

Memoranda 11/22/76 1/2 hr - Downing Sprague & Jerry Poloff who is writing a JFR book

Sprague: to be impartial you have preconception - which eliminates all who have done any work or have any knowledge

"news media has a responsibility not to come out with wild stories that attack the credibility of the committee" - Poloff

Poloff is its responsibility to report & criticize

He & Downing criticize media for accurate reporting of what

the committee said - b/c of destruction of records

Sprague says NBC should not have covered story on their defining Castro icon if it was true" because it would hurt

at which Sprague reached over & said something to Downing who waved him down with several hand gestures

Downing attributes all Felt info on JFR to "newspapers"

Second section David Becker NY Times Jack Nelson LA Times

v. Poloff Becker says Sprague will find "not much" & that only from "Wilson & Russians" it would be "an usual event" if they cooperate - which becomes guilt. Otherwise why not cooperate?

Nelson agrees with W.C. & on story on King - official story - any claim

nothing by way of new evidence has come to light P.P. mentions

through now to say "I disagree" but to stop there

McMillan/King Seymour beginning marked with arrow - with

D. <sup>Norman</sup> ~~Tavernier~~ D.C. Shunk

McM says since that Ray never said he did not kill King

& that he'd be angry if anyone said it to him

2) Mr. Millan worked for MIBC "on the Dallas assassination.  
Underwear found in car not too small for Ray  
Misrepresents the Donnell testimony. Enclosed W. Dept  
"his brother who was actually involved in several bank  
robberies"  
Dy "on his way to Phoenix when he thought he had a constipation  
Aint answer why some - saying the woman would invent a  
"R about"  
He + Pruch say "he didn't talk to anybody" - Mrs. even saying as  
"This new investigation is a tragedy"