

Dear Jon,

11/25/74

From the State Creek Journal (Denver) to Detroit to Houston to Portland to Long Beach, back up to San Francisco - perhaps others, these I recall, by 3:30 p.m. my time today these are your subscribers from whom I've heard.

Maybe Omaha? Yesterday they phoned.

Others could have Friday before my wife or I got home, about 6 p.m. for her, later for me.

This is aside from those who used your copy, phone interviews.

Milwaukee? There, too.

Thanks for SFEexam story. I like to keep copies for the future. AP was probably too late for the west coast a.m.s of 11/22/74.

You didn't enclose the Wecht story. I'd like to see his entire story. Bob Smith is probably really doing them.

If you do another piece, with so many of your clients heeding you, please add how their readers/audience can get the book. Including postage, by mail, \$6.25. In each pkg we automatically include the other available books in an order form for those who have the interest.

And the odd thing is that the only books still available are the "underground."

I've had a few letters and calls because of the Post/AP stories.

But from the media, much from you.

You reached many. If I can't estimate their audiences, nonetheless many, many other people had a chance to hear/read.

I hope you work your way through Cesar's fine analysis on the FOI law. Remember, Ford's veto of ~~many~~ Amendments to restore the pre-Nixon Congressional ^{overriden} was just last week. The first of four specified cases requiring the amendments is one of nine in which Jim handled all the filings after the first.

I think Jim's work is newsworthy for your clients. Plus some pretty good copy in it.

Hasty thanks,

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Dear Harold:

I've enclosed a copy of the story we did on your book. As I read further into it, I hope to do more. I heard two San Francisco radio stations use the story -- even though it is unusually long for radio -- so that's a good sign.

I've also enclosed a copy of a clipping from today's San Francisco Examiner. It's an A.P. item out of Washington.

Also, I've enclosed a copy of an article we're carrying on Monday (Nov, 25) on a recent Cyril Wecht piece which he sent me in the mail today. The article itself appeared in the October 28th edition of Modern Medicine.

When I get the chance, I'll copy Wecht's entire article and send it to you (unless you've already seen it). He talks about several letters from Hoover to Rankin mentioning the neutron activation analysis tests -- plus having read through the same January 27th transcript which you "liberated" from the Archives.

I'm rushed now, but I'll talk to you within the week. Hope at least a couple of stations call for interviews.

Best,



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(ZNS) A LEADING ASSASSINATION RESEARCHER RELEASED THIS WEEK THE VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A "TOP SECRET" MEETING OF THE WARREN COMMISSION IN WHICH THE COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSED REPORTS THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS, IN FACT, A PAID INFORMER FOR THE F.B.I. WHEN PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED.

THE TRANSCRIPT HAS BEEN LOCKED UP IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES FOR THE PAST DECADE. IT HAD BEEN OBTAINED AND WAS MADE PUBLIC BY INVESTIGATOR HAROLD WEISBERG TODAY (FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND), THE 11TH ANNIVERSARY OF J.F.K.'S DEATH.

THE 90-PAGE DOCUMENT CONTAINS THE REMARKS OF WARREN COMMISSIONERS WHO WERE SUMMONED TO A SPECIAL, EMERGENCY MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 27TH, 1964, TO DISCUSS WHAT THEY TERMED "DISTURBING" REPORTS THE COMMISSION HAD RECEIVED.

CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN DISCUSSED WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION REPORTS FROM POLICE OFFICIALS IN TEXAS THAT OSWALD -- THE ALLEGED "LONE ASSASSIN" -- HAD SECRETLY BEEN RECEIVING \$200 (DOLLARS) PER MONTH IN PAYMENTS FROM THE F.B.I. TO ACT AS AN UNDERCOVER INFORMER. IN ADDITION, TEXAS STATE OFFICIALS REPORTED THEY HAD UNCOVERED EVIDENCE THAT OSWALD HAD BEEN ASSIGNED THE UNDERCOVER NUMBER OF S-172 OR S-179 BY HIS F.B.I. CONTACTS.

THE SOURCES OF THESE "DISTURBING REPORTS", COMMISSIONERS WERE TOLD, WERE TEXAS NEWSMAN LONNIE HUDKINS; ALLEN SWEATT, THE CHIEF CRIMINAL DEPUTY SHERIFF OF DALLAS; AND BILL ALEXANDER, THE THEN ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN DALLAS.

THE NEWLY-RELEASED TRANSCRIPTS SHOW THAT THE COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSED POSSIBLE METHODS OF INVESTIGATING THE OSWALD REPORT, WITH MOST OF THE MEMBERS SUGGESTING THAT J. EDGAR HOOVER BE ASKED POINT BLANK WHETHER OSWALD HAD EVER BEEN WORKING FOR THE BUREAU.

HOWEVER, ONE COMMISSIONER, ALLEN DULLES -- THE FORMER HEAD OF (CON'T.)
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THE C.I.A. WHO HAD BEEN FIRED BY KENNEDY -- TOLD HIS FELLOW COMMISSIONERS: (QUOTE) "I THINK UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, I THINK MR. HOOVER WOULD SAY CERTAINLY HE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS FELLOW."

THE COMMISSIONERS FINALLY DECIDED THAT THE ONLY WAY TO PROVE OR DISPROVE THE "DISTURBING REPORT" WOULD BE TO SUMMON THE ALLEGED SOURCES -- NEWSMAN HUDKINS; DEPUTY SWEATT; AND ASSISTANT D.A. ALEXANDER -- AND QUIZ THEM ABOUT THE REPORTS.

HOWEVER, ALL COMMISSION RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS RELEASED AFTER THE J.F.K. INVESTIGATION WAS COMPLETE SHOW THAT NOT ONE OF THE THREE SOURCES OF THIS REPORT WAS EVER QUESTIONED BY THE COMMISSION OR MEMBERS OF ITS STAFF.

ANOTHER LINK BETWEEN OSWALD AND THE F.B.I. WAS OSWALD'S ADDRESS BOOK WHICH WAS SEIZED AFTER HE WAS ARRESTED BY DALLAS POLICE. THAT BOOK CONTAINED THE NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND LICENSE PLATE NUMBER OF F.B.I. SPECIAL AGENT JAMES HOSTY WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO THE DALLAS OFFICE AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION.

THE TRANSCRIPT ALSO SHOWS THAT HENRY WADE, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF DALLAS WHO WAS A FORMER F.B.I. AGENT, BELIEVED THAT OSWALD'S HABIT OF RENTING POST OFFICE BOXES FOLLOWED WHAT WADE SAID WAS THE STANDARD PRACTICE FOR UNDERCOVER INFORMERS TO RECEIVE SECRET PAYMENTS FROM THE F.B.I.

A NUMBER OF ASSASSINATION RESEARCHERS HAVE CLAIMED FOR THE PAST DECADE THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS NOT A "LONE NUT", AS THE COMMISSION PUBLICLY CLAIMED HE WAS. INSTEAD, THEY SUGGEST THAT OSWALD HAD TIES TO THE F.B.I. AND OTHER U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES; THEY SUGGEST THAT THE ASSASSINATION WAS EXECUTED BY RIGHT-WING ANTI-KENNEDY ELEMENTS WITH U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCY CONTACTS.

THE 90-PAGE TRANSCRIPT IS REPRINTED IN WEISBERG'S NEW BOOK: WHITESHASH IV: J.F.K. TRANSCRIPT -- ZODIAC

Note: Weisberg can be reached for interviews (PLEASE do not give out number publicly) at his Maryland home at (301) 473-8186.

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