

9/8/71

PH(JNS),

Reur 9/1, cc to JNS: I haven't taken time to get my 7/30 notes and your A order 6/28 to respond to your first item but will if necessary. I have about a half hour and would like to answer this.

CD~~xx~~ 55: Agree on all you say. I now haven't time to put it all together, but I will take time when I return to writing AGENT OSWALD. I have not only always felt this way, that they had statements from LHO's Marines buddies not given the WC, but that caller to me on the old Joe Dolan Show was one they didn't even interview. I'll try and make a tickler on this for then. Meanwhile, should either of you ever get the time, it would help if you could make a list of the proofs of it, or the indications. Here there is a separate factor that will be more difficult, what they didn't report that they were told.

CD58, phone call: If you do not have the second one (thanks for what you've sent that I've not looked at yet, I do. I think it will not be hard to file, for I remember enough to be able to guess where I have it filed. My primitive filing is in terms of expected use in writing. I have no file "system" as such. It also involved Hoive Davis and a rich guy from a beer family and one Courtney, who is connected with Penabaz and may be Kent's brother.

Check CD256

CD314: Will X out and note that all refs are to Bowen.

CD 637: I'll restrict my comments in the hope I'll have time now for going over some of the enclosures. I suspect we all agreed that the Michael security clearance seems unlike the security mind, given the family background. I think it more likely inside the ACLU. I have met him. He is a strange one, strange looking, acting and speaking. (So is she.)

CD7:332. SOP for the FBI to cover itself, as they regard covering as as they think they can use. Not new in this case. I believe this refers to the fingerprint. If it does, you have all my DJ corres. I'll ask for it again in the writing of AO, but there is no possibility law-enforcement investigation unless it was known not to be LHO's, they had th at. Unless they suspected this not real one! And I agree this would be excellent for your book. I think more and more tha with what you have and the way your mind works that your central focus should be on the way the FBI worked. You'll find much here if you can then take the time. As you may realize, this is always in my mind when it is not the central focus.

Change address card. If this is the second NO one, I have a copy Tankersley statement.

Arch regs. Note dates on any you get. Where they are recent, ask for all old ones. I've forced a change in some, as Johnson, smilingly, acknowledged. Those bastards knowingly withheld the central one from me, told Bob Smith it didn't exist when I asked him to get me one, and they finally figured out where I got it. My penult conversation with Johnson discloses he does fit the role in which I've cast him in this. He even prepares "hoads" affidavits. They have refused to give me those they consider relevant, you have my last letter, no response yet. I'm making a record for the next time in court. They are required unger AG memo, if not law. Again emphasize careful reading conference report when Jim sends. Wait until you have time to read it at one sitting. It suggests other approaches.

I've made an extra carbon to file with the separate one I've established on your CD orders. Thanks for reminding. I can't keep everything in mind any more. I can't take time for slips, but what I am taking time for, and it means I'm about 2,000 pages behind, is in carding each page I now get, under its number and as I file it. There are now at least 2refs., so if I know only the number I can find it. This goes back far, but not to the beginning of my work. It goes back to after the Shaw trial on everything and before that on some. A chron file would not be helpful in my work. There is too much corres that is relevant, too many interviews, too many notes for future writing, etc.

I've come to the point where Lil will soon be calling me for breakfast. As I age and as the weather permits, I take a brisk walk for an hour after breakfast. I find it helps and gives me thinking time. However, I'll try and return to this after I return and before the mail comes.

CD1408:1-3. If you will please send me another copy of this with a note attached, I'll send Henry a copy and solicit his comment. On the facts and on Alexander and the FBI's having his prints. If you have a 3M copier available, the pale page reminds me, you can often as with I think the first page of CD325, by slight overexposure, can make blacker and more legible. This is a valuable thing in several ways, as I hope to indicate later.

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CD146, enclosures--your corres with A and DJ: Perhaps I've forgotten if you have had anything since July, but this is an interesting thing, that Kleindienst says he'll consider replacing missing pages. I think there is no way they can withhold them under the law and I think it would be good for them to try, for that will be helpful in exposing both withholding of evidence bearing on conspiracy and open flaunting of the law. If there is anything since or anything that comes, I'd like to know. I will, with these copies of your letters, start a file I should have long ago, on Evidence, Missing. If you got turned down by the LA police, let me know. If it is anything you think JG may have, I'll ask you. If you desire this, pls send two copies unless you do not want them to have one. I do not write you at the office. And I expect him here this month, if there is anything you want explored. I am satisfied, by the way, that DJ has framed JG. If I am not satisfied by all of JG's answers, I am without doubt about the case. I've read the affidavits, which I have. You can have them anytime if you want. I see no purpose for you, but you decide. You can always get them. They make no reference to the assassination or to his (excuse the expression) "investigation". I should have established such a file long ago instead of trying to remember. You may want to recall my handling of this in the early days in WWII, I think the Epilogue.

CD165:1 (I have the Bowen pages, I think 2). Nevell is Nebel. He is not an announcer but had and I think, although ill, still has a talk show on a clear-channel (NBC) radio station that went into most of the country. Good reception on it is unlikely in Dallas but reception is not impossible, depending on a number of factors I do not know, such as strong stations on adjacent frequencies. From what I know of Long John, and I do know him (he calls himself and his show Long John Nebel), it is not likely that if he recalled it is phone call personally he would have waited three days to call the FBI. He would have aired it on his first show, which would have been the night of 11/22. I am not certain whether he had then shifted to WNBC from WOR, but in either case I believe his show began at midnight and ran 5 hrs. Next, unless he aired the call at the time he got it, meaning air time, he did not get it personally. There is always an interception, either a secretary before air time or a producer at air time. The FBI is careful not to date the time Nebel "advised" it or how. No reason, without other pages, not assume phone interview. That is, he or someone for him called FBI and that was it. But if there was more, it could be interesting. There are things here not consistent with LHO and nothing consistent with what we know of him, most of all is it inconsistent that he had the \$\$\$ for so expensive a phone call. It is not consistent that vile names would be aired, hence it is not consistent that N got the call in person. Aside from its strange and close similarity to the Miami case, this is reminiscent of a case involving one Stanley Ross, then editor of a Spanish language paper in NY with what seems to be CIA connections. I think it is CD1414 and whatever it is, it is fiction. He was later to surface from under his special kind of rock with another fiction about a demented Cuban and Castro's involvement, plus Bobby's. I am filing this under False Oswald. If we assume there is anything to this, it is interesting that so early someone was counterfeiting Oswald. How Nebel remembered a name and so slight an incident for so long is a mystery and I think it is unlikely. Hence someone probably was behind this at the time Nebel was "reminded", which is what I think happened. Wonder if Flamonde was then his producer??

CD171:1, CD177:1. I will send to Castorrs and send you carbon. You sent no copy for me, please. I am returning the slip you had attached to remind me to send to Castorrs with note that will tell me I have already carded it. One of the interesting things in this, aside from the "Ramous" name the Castorrs mentioned to me and the fact that LHO was not in Dallas 7/63 is the reference to "discussion groups" in Dallas. The only ones of which I know are right-wing and the Castorrs spoke of them in an appropriate context. However, there were such in N.O. at this very time LHO was reportedly attending some of them. 177 bears strong resemblance to Odio's "Leon". I think it might be worth getting the rest of this. How R remembers the specific date (exactly two months off of the Odio one, allegedly) is provocative. This roughly coincides with the general possibilities and details of the Hall etc business.

CD205:153-4. Immediately, there is an importance as related to law-enforcement purposes, the request from Rowley, who had none. I think it would be good to ask for Rowley's "communication of November 23, 1963". There are additional importances in description of clothing as "evidence" and the date the SS gave it to the FBI. I'll have to add this to what I've done in PM on the clothing, and I'll be filing it with my pictures of the clothing. Note the care, under "results of examination", with which the size of the holes is omitted. It shows that spectrographic examination had been made but leaves unclear when (hence I think we should also ask for the 12/5/63 lab report to Rowley). It refers to what is not supposed to exist, "the evidence bullets submitted". And it concludes what can't be true, that "These holes are typical of bullet entrance holes", in reference to the shirt slits if taken as good grammar and as ref to all holes otherwise. Frazier swore he could not tell, not knowing if the fabric had been disturbed. If you can please spare another copy, I'd like one for the file of new material for the spectro appeal. OOPS, wrong about the slits, which are separate on 154. There the impossible is given as possible that the nick was caused by a bullet exiting through the slits. What is also important is that it discloses that the clothing was X-rayed and that unspecified "other examinations" were made. You will understand when you see last part PM. Another OOPS. See second copy. Thanks.

CD325:1-8. Too hard and too long for now. Will write separately when I've time.

CD637x:1 (I had this. Sorry. Made a mistake in making cards and duplicated on 637 that I had pages 636:2-3 on 637. Didn't have 1). It does not seem that Michael tried very hard to attend JBS meetings, certainly not hard enough if he was trying to penetrate. I think it more likely an impulse of curiosity.

CD1408:1, 30-1. Fascinating in many ways. If I find time today I'll be writing letters I'll enclose. This can be important to Wade and Ivon (personally) and I will ask both in different ways. If there is any way of following this up more, on any of the leaked items, it could be important. I also think this is something that should be important to your own book, and remember the Ford letter + have in PW and my ExSess notes when you get to it. With this I will be starting a separate file under Commission, Leaks, something I should have done long ago. I have some under investigation, character of. I did have a card referring to the staff-meeting memos. I'd like a copy for Wade, who I'll write before you can send, and one for Ivon, if he wants, as he should in his personal interest. My letters should make this clear. This will fit perfectly at least in the Robert chapter of AO. I'll see if Henry makes any investigation.

This covers all copies you sent. Many thanks.

September 1, 1971

re: Archives orders

Dear Harold, (cc: JNS)

Please refer to your notes of 7/30 on my Archives order of ~~trans~~ 6/28.

CD 55: I have ordered the rest of this and will send it to you. If it is persuasive about the existence of statements made ~~in~~ by IHO's marine buddies in 1959, I think we should confirm that they are not in what we have (including the ONI file) and then ask for them under the F of I. Not that I have the time for this, but I think it should be done. It might uncover a lot of ~~Excess~~ DoD stuff on IHO. You may recall that the WC and I have been suspicious that they did not dig up everything.

CD 58: you may be right that I have mixed up 2 Miami incidents involving phone calls to talk shows. The only reference I could find is CD 165, p. 1, where Nevell says he was called by IHO in the summer of '62. (Enclosed.) ~~Excess~~ I am sure I have the later one involving Patrick.

CD 171, 177: I will order the rest of these for you. Copy for the ~~Excess~~ Castorrs enclosed, as you asked.

Likewise, I'll order the rest of CD 256, as you ~~suggest~~ suggest. I have an order pending so this won't be for some time.

CD 314: cross out your note; you misread a ~~pink~~ barely legible copy. All references are to Bowen; none are to ~~Brown~~ Brown.

Agreed that CD 325 raises questions. Don't have time to look into them now. A full-sized copy of the entire CD is enclosed.

CD 637: I already had the Grimes interview; copy enclosed (p. 14). ~~Agreed~~ Agreed that routing to military intelligence ~~raises~~ raises questions. Other Paine CD's are so routed also. One could put together a scenario with Michael as an informant in the Birchers, maybe the E ACLU? Worth thinking about.

As requested, 2 copies of CD 205, pp. 153-4.

Re CD 7, p. 332: I have looked into adjacent Q-numbers, as you suggest. What seems to have happened (speculative) is that by sending such ~~it~~ pre-assassination items to the lab, the N.O. office covered itself against charges that it had not properly ~~not~~ notified HQ of what it had in its files; however, with the emphasis on the lab work the circumstances of acquisition were not brought out. And when this important evidence got to the WC, there was no explanation other than what is on pages like this. Very clever, J. ~~Ray~~ Edgar. Same ~~pattern~~ pattern for D-19, the card the FBI fished out of the Worker's trash before the ass. - it went to the WC with no explanation, as far as I know, but it did get there. (By the way, this is the sort of thing I would like to write about if I ever do the book.)

Good comments on the change-of-address card. Agree that there are aspects of Oswald's sending it that do not make much sense.

Enclosed: Eckhoff's 7/19 and lrs referred to there, as requested. They now tell me they don't have the Klein. lr of 7/22/70 I refer to, and they apparently were never contacted, as he said he would do! I'll push.

more Fof I; You may be right that the regulations I quoted to the Archives are old; let's see if they bring me up to date. I'll also check ~~again~~ again myself, sometime.

I'm supposed to remind to that your correspondence on this is in a file with my CD orders. May I suggest that you use cross-ref. slips, as I do? I find it necessary to have my files in chronological order, with slips for what I have ~~files~~ filed by subject.

Best, *Paul*