

Arch 1978

JL: re 1448 (poss remand) Archives and Nosenko, defectors HW 7/24/78
Archives: Epstein/ Nosenko request

On 7/5/78 HR sent me a couple of records he came across while doing some house-cleaning. He assumed I had them but sent them anyway.

On 7/9 I wrote him that "As you'll see from the enclosed I have no recollection of any of these..."

On 7/21 HR replied that he had ordered these on 4/10/77 "after receiving an undated 10 page list. " He sent this as well as a copy of my 4/7/77 letter to MJohnson with which I ordered everything except a single record and sent a check to cover. "Also note the part of your letter that I have marked in red."

This is the last graf, with a ref. to Nosenko.

If it took the Archives as long as what has become usual to fill my order it would have come when the then undiagnosed arterial problem had weakened me or after the diagnosis, when my head was even less retentive.

It is quite possible that I did receive these records and that they are in one of the many stack in which so much gets lost simply because I cannot get to them and then forget all about it.

I have skimmed the list HR sent. It does include a number of items relating to Nosenko and other matters that are relevant in 1448 and should have been provided for it by the Archives. If my recollection is correct they did not. The other matters are defectors (1/21 transcript) and the security investigations of staff employees (5/19 transcript, esp. several exchanges with Ford.)

This therefore is a reminder for any remand and for pursuing the newer Nosenko/Epstein request.

I do not recall what I sent HR on 7/9/78.

~~6/~~ 7/5/78

Harold: In doing some long overdue house-cleaning, I came across some documents that I obtained from the Archives last year, apparently shortly after they became available for research. You probably have already gotten copies, but on the chance you haven't, I enclose copies of some I think will interest you.

Best,



As you'll see from enclosed I have no recollection of any of these. How did you get them, by particular request or in response to a prior request, as I did not.

EM 7/9/78

7/21/78: I ordered them on 4/10/77 after receiving an undated, 10 page list of newly released documents from Archives. I enclose a copy of that list. I also enclose a copy of a letter dated 4/7/77 from you to Marion Johnson indicating that ~~she~~ you too received this list and ordered copies of everything on it with one exception. Whether they ever filled your order I don't know. Also note the part of your letter that I have marked in red.

Best,



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4/7/77

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Attached to the undated memo WARREN COMMISSION RECORDS just received is a 10-page listing of documents. Thank you for these.

As you know I have a standing request for all released JFK assassination records. As I know it may well be impossible for you to check to determine whether or not I have already obtained some of these records. I know I do not have the photographs. Most of these records are of a few pages. Some of the longer ones duplicate records I have already obtained, differing in now having the material previously withheld. As I recall it my protests over these unjustified withholdings were ignored, as were my appeals. While under these circumstances I do not believe I should be charged for the copies I do not make an issue of it. With one exception I am ordering copies of all listed materials. The one exception is Item 1 under Miscellaneous Records. I think I have it. Getting a duplicate will cost about \$25.00. I would therefore like a copy of any page that will permit identification, like the table of contents. If I then determine I do not have it I will order it separately.

If the cost exceeds what I have on deposit I will, as you know, remit promptly. If you cannot supply these records promptly if you will let me know the cost I will send a check covering it so I may maintain the deposit at a suitable level.

There are records relating to the withholding and the release of these records. I would like all of them. Where there has been withholding by obliteration there are copies showing what was to be obliterated. I would like a set of copies of all those relating to the records now released from which there was such obliteration. As you are aware we are in current litigation in which this is relevant. I not only want to examine the legitimacy of these withholdings by obliteration for myself, I want to have an accredited expert make an independent examination and provide an affidavit for filing with the court. I therefore ask for these copies as soon as possible.

As you are aware in his recent deposition Lyndal Shaneyfelt testified to taking closeup pictures of the curbstone and supplying them to the Commission. If there are any such photographs other than those printed in Volume 21 I would like copies as soon as possible. Of the other Shaneyfelt photographic exhibits in this volume I would also appreciate 8x10 glassys of Nos. 24, 14 and that part of 23 on page 466. I do anticipate in-court uses.

To save you letter writing I enclosed a \$100 addition to my account.

Because there is a coincidence between the release of what had been denied to me and the well-financed and officially-assisted book project of one whose writing is congenial to officialdom I ask to be informed if any of these releases are directly or indirectly at the requests of others. This relates particularly but not exclusively to the Rosenko records.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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Washington, DC 20408



WARREN COMMISSION RECORDS

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- 283 (4 p.) (deletions)
- 284 (2 p.) (deletions)
- 434 (transmittal letter and p. 1 of enclosure - deletion restored;
2 p.)
- 451 (transmittal letter - deletion restored; 1 p.)
- 530 (2 p.) (deletions)
- 708 (p. 1, 3 - deletions restored)
- 812 (p. 1, 1a, 2, 5, 6-26) (deletions)
- 871 (6 p.) (deletions)
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to 1-2-64/4-7-64	J. Lee Rankin	Applicants for employment	Positions with Com- mission (76 p.)
1-8-64	J. Lee Rankin	Abram Chayes, State Dept.	Documents in pos- session of Dept. (1 p.)
1-10-64	American Embassy, Moscow	State Dept.	Visit to Central Asia (1 p.)
1-17-64	Abram Chayes, State Dept.	J. Lee Rankin	Documents in pos- session of State Dept. (2 p.)
1-21-64	Richard Helms	J. Lee Rankin	Draft Questions for Submission to the Soviet Union (1 p.)
1-21-64	Abram Chayes	J. Lee Rankin	Request of Chief Justice Warren for documents (1 p.)
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2-21-64	J. Edgar Hoover	J. Lee Rankin	Salvador Diaz Verson (1 p.)
2-27-64	Francis J. McNamara, Director, HUAC	Gerald R. Ford	Forwards reports (4 p.)
3-2-64	J. Lee Rankin	Richard H. Davis, State Dept.	Letter to Soviet Government (2 p.)
3-3-64	J. Lee Rankin	Abram Chayes, State Dept.	Receipt of telegrams exchanged between Dept. and Embassy in Mexico City (1 p.)
3-6-64	J. Lee Rankin	J. Edgar Hoover	Yuri Nosenko (1 p.)
3-6-64	J. Lee Rankin	Richard Helms	Yuri Nosenko (1 p.)
3-11-64	J. Lee Rankin	John C. Guthrie, State Dept.	Note Verbale to Soviet Govt (1 p.)
3-16-64	J. Lee Rankin	J. Edgar Hoover	Requests full field investigation of two staff members (1 p.)
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3-18-64	J. Lee Rankin	J. Edgar Hoover	Oswald's trip to Mexico (3 p.)
3-18-64	W. David Slawson	J. G. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Sen. Judiciary Committee	Encloses document (1 p.)
3-20-64	Abba P. Schwartz, State Dept.	J. Lee Rankin	Passport file for Belli (1 p.)
3-26-64	J. Lee Rankin	Dept. of HEW	Slawson's trip to Mexico (1 p.)

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4-6-64	J. Lee Rankin	J. Edgar Hoover	Trip of Commission staff members to Mexico (1 p. each)
4-6-64	J. Lee Rankin	Abram Chayes, State Dept.	Trip of Commission staff members to Mexico (1 p. each)
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5-14-64	J. Lee Rankin	Abram Chayes, State Dept.	Note to Mexico Government (2 p.)
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7-31-64	Leonard C. Meeker, State Dept.	J. Lee Rankin	Transmits documents (1 p.)
7-31-64	Leonard C. Meeker,	J. Lee Rankin	Returns volume of Commission proceedings (1 p.)
8-4-64	Richard A. Frank, State Dept.	J. Lee Rankin	Encloses Commission Document 1378 (1 p.)
8-5-64	Freeman, Mexico City	State Dept.	Mexican Govt. Document (2 p.)
8-12-64	Richard A. Frank	W. David Slawson	Documents originating with other agencies (3 p.)
8-13-64	J. Lee Rankin	Leonard C. Meeker, State Dept.	Kara-patnitzky (deletion) (2 p.)
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8-31-64	Paul B. Fay, Jr., Under Sec. of the Navy	J. Lee Rankin	Documents may be published with deletions (1 p.)
9-3-64	Richard A. Frank, State Dept.	W. David Slawson	Documents the Commission wishes to publish (1 p.)
9-9-64	J. Lee Rankin	Leonard C. Meeker, State Dept.	Documents the Commission will not publish (1 p.)
9-10-64	Richard A. Frank	J. Lee Rankin	Publication of USIA documents (5 p.)
9-23-64	J. Edgar Hoover	J. Lee Rankin	Furnishes amended pages for O'Connor report of 4-21-64 (1 p.)
9-30-64	J. Lee Rankin	J. Edgar Hoover	Documents the Commission wishes to publish (6 p.)
9-30-64	J. Lee Rankin	Richard A. Frank	Documents the Commission wishes to publish (4 p.)
10-7-64	Richard A. Frank, State Dept.	J. Lee Rankin	Declassification of documents (1 p.)
to 10-3-64/ 11-6-64	J. Edgar Hoover	J. Lee Rankin	16 letters declassifying or approving publication of documents (37 p.)
10-15-64	James J. Rowley, Secret Service	J. Lee Rankin	Publication of documents (3 p.)
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11-16-64	J. Lee Rankin	Sec. of State	Thanks Dept. for its help in the investigation (1 p.)
11-30-64	Harvey R. Wellman, State Dept.	J. Lee Rankin	Thanks for letter of 1-16-64 (1 p.)

Internal Memoranda

12-22-63	Howard P. Willens	J. Lee Rankin	Letters from applicants (1 p.)
2-4-64	W. David Slawson	Howard P. Willens	Letter to CIA Posing Certain Questions on Their Letter to Us Dated 31 January 1964 (3 p.; deletions)
2-12-64	Charles N. Shaffer	Howard P. Willens	Mexico allegation First Furnished by the White House (3 p.)
2-21-64	W. David Slawson	Howard P. Willens	The Possibility of a New Informant in Mexico City (2 p.)
2-27-64	Howard P. Willens	J. Lee Rankin	Conference with Coleman and Slawson (2 p.)
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3-3-64	Howard P. Willens	J. Lee Rankin	Proposed meeting with State Dept. (1 p.)
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3-9-64	Howard Willens	J. Lee Rankin	File received from CIA (deletion; 2 p.)
3-9-64	W. David Slawson	Jenner-Liebeler Ball-Belin	Testimony of Yuri Nosenko (1 p.)
3-12-64	William T. Coleman Jr., W. David Slawson	Samuel A. Stern	Checking Nosenko's Reliability (1 p.)
3-13-64	W. David Slawson	--	Rough notes on Echevarria matter (1 p.)
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3-27-64	W. David Slawson	J. Lee Rankin	Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (3 p.)
3-30-64	Burt W. Griffin	J. Lee Rankin	Recommendations on question of how Ruby got into the basement (2 p.)
3-31-64	Burt W. Griffin	J. Lee Rankin	Henry Wade (1 p.)
3-31-64	Burt W. Griffin	J. Lee Rankin	Information from Barefoot Sanders (1 p.)
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6-1-64	Leon H. Hubert	J. Lee Rankin	Bush case in Dallas (1 p.)
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6-5-64	Richard M. Mosk	Howard P. Willens and W. David Slawson	Meeting with National Security Agency people (2 p.)
7-15-64	W. David Slawson	J. Lee Rankin	Proposed references to the "confidential Soviet Union source..." (4 p.)
7-17-64	W. David Slawson	William T. Coleman	Willens's re-draft of Foreign Conspiracy draft (1 p.)
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9-6-64	W. David Slawson	J. Lee Rankin	Publication of Oswald's "Historic Diary" (2 p.)
9-2-64	W. David Slawson	Howard P. Willens	Confidential information in Commission files (2 p.)
9-30-64	Alfred Goldberg	J. Lee Rankin	Summary of FBI Investigation of Leaks (1 p.)
n.d.	Richard M. Mosk	Howard P. Willens	Marina Oswald (3 p.; deletion)
n.d.	William T. Coleman and W. David Slawson	--	"Documentary Record of Contacts with the United States Department of State and the Immigration and Naturalization Service" (1 p.)

Miscellaneous Records

1. CIA report titled Communist Control Techniques dated 4-2-56 (123 p.), the first item on the list of materials transmitted by memorandum of Richard Helms to J. Lee Rankin dated 6-26-64.
2. ONI file on Lee Harvey Oswald:
 - (1) Foreign Service Dispatch from American Embassy, Moscow, to State Department., 11-22-59, concerning Robert Edward Webster, American defector (3 p.).
 - (2) Cross Reference Sheet concerning message from American Embassy, Mexico City, 1-8-64, concerning Mexican Government actions (1 p.).
 - (3) Cross Reference Sheet concerning report regarding Church of the Firstborn of the Fullness of Times (1 p.).
 - (4) Cross Reference Sheet concerning CD 212 (1 p.).
3. Rough notes of W. David Slawson, 1-28/9-11-64 (220 p.) (deletions).

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4. Secret Service indexes.
5. Mark Lane file:

19 documents relating to the activities of Mark Lane (101 p.)
(deletions)
6. Coleman-Slawson memorandum (n.d.) on Oswald's foreign activities - pages with previously deleted material restored (29 p.).