

GAI-CIA:36

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Why this letter is in the GAI-CIA file I cannot imagine, unless Rankin or a file clerk assumed CIA and FBI are identical (it is my recollection the report referred to is that C was an FBI source or minor agent).

It nonetheless is interesting. Why, when Rankin himself, had been over all of this with Wade the month before, did he have Hoover make a report on it, of agents' interviews with Wade and Rankin (if this is not CE335:106, I do not have it or it is in my unclassified files. I should say these. The one on Wade may be GAI-FBI 2/10/64, which I have a record of.

The persisting question is why so late on so vital an issue, especially with Rankin, and why none with Allan Sweatt, on the same subject, since he seems to have been one of the sources, or Bill Alexander, also similarly quoted?

The suggestion is this was part of a covering-up, a record being left of a pseudo-investigation (the record originally made having been destroyed) to make it seem there was a legitimate inquiry into this. There never was.