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These are excellent, helpful notes. Some of them are appropriate to what I yesterday be a study in how the thing worked. Your orders are in your hands so far away long before I hear anything. More on Cb3146 enclosures below.

CD55:1 Your question, should you get the rest of this CD- indeed yes. There is more I would suggest (and I'd appreciate copies). There are things missing and a few things of importance in this summary. The study if Russian by recordings presumably required either a record player of his own or the use of an official or semi-official (USO) one, of which I've never heard. In either event, it was known he was studying Russian, and the is little likelihood this did not attract some attention. Note also that like the guy who called me on the old Joe Dolan show, no political conversation from Oswald. The avoidance of the study of Russian in the investigation is, I think, a clue. This guy does remember the nature of the discharge but not what KT said of LHO's being assigned to special duty in Security awaiting it. Or for "punishment". Why would this guy volunteer "nonviolent"? And then say no more? Of course, questions could have induced it. Did these "written statements" on hunches as to why LHO defected show up in Folsom? Or OMI? I would think that those of whom statements were asked were those who knew him best or someone thought might know him best, thus there should be one from KT, etc. I see you noted this. Why not ask? Under FOI this could include Marines, who'd probably flip! If those statements are missing, if one discounts carelessness, what else is left? That they include something desired to be hidden is the most likely possibility, and I think there is a fair chance of it. Even this one, aside from the "nonentity" bit, which could be the agent's interpretation, is not really consistent with the LHO portrait in the WR and hrgs. There was a time when I had thought I'd collect all statements from former "Marines mates, but it got impossible. I still think it would be a good project and I think it would be an interesting part of a study on how the Commission functioned, it obviously being important in theory as in fact, that is, by their concept of fact as disclosed in outline, table contents VD1, etc. This is also a good inquiry to put to that CIA "computer project". Why not ask Bud? Also, isn't it interesting there is no ref to Calls' function in that specialized outfit? Could he have been on the same job? Even at the same time? That is, shift? These things in a summary are indicative of clear recollection and probably greater knowledge. Did call know "Botello's" add, or had Phila by then gotten copies other reports?

CD58:1- I think your note is in error in connecting this with a later incident in "Miami or you have in mind a different Miami incident that I do. That one involved a right-winger's show and someone "Oswald" calling in, which turned out not to be the case, and Howard Davis. Others of that crew, possibly including Patrick, one of the more talkative, were undoubtedly also there. I supplied copies of that one or those. Let me here note a few things that might prevent later confusion. Correct name Nebel, moved from WOR to WNBC, where he did two shows, midnight-5 and recorded for earlier in day. Right-winger and on a related subject, made a big thing of "Lincoln Lawrence" and Are We Controlled, which suggests the Russias put a bug (electronic) in LHO's head.

CD171:177 Rather than "routine", as you suggest, I find considerable possibility in this, but, of course, acknowledge it is all conjecture and this could be the kind of wrong stuff people offered, mistaken identity, etc. There are these things of special interest to me. "Rampus" is phon for a real name I picked up from the Castorr's in working out details of the Odio story with them. There was a woman by this name who after the assassination told Trudy C that she had been offered a pile for what she knew, and Trudy took her to the DPD's animated circular file, Lt. Butler, the walking memory hole. Now that bunch did have a series of "discussion groups", on at which there was a strange thing involving a Cuban at the Farmer's Branch of a bank, as I recall. This involved advance prediction assassination, in Dallas. Instead of forgetting this, I suggest instead following all leads, giving me set to keep when you get, and let me look Castorr's up again. Here we have another connection possible between a false LHO and the right in Dallas, or the right Cubans. Think should be followed. Of this I'd like a copy that I can mail to Castorr's pending your further inquiry. Pls include note on it so I will not by then have forgotten purpose when I get.

CD226. Any reading makes clear he probably heard the report from Sweatt and the other possibilities are limited and are not inaccessible to the FBI. If they carried this no further, it was from intent, not difficulty. However, the 15-min business is more important, indicating, among other things, that the Carolyn Arnold and possibly other and still unknown stories were well known. I will at some point contact Goulden, who a year ago lived in DC and has not been with the paper for some time. I have made efforts in the past when he was at the paper and after he left, but each time he was away. Why do you say that ordinarily the DPD and the sheriff's office would not have known of any effort to recruit LHO? It would not be exceptional if they sought dope of either as part of the effort. Nor were they without collaboration of other kinds, having informants in the same groups, as with the GI Forum. I think an assumption either way hazardous.

CD230 is routine.

CD256:1 is not routine. Ask yourself about "Officers unable to explain how OSWALD had names in his possession." What names? Why not given? The source seems to be the address book. I suggest pursuing further with rest CD.

CD314:1 Brown means nothing to me (Bowen alias or suspected alias?)

CD325: (Interesting no control No. indicated). Some of the questions asked of Garners good and answers not indicated elsewhere (i.e., time spent away from residence, which could be mere proper formality of indication of Kelley's proper suspicions). Typically, the FBI too the employment records, not copies, and thus could do with them whatever they wanted while denying access to anyone outside government and those inside if they wanted. P. 3 tardiness in paying rent no characteristic and not indicative of making out okay. P.4. Not being gone for long periods and no report of coming home in wee hours drunk bears on counterfeiting at Habana and indicates, as I've always believed, it was not LHO. Is not the four-five Kaack interviews in excess of what the FBI reports show of the pre-ass. investigation? Is not Kaack's appearance the day after Oswald moved significant-and otherwise not reported?

P.5 Is not this middle-aged man also new? Could not Marina have identified? Do we know? Seems new to me. (also B. 6)

Eames also never noticed LHO loud, drunk, late-coming. Ditto Rogerses.

What everyone seemed to want to avoid, exception for SS, is the immediate presence of Ferrie at this address after he was released and LHO had been killed. Mrs G so testified in N.O. trial.

I have not taken out copy and would appreciate.

CD637:1-2,9-13. Michael Pine, that great AULUer, wanting to join the JBS? You should get the interview. I'd like it and this page, which indicates the significance attached by the FBI, it being the only interview mentioned in summary. Does this cast Michael in possible other role, which makes security clearance more comprehensible?

Are Gravities ever mentioned as part of Russian-speaking community? Could routing to Tinker relate to Michael's status, whatever it was, or his clearance?

CD205:153-4- I'd like two copies of each page, full size, please. There is more than reference to spectro, some perhaps just sloppy language: "bandages"; "the evidence bullets"; no ref spectro tie and rank, irrational conjecture of cause of nick, impossible from desc. damage to front shirt collar; omission size back shirt hole or refs to removal samples; whether photos made prior to sampling; "X-ray and other examinations of the clothing"? What besides unspecified visual examinations?

CD7:332 Core told me the history of this and I sent you a copy of my long memo. Our friend deB again. He didn't even come for sample until day after Core called, or Sat., as I recall. Why? Natural? Office within walking distance. Suggest that with these Q nos, of N.O. origin and including pre-ass samples, check adjacent Q nos might be interesting.

You say nothing of what D-19, D-20 are. I think you are onto something with D-21 and remember, I have a file of the other change of addresses filed with P.O., including an explanation of the second at N.O. which makes it appear innocent and makes me wonder why Libeler treated it so as to induce me to treat it as I did in O in NO. If you write of these, let me know. I had some trouble with Johnson, which always makes me suspicious. Pre-Turner guess CSNY:chief security(informants) New York?

Superficially, it makes no sense at all for LHO to have changed the address for the shipping of the Worker from the home address, already recorded, to a P.O. Box. No element of security is involved, if he used the boxes to hide what he was getting. The one immediately obvious thing is that it made it easier to check on what he was getting. Could you also conjecture that 48 S is a NY file identification, or a source identification, as well as that of an inside informant? And is there not something somewhat like in "I" before the "S"? (i.e., internal security?) You do not account for the apparent inconsistency of the card having been postmarked (not intelligible on my copy) 6/12 or 13 or 18/19 yet stamped at NYV so much later, 7/8. Do they run that slowly? And how could he expect a change of address to be effected that rapidly? Weird. My file, LHO, Address, Changes. Bakhoff 7/19/71 not "denial", so I presume this is not what you refer to in describing planned letter.

How old is that version of 41CFR 105-61? "Public interest" not one of exemptions FOI. There is also a regulation requiring that even when withholding is legally justified it will be waived wherever possible. In their booklet on left-hand page. Re CD365: possible exception is if part of IS law investigation or if second-hand and original source exempt. CE3146 attachments: good approach. I have never used it in asking them to get, and they have always refused to get. This could also be a helpful exchange in your subsequent writing. o it. its provision of AG's memo of referred requests when made to agency other than that of paramount interest. Same with HUAC file. Let either reject. It is, under the law, identifiable, and the Archives is supposed to have it-or a receipt for its return. Push. Which excess and Rankin letter, if they are related. Arch has ruling from DJ that it is Commission's inheritor. You have. Therefore, expect this answer.

I have not removed anything from the stapled batch, for at most it would be 2 pp he should have (you noted to remove them) and they are hard for me to read. I'd like the extra pair for the spectro appeal. In addition to what I've asked for above, your lets, theirs. Although he has been silent (say "hello", JNS), This entire file, still stapled, will go to him 1st class in my next outgoing mail, perhaps tonight, if I go into town.

We may have further corres on these things. I have put your large non-cd order, four large batches stillas you sent them, in a separate drawer, have established a file for notes on them, have put at the front notes on your 4/23 order, and am making another folder for this. If I forget what I've done and we correspond, please remind.

Think this give good infor and promising leads for further inquiry. Do you know of another case of an SS report with no control? Even their notes on this one are in C. Nos. not dates, if you examine notations.

Thanks, IM

MATERIAL RECEIVED FROM THE ARCHIVES

July

My two letters of June 28. Eckhoff's letter of/19 with enclosed 26 pages received July 22.

All specified pages received: p.1 of CD's 55,58,171,177,226,233,256, and 314
Also p. 2 of CD 226. CD 325, pp. 3-7; CD 630, pp. 1-2,9-10,12-13.
FBI Exh. D-19 thru D-21, 2 pages each.

1) Synopses for the 8 Philadelphia CD's:

My main interest was getting the Golden interview (which turned out to be in CD 226) for Harold; I had no reason to expect anything special in the others but decided it wouldn't hurt to have them.

CD 55, p. 1: I wonder why the Marine buddies thought Oswald was studying Russian? (Perhaps I should get the rest of this CD.) Also, where are the statements Call and others gave the USMC? Not in the available part of the ONI file, or in the Folsom Exhibits, as I recall. Another little mystery.

CD 58 - we have the later report on the incident mentioned in the synopsis. I forget the CD, but it was a phone call from someone in Miami. Patrick was involved, as I recall.

CD 171, 177: Looks routine to me.

CD 226: this is the original interview with Goulden, the day after his article appeared. Note that the second page is 2*, so apparently the text of the article was not set forth. (I will confirm that there are no additional pages.) If the interview was recorded properly, the not-very-important reference by ~~to~~ Goulden to the witnesses who had seen Oswald in the building may have been a hint by him to the FBI that he had heard about the informant business from the Sheriff's office also. Has Goulden been asked about this recently?? Note that ordinarily the DFD and the Sheriff's Dept. would not know that the FBI had been recruiting Oswald. Perhaps they had their own reasons for pushing such a plausible and un-contradictable rumor.

CD 233, 256, 314. Routine. Note reference to our favorite FBI office in CD 314.

2) CD 325.

I have added for distribution pp. 1-2, 8(*), which I already had. This all looks familiar, but I apparently didn't have it. My interest was the reference to Quiroga on p. 5. Quite a bit may be of interest (Garner int.).

3) CD 637.

Essentially routine. My interest was in seeing if pp. 10-11 of this CD are CD 630, which referred to Hosty's pre-assassination work. It was not properly identified in the table of contents or when it was introduced into evidence. A different (slightly) version is in CD 75, CE 1809. The two pages here bear the file number for the Paine investigation, DL 106-1716. CD 637 was the most likely place for this to have come from; I will have to think about it some more. It may not be significant.

4) FBI Exh. D-19 and D-20 are CD's 708 and 134; the back of the latter has some routine markings. I asked for these right away when Kleindienst told me that one of the items I had asked for was D-21; I didn't take the time to check CD 345 to see what D-19 and D-20 were, but just got them in case they might have been related. (That explains why I wrote 2 letters on 6/28.) D-19 and D-20 have not been sent to HW and JNS.

D-21 is also Q39 at CD 7, p. 329. It is the original change-of-address card which Oswald sent the Worker and which the FBI got on July 8, 1963. I

assume this is public through some slipup, since it does relate to FBI interception of an item in the Worker's files. It bears the notation "Received 7. 8 63 / from CSNY - 48 .S / .6." I assume 48-S is the informant's identification; I don't know if CSNY means anything more than NY, and I don't know anything about the 6. (I'll ask Bill Turner.) The card was mailed in W.O. at 1:00 AM, June 12 or 13 or 18 or 19. (It is to become effective June 15; Oswald rented the box June 3.) There are several pencil and pen marks that may be initials of CSUSA or FBI people; I can't make them out. Note that there is no file number. At some point this was stapled to something else; in addition to the staples now in the card there is one other set of staple holes. Note that the Kaack report (CE 826) says that NO T-5 advised on July 8, 1963, about this change of address card.

While checking through my files of FBI lab exams, I noticed a few things of interest. CD 7, p. 332 is how FBI D-25, the handbills, got to the Commission; this is significant since one of those handbills is from the 97-74 (FACC) file, and was obtained from Jesse Core before the assassination. I had been looking for a cover letter which explained where they came from; I guess this is all there is.

CD 205, p. 153-4. Note ref. to spectro; HW may have this. On p. 154, "no bullet metal" was found at the shirt-front hole. Cf. Gallagher Exh. 1, which says that none was found in excess of that in undamaged regions.

I enclose the exchange of letters with the Archives. The reply on CE 3146 is obviously unacceptable. Even before getting this, I had planned to write the Archives along the following lines: (comment welcome)

The regulations governing the Archives records (41 CFR 105-61) provide that denials (except in the normal course of reference service) shall include the legal basis for nondisclosure and "except in the cases where the public interest so requires, specify the compelling reasons justifying the denial." For use in connection with possible legal (F of I) proceedings, I would like such a denial for a number of my old requests. The reasons are to be explained a bit. E.g., CD 653, and some other FBI CD's, to clarify the status of the Guidelines relative to the law.

CD 365 (from la.), to check on something withheld at the request of a body not subject to the F of I act itself (e.g., non-federal, congressional, etc.)

The enclosures to CE 3146. I think these are identifiable Archives records under the law, and if they are lost I shouldn't have to go to the trouble of getting them from the JD myself.

The HUAC public file on LHO - I have solid evidence that it was given to the WC. It can't be found, but HUAC is not subject to a F of I request, so I have to go through the Archives.

A top-secret ex. sess. transcript, and a letter from Rankin to JEM, both withheld under Guideline 2. I want to clarify the authority and responsibility of the Archives to consider release of classified stuff that originated with the Commission, not another agency.

And more. I will look through my entire Archives file to get all possible different categories.

cc: HW, JMC

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