

CONFIDENTIAL. At Ian's Xmas parties I've met a number of minor people in various foreign services. (Of all I remember, the only ones who have been WC supporters are US "liberals". I never raised subject, but Ian always told those he thought would be interested.) One who has always come up to me year after year is Brian Crowe, whose position in British Emb. I've forgotten. He never volunteered what he told Ian just before leaving for new assignment in Bonn. Right after JFK assassination a Russian tried to get into US embassy Moscow to talk about Oswald, saying he knew him in Minsk. Couldn't get in. So, he went to British. Crowe was duty and spoke to him. Ian is not uncertain if this guy said LHO was Russian agent or CIA's, but thinks CIA's. Crowe was questioned, including for Commission. He told Ian he had to get the 26 some time and see what it says about him. I think I'd remember that if he were in. Think also either way he'd have been unwanted. So, I told Ian how to get the unpublished documents without my figuring it. Crowe could get hurt. He's a nice guy. Is it not also illuminating about Embassy? There were two questionings or two questioners after Crowe passed his info on. My reading on his attitude toward me and the subject, his interest each year, is that the guy said or had reason to suspect LHO was CIA. He told Ian knowing it would get to me, but it has been long since we were face-to-face, so not as clear in Ian's mind. I take his not telling me directly self-protection. HW 3/17/73