

Dear Paul,

3/10/74

Jim was here twice this week, neither time with the opportunity for any real exploration of what is in your recent correspondence with each of us.

He was here Thursday with Bud. Our focus was on the immediate in the Ray case. They were delayed, so all we had time to go into was this immediate stuff. It worked out rather well if Bud keeps his word and we do as planned. Time only will tell.

He was here yesterday, with his wife and Bud's secretary, for Lil to get started on their taxes. They were delayed by creature considerations, appetite, which took them to a good Georgetown eatery, following upon the night-long illness of the secretary's husband. So it is only while Lil was working on her returns that Jim and I had time to talk because he had already had to get back an existing appointment for the evening, to work on legal matters.

We had to spend all of those few minutes on what he is to file by Tuesday at the latest in 2502-73, the executive-sessions suit. So there was only the merest mention of your recent letter to him, from the Berkeley plumbers. Sounds like a good idea. The question is time, not the intrusion on an "enemy!" No trouble identifying the "unimpeachable source."

I am not sending him a carbon of this because I don't want to embarrass him. He is doing what I regard as a magnificent job in this case. And he has a free rein. I have armed him for rhinos, not only bear. For the toughest hides. He is excited by the factual basis and what with any luck it should enable. And I am impressed with what he is doing with it.

What he has not finished drafting is called an "Opposition." The seven completed pages are excellent. I have read them and made a few suggestions only. He'll have to file it in time because there will then be only one day before he has to go to Nashville on the Ray case.

The stuff is such that we are taking everything and everyone on head on, including the question of perjury by Rhoads and the deliberate deception of the court and the deliberate misrepresentation of both fact and law. If the judge is just plain honest, we are preparing him to do the ultra-spectacular. In time you will have the detail. I take this time merely to prepare you and I do intend it as a kind of encouragement.

We are also taking those who acted as they did in the spectro case on full front, as we are aspects of the Link decision. We'll see, before too long.

We will be getting the new Cointelpros papers with copies for you. It has attracted a bit more media attention than the first batch.

Since referring to it under date of 3/1 your letter dated 2/12 with attachments. It now is merely more of the clutter in my mind which is, unfortunately unable to keep the too much I am trying to store as separated and as clear as I'd like. In these papers you refer to sheets you say we should all have. If I do not have them I would like to. I have not even decided how to file this new material. When I have time I will go over it all again and do that. Until then I think that the best thing we can do is use part of it in court, in a civil suit Jim and I have discussed filing for some time. It ~~crosses~~ crosses into the current and over my past, so it holds possibilities. I have been able to do a few things to advance it and our knowledge, like locating the Washington station and placing people who are relevant in it at the right times, etc., and to make this fit with what I had earlier developed. So, please be alert to anything that can fit, especially anything having even the remotest connection with publishing. In time we will get to as much as two overloaded and under-equipped people can. We have to be flexible and can do only so much. He is doing more than his share and doing it very, very well. Best,

Dear Paul,

3/1/74

While I take it that the JIM at the salutation of your mailed 2/26 is Lesar, if not he will know by a carbon of this.

Agreed on the non-triviality of the typo re SWP. Not at all sure it is a typo for 1961 and can't imagine interested delayed until even then.

I type this until plumbers arrive. We are without water. ^{ump} or well trouble.

JL has prepared the revised affidavit, I'll have it ~~notarized~~ this evening and when he completes other papers he will file. He got a ten-day extention.

My source on Jerry Bryant as an Oswald look-alike is not the most dependable.

The L.H. letters are a good request. At least I think so. As I once said there is much and there need not be any duplication or competition.

JL feels optimistic about this one. If one can feel this way about any, I'm in complete accord.

He has been busy. No word on four page press release with Cointelpros and I've forgotten. My set does not include it.

Check on R73 material. JL and I had meeting with man week ago Saturday, two weeks ago tomorrow, with whom we hope to meet again. In the words you have seen so often, one in a position to know. He had no specific knowledge of what interests us but the general knowledge that it was a project of interest. He was able to confirm some of our theories and some of the factual information to which these beliefs led us. More when there is time and we can be more specific. And detailed. I hope this man will be here soon and can go over these files. He was CIA, recently, and currently is not popular there.

Right now I regret that I did not keep a separate file of all the CIA material I got from the WC files. It would perhaps be good if he could scan all of it.

Your suggestions for further looking good, thanks. The question again will be time. But when the need comes, neglecting something else provides time!

Enclosures unread, look interesting, and thanks.

est,

Dear Harold, (cc: JIM)

MAILED 2/26/74
February 12, 1974 (held to mail)

Thanks for your mailing of 2/8.

You asked if I had any recollection of a Jerry ~~Byron~~ Bryant being questioned as an Oswald look-alike. No recollection; also, I found nothing in the CD indexes. (There is a J.H. Bryant indexed to CD 4.476, which I don't have, but according ~~to~~ to the table of contents it is about the Silver Spur ~~Club~~ Club. There are other Bryants, not consistent with Jerry, indexed to CD 86.122-3, 302.42~~x~~, 360.71, 1179.42-3, 1179.182, 1193.169, 1306.38. I have only 302.42 and 1179.182, and they are ~~not~~ not related to your Bryant.)

Thanks for the NYT clip, 1/28, re the FBI investigation of Lori Paton. There is a nontrivial typo in it: it says the SWP disruption program was from 1967 to 1969. Both the Militant (1/25/74, p. 4) and the NYT story as printed in the S.F. Chronicle (1/11/74, p. 10) have the dates as 1961 to 1969. Quite a difference for our purposes. I would assume that the original NYT story (1/11) got the dates right, but I haven't checked.

I have asked the FBI for anything relating to the "L.H." letter to the Militant, ~~if~~ if they intercepted it. No answer yet.

I will hold off sending the 4-page FBI press release of 12/7/73, re the Stern documents (Cointelpros), until I hear if Jim already has it. It is an interesting document to be coming from the 'liberal' Kelley.

Re the CIA material in "R73" about their interest in publishing, etc.: If you need better copies ~~than~~ than what I sent you, perhaps you should get them directly from the Archives. The copies I sent you were, as I recall, about as good as possible. As for more: you should check the GA-1-CIA file, although I am already supposed to have all of it and I don't think there is anything relating to this subject. (I just did a quick check.) As for further files, I would suggest ~~going~~ going through the incoming mail log (Inventory Entry 3) for stuff from the CIA. That log is known to be ~~incomplete~~ incomplete, and it is not always possible to find letters from their descriptions there, but it does ~~include~~ include some withheld ~~letters~~ letters. Also, ~~of~~ of course, you should look for filing notations on the relevant ~~documents~~ documents you do find.

Sincerely,
Paul PLH

SUPPLEMENTARY "R73" MATERIAL

(Received from the Archives on 2/21/74)

COR.56-59, 5 pp., which had apparently been omitted by mistake
~~XXXX~~ I.M. 6, 1 p.
CD 880, 2 pp., cover ltr.
CD 692, 67 pages.

The first-listed 8 pages are being sent to the ~~XXXX~~ people who got the bulk of the "R73" collection from me earlier. I.M. 6 is not the same as the document I sent out, with a tentative identification as I.M. 6, earlier.

The Archives told me that COR.18 and COR.20 are 2 pages each (which I already had). No better copies could be found of various very faint pages which I had asked about.

Please refer to my separate notes on CD 692. Note that the really hot stuff, part g, is still withheld.

Anyone who really wants to go after what the CIA ~~XXX~~ knew about Oswald should have all the pages I have. I got all of parts b through f because that was easier than deciding at the time which were ~~XX~~ totally uninteresting. In part a, there might be some useful information about routine CIA processing methods, as well as some specific indication of their response to Oswald. Of particular interest are the first page of each item, page 7* of ~~XXXX~~ item 1, and page 2 of item 4, which has apparently been annotated for entry into some sort of computerized data base. There are enough underlinings, question marks, etc. ~~XXXXXX~~ on the other pages to show that somebody really did look at these FBI reports.

Part b has some CIA markings added, although I haven't gone through carefully to see what the CIA added as opposed to the State Dept. There are no substantive comments on the newspaper clippings in part e. The first 4 pages in part f are of uncertain significance, but definitely nontrivial. The ~~XXX~~ remaining 9 pages of part f go with my file (#124) of material from the State Dept. file, CD 294, concerning their interest in defectors in general.

Paul L. Hoch
Feb. 25, 1974

PAGE 2 of R73-COR.59
(3¢ saved is 3¢ earned - PLH)

LIST OF CLASSIFIED CIA ITEMS

Memorandum to Mr. Rankin dated May 6, 1964, Subject: Criteria for dissemination of information to the Secret Service; Recommendations of the Central Intelligence Agency relative to Presidential protection
SECRET

Memorandum dated 23 July 1964 to J. Lee Rankin from Richard Helms, Subject: Lee Harvey Oswald
SECRET

Memorandum dated July 1, 1964 to J. Lee Rankin from Richard Helms, Subject: Lee Harvey Oswald's Arrival Time in Helsinki on 10 October 1959
SECRET

Cover letter (2 pp) and routing slip (1 p.) (I already had this.)

-Part a, FBI. I have 26 of the 77 pages. I got each page with anything interesting on it, according to the notes I taped at the Archives. A "cutout" to delete information (presumably CIA internal identification) was not enough in itself to guarantee that I would get a page, but just about any handwritten mark was.

Item	Agent	Date	(CE)	RS date	Pages	Have	
1	Fain	5/12/60	821	5/25	1-7*	RS,1,4,5,6,7*	6 of 8 pp.
2	Fain	7/3/61	822	7/13	1-10*,IP	RS,1,9	3 12
3	Fain	8/30/62	824	9/7	1-7*,IP	RS,1,7*	3 9
4	DeBrueys	10/25/63	-	11/8	1-17*,IP	RS,1,2,3,4,5	6 19
5	(Memo)	9/24/63	-	-	1-6*,IP	1	1 7
6	Kaack	10/31/63	826	11/7	1-16*,IP	RS,1,6,7,8,11	6 18
7	Hosty	9/10/63	829	-	1-3*,IP	1	1 4
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(RS=routing slip from FBI; IP=informant's page)

(In item 3, I asked for the IP but got p. 7* instead. According to my notes, the IP has 2 cutouts on the right side and "U.S. defectors" written by hand on a previous generation. So, I won't reorder it.)

-Part b, State Dept. (I have all 20 pp.)

- (1) 1 p. (11/18-22/63) Copy of State Dept. routing slip (Cf. CD 1114.VI.29-22)
- (2) 3 11/2/59 Despatch 234 (Cf. CE 908, CE 2749)
- (3) 4 10/12/61 Despatch 317 (1 p.) with enclosures (3 pp.) (Cf. CE 2747)
- (4) 1 1/26/61 Memo. of conversation (Cf. CE 2748, CE 2681)
- (5) 3 7/11/61 Despatch 29 (Cf. CE 977, (CE 935))
- (6) 3 5/26/61 Despatch 806/809 (2 pp.) w/encl. (1 p.) (Cf. CE 973, (CE 936))
- (7) 1 4/13/61 A-173, retyped copy. (Cf. CE 934, CE 971)
- (8) 1 (10/31/59) Freers telegram (Cf. CE 910, CE 2750)
- (9) 1 (Nov. 1959) McArthur telegram re Pic (Cf. CE 2683(b))
- (10) 1 (Nov. 1959) Thompson telegram (Cf. CE 2683(a))
- (11) 1 Sep. 28, 1961 Internal CIA note, apparently; re State Dept. info.

-Part c, Navy: (I have all 2 pp.)

Hardenburg to FBI, 26 Apr 1962, w/att. LHO ltr to Tompkins, 3/22/62 (Described as item 33 in CE 834, the FBI headquarters file)

-Part d, INS: (1 page only)

INS name check request, 12/5/61. (Cf. CE 2751)

-Part e, newspaper clippings (I have all 5 pp.):

Washington Post, 11/1/59; 11/16/59; Wash. Evening Star, 11/26/59 (2 pp.);
Washington Post, 6/9/62 (p. A7)

-Part f, internal CIA notes (per cover letter): (I have all 13 pp.)

- (1) Nov. 2-4, 1959 1 p. Mr. Papich advised that we have no info on LHO.
- (2) Dec 9, 1960 1 p. Field personality file request (whatever that is)
- (3) "circa May 1960" 2 pp. Summary of press and FBI info. on Oswald?
- (4) Nov 3, 1960 1 p. Bissell (Plans) to Cumming (State), re defectors info.
- (5) Nov 21, 1960 2 pp. Bissell to Cumming, re his request for defectors info., w/att.
- (5b) - 6 pp. "List of American 'defectors'", LHO being on p. 4-5.

Total: C.L. (3 pp.), a thru f: 26+20+2+1+5+13 = 67 of 118 pages.

Items are filed and listed here according to the order they were in when I saw the file this summer. The sequence number of the pages as they were sent to me is as follows: (this is a list of the original sequence numbers corresponding to the above list):
a(24-9,4-23),b(47-50,66,63-5,62,59-61,53,52,51,58,57,56,55,54),c(32,31),d(30),
e(42-46),f(70,69,67,68,33-41).

In part b, most of the items are CIA copies of CE's, as indicated. Items 9 and 10 are substantively identical to the indicated CE's, but are State telegrams. Item 1 appears identical to a page from CD 1114, with some circles added; I don't see how it got in this CIA file, since it appears to be an internal State Document. Item 11 would seem to belong in part (f), but this is where it was in part (b).

I haven't checked part (b) for completeness against the State files, and CE 2752. The entire file could be checked against Appendix 15 of the WR, the ONI and INS files, and what we know about the FBI files. I happened to see that a routing slip to the CIA is CE 972, but not in this file - maybe the CIA didn't keep a copy.

My taped notes have comments on cutouts, original markings, etc.

FLH 2/25/74

JLR/bh

NOV 18 1964

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury

My Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of the Commission and myself I wish to thank you and the Department of the Treasury for the complete cooperation that the Commission received in the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. We wish to especially acknowledge the aid and assistance we received from Robert James Lewis, your assistant Robert G. ... Mr. Robert V. ... Mr. John ... Mr. Leon ...

The ... for a great range of ... and it was never denied the ... at all times.

With ... I am

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director

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THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1964

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Thank you very much for your kind letter
of November 16. It is always a great pleasure
to hear that our people have done a good job.

Sincerely,



Douglas Dillon

Mr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C. 20002

SEP 21 1964

HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Richard Helms
Deputy Director for Plans
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Helms:

FBI photograph exhibit No. D33-46 (Commission Exhibit No. 2635) shows Lee Harvey Oswald with a group of men who Marina has identified as fellow workers at the Hink radio and TV factory. A copy of this photograph has been enclosed with this letter in order to assist your ready identification of it.

I know that the CIA has already furnished to the Commission a "Blue Map with Names," (Appendix C to Chronology of Oswald in USSR, October 1958-June 1962-- Commission document No. 005). Since we do not know the names of the persons in the photograph, however, we have no way of identifying them from the name list. If the CIA can be of help in this matter, it will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

cc: Mr. Tamm (with photograph)

WDSlawson/sah 9-21-64

cc: Mr. Rankin
Mr. Willens
Mr. Slawson

11/17
CTH

December 30, 1954

Honorable John A. McCone, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

We appreciate the cooperation of your Agency in furnishing to the Commission a number of documents which aided us in the preparation of our summary report.

The Commission wishes to publish at the earliest opportunity the attached list of classified documents which were cited in the summary report, and requests your authorization to declassify these documents.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

Attachment

cc: JLRankin

JLRankin/ht

February 18, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RANKIN

FROM: Mr. Stern

Suggest attached response to Dillon's letter.

Dillon's suggestions seem entirely reasonable and should be accepted without qualification. Believe unnecessary to get into question of Commission's jurisdiction since he does not dispute but only mentions desirability of Presidential okay. Would not try to distinguish between security details and procedures as in third paragraph of C.J.'s draft. Dillon's letter does not suggest any such limitation. Further, do not believe we can draw such line at this time without having better idea of data involved. Can reassure C.J. that staff involved can use judgment as inquiry progresses to avoid learning about matters not within appropriate scope of Commission's study.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 30, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of April 7, 1964, requesting this Bureau to conduct further investigation for the purpose of locating a safe-deposit box which Lee Harvey Oswald may have rented in his name, in the name of a member of his immediate family or in any assumed name in Irving, Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston or Laredo, Texas.

Enclosed are two copies of each of the following memoranda which contain results of our investigation in this matter:

- (1) Memorandum dated April 17, 1964,
at San Antonio, Texas
- (2) Memorandum dated April 17, 1964,
at Houston, Texas
- (3) Memorandum dated April 21, 1964,
at Dallas, Texas

Your attention is directed to page 12 of the memorandum dated April 21, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, which reflects that a \$25,000 charge was made on January 7, 1964, against the account at the First National Bank of

CD 880

CD 880

Honorable J. Lee Rankin

Grand Prairie, Grand Prairie, Texas, entitled "The Oswald Trust Fund." This account was opened on December 5, 1963, by James H. Martin and Marina N. Oswald.

For your information, we are conducting additional investigation concerning this \$25,000 charge against the account in question. We are attempting to determine whether this sum of money was deposited by Marina Oswald and/or James H. Martin in another account or in another bank. Results of such investigation will be furnished to the Commission upon receipt.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (6)