during this three months he would appreciate having a visit with the Director. I told him that the Director's schedule was quite filled, however, we would be in touch with him if the Director had an opportunity to see him. I also told him that rather than wait for an appointment he might desire to write out his questions and give them to me. I reminded him, however, that it was doubtful that we could be of any assistance to him until after issuance of the Commission report.

The meeting with Manchester was on a cordial and pleasant basis however he fully understands our position. Bufiles reflect that our relations with him in the past have been most cordial. He does appear, however, to be somewhat of a dreamy non-specific type of individual.

ACTION: None at this time.

*do not intend to give
him any information
- DeLoach and Mohr 10/10/63*

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 23, 1964

- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad ✓
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Evans
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
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- Mr. Trotter
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- Miss Gandy

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Jacqueline

Dear Edgar: o Kennedy

I was glad to know that you were able to meet with William Manchester. As long as there will be much written about last November, it is important that there be an accurate, authoritative account, and I know that you have given Mr. Manchester valuable assistance in this endeavor.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

PK
Robert F. Kennedy

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
The Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Jacqueline Kennedy

Dear Bob:

With reference to your letter dated June 1, 1964, I thought you would like to know that I met with Mr. William Manchester this morning for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. Our discussion was quite detailed in every respect. At the same time, however, it was somewhat sad in view of the necessary review of the late President's death.

I found Mr. Manchester to be quite thorough; however, very pleasant and friendly.

Sincerely,

Edgar

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- 1 - Miss Holmes (sent with memo)
- 1 - Mr. Belmont (sent with memo)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (sent with memo)
- 1 - Mr. Jones (sent with memo)
- 1 - Mr. Morrell (sent with memo)

NOTE: See DeLoach to Mohr memo dated 6-4-64 captioned "William Manchester, Author of Kennedy Book to be Published in 1969, Appointment with the Director, 10:10 a. m., 6-4-64," CDD:saj.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 6-2-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: WILLIAM MANCHESTER
AUTHOR OF BOOK REGARDING
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
REQUEST TO SEE DIRECTOR

Jacqueline Kennedy

This memorandum is being prepared to summarize contacts of Mr. Manchester with the Bureau in connection with a letter from Attorney General Kennedy to the Director asking Mr. Hoover to see Manchester regarding Manchester's book about the President's assassination.

On 3-30-64, Ed Guthman advised Mr. DeLoach that the President's widow had invited captioned individual to do a book regarding the President's assassination. It will be confined to a 6-day period--starting with the night of the judicial reception at the White House, 11-20-63, and will conclude with the burial of the President. Mrs. Kennedy selected Manchester to write the book because of his 1962 book, "The Profile of President Kennedy." The book is to be published in 1968.

Guthman claimed Mrs. Kennedy was anxious for the Director to meet Manchester to personally relate the information Mr. Hoover received from Dallas regarding the shooting of the President and the Director's immediate notification of the Attorney General. Guthman stated Manchester would not ask any questions about the FBI's investigation of the assassination, realizing that this was matter for the Warren Commission. The Director declined to meet Manchester pointing out that the Department, particularly Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach, had blamed the FBI for "leaks" even though we have remained meticulously silent. Mr. Tolson suggested that Mr. DeLoach handle the contact with Manchester. Mr. Guthman was advised by Mr. DeLoach of the Director's unavailability on 4-6-64.

After arrangements were made by Mr. Guthman's office, you (Mr. DeLoach) met Manchester on 4-12-64. Manchester was interested in the activities of the Director immediately following the assassination of the President. Mr. DeLoach informed Manchester accordingly; however, Manchester stated he desired to obtain this information from the Director rather than from an assistant. Manchester indicated he was having some difficulty in obtaining the information he wanted as most agencies declined to give him any data until after the report of the Warren Commission had been issued. He was informed that this would certainly be true of the FBI. He indicated he did not seek answers to questions about the FBI investigation of the case and reiterated his stand that he would like to talk to the Director personally concerning the Director's

Mr. DeLoach

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M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo
RE: William Manchester

specific activities immediately following the assassination. When asked what he had in mind, he stated it would be better if we furnished him a great deal of information and then let him later ask specific questions to round out the information. Mr. DeLoach told him that we would first want to know what he had in mind before we went to a great deal of work.

Manchester asked if the allegation were true that the FBI had known that Oswald was in Dallas, Texas, and at the Texas Book Depository at the time of the assassination. He was answered in the affirmative but he was also informed of the lack of information making it necessary to inform the Secret Service of Oswald's presence. Manchester concluded this meeting on a cordial basis and again indicated his desire to visit with the Director some time in the future. In connection with the memo submitted regarding this contact with Mr. Manchester, the Director stated he did not intend to see Manchester and no cooperation was to be extended to him.

On 5-19-64 Manchester contacted the Bureau and stated that in connection with his book on the President's death, it would be necessary for him to review documents in the possession of the Warren Commission and, therefore, he would need a "clearance." He understood the FBI would "initiate his clearance." He was informed that the Bureau does not grant clearances of the nature described by him and after an explanation of the function of the Bureau in this regard he stated he apparently misunderstood the problem and would be in touch with the Warren Commission.

BIOGRAPHICAL:

Manchester was born on 4-1-22 in Attleboro, Massachusetts. He was married in 1948 and in 1962 had two children. He received an A. B. degree from the University of Massachusetts in 1946 and an A. M. degree from the University of Missouri in 1947. He served in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1942 to 1945. He was a reporter for "The Daily Oklahoman," 1945-46; "The Baltimore Sun," 1947-54; 1955--64, Managing Editor of the Wesleyan University Press. He has had several books published and has been a contributor to numerous national magazines including "Harper's," "The Reporter," "The Saturday Review," "Holiday," "The Nation," "Esquire" and "The Saturday Evening Post."

We have had considerable cordial correspondence with Manchester since 1955 at which time he was furnished an article by the Director which appeared in three of his nationally distributed high school papers.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the Director's information.

Confidential
with all in mind
at 10.15 a.m.
11.11

6-2-64

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON

BORN 7-28-1929
Southampton, N.Y. June 1, 1964

MASS. D.C. NY. TEXAS
Dear Edgar: Fla. FOREIGN

As you know, Mrs. Kennedy has asked William Manchester to write an authoritative account of the events of last November. **John F. Kennedy**

All the members of our family and top officials throughout the Government are cooperating with Mr. Manchester, and I would appreciate it very much if you would see him at your earliest convenience.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

RFK
Robert F. Kennedy

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
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