

JDW- With Pinetop and other of my boogie favorites setting the mind to jumping during the program with which one of Washington's public stations ends its all-night broadcasts, I decided to get some of the news CIA-Oswald stuff on paper. It is rough, ~~unread~~ unread and merely a guide for when I can get back to that writing. I suppose it also represents a rebellion against the kinds of things I find I must do rather than what I'd like to do. If I haven't cued you in, I'm also fighting the Archives on these withholdings. Part of the purpose is to get all, part to ascertain why now and out of orderly sequence this stuff is being leaked and why it was withheld all those years.

That it coincides with these investigations and other pressures on the CIA is obvious. This current declassification, the last of which is merely three weeks old and I got it promptly on demand (meaning redemand) is consistent with FBI's fighting CIA. It makes the FBI look good and the CIA and the Commission look bad.

It coincides with the FBI's spy arrests. Remember, I asked you if you could date first knowledge of that spying? I think the FBI held it back for time of need. Of course this and the Mayaguez and the inflamed Korean situation all serve other purposes, policy, budgetary, etc. Military's purposes.

It also coincides with the steam behind the O'Toole book and its appearance. After the NY Review phoniness on that picture the Helms memo warning that the picture's use would damage an innocent man and that there was no reason to connect this man with the assassination was declassified. It is not really as O'Toole and Fensterwald say. The CIA did correct its error and if not promptly in plenty of time.

It is pretty Byzantine stuff.

However, there is no doubt that Nosenko did pull the plug on the whole concoction about Oswald as a Russian agent and he did tell, from the FBI's versions alone, why the Russians did not trust him, etc.

Also that all the seeming mysteries about Oswald's treatment were not mysteries and that there was nothing unusual about anything. This is amply supported by other papers also suppressed, from CIA and State. In the long, undated memo referred to.

It seems to be a tiny part, hardly more than a passing comment, in those thousands of words on which Schorr fixated in the broadcast I just managed to hear but did not record. (The guy who said he saw the interview with the returned defector who could have been LHO seems to have been fed by Bud. Bud sent me word that he'd have a memo on this on which he asked my advice but he never sent the memo.)

I don't know if this interest you with all you have to read. I'm sending it on the chance it does and on the chance it can alert you to other developments. I do not think the game is played to the end.

If you do not want this, I can use a dupe for my Agent Oswald drafts so, if you don't want it, return in some package, please, Best HW 7/6/75