

There are what appear to me some unusual aspects to the leak of the story that Oswald left a threatening letter at the Dallas FBI office & that it was destroyed. Reporters working on the story tell me the FBI says there was a chain from Hosty to Shanklin to Moore to Hoover - who exploded and ordered the destruction. If I have a few questions about this, it is the FBI's story.

I also understand that Bill Alexander did the leaking. The version has it to agency - worth, not Tom Johnson. I don't know.

2) What I do to now is that there are some remarkable coincidences in the timing of the leak alone. One of these is that after about 12 yrs. it comes when Shonkin returns. If you have any information or hunches I would like to know if you have the time. No cash. I'm going to be pretty busy getting ready for this new book. I think it should sell well in Texas because it shows the Washington cover up, with ~~names~~ names + documents. I will sell it to any Texas distributor at the usual terms. It is 660 pages + will sell for \$10.00, \$10.75 by mail. I have no reason to believe this business with the leg is serious. I'm waiting for the doctor to call back. But if I have to do all that lies ahead with a leg propped up it will go slowly! And ~~it~~ won't all get done.

There are going to be more news stories on LHO's possible comments because people from CIA & FBI are talking to reporters. All that has come back to me is self serving.

Best regards
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