

Copy of appendix footnotes I gave Russ. This is not all of them that I gave him but the only part he thinks he sent Skolnick. Note that in the area of fact, Skolnick added nothing, just cribbed.

It is hardly possible to compose a "report" that would say nothing germane and as thoroughly misinform and mislead anyone in Washington who might read it, chiefly the Warren Commission. This and the following report are analyzed on preceding pages. Note the ~~trickery of the FBI invention, that in some way this arrest was~~

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trickery of the FBI invention, that in some way this arrest was connected with Oswald, Because he was then already known not to have been in Chicago at that time, this assured no attention to the Vallee threat. To guarantee it, his name is not mentioned, his identity hidden.

As in CD 460, where the FBI went to the wrong editor of the Chicago Daily News, there is here no report of interview with Len O'Connor, the reporter "assigned ... to investigate", the FBI's way of assuring the knowledge it already had and did not want would not be forced upon it by a witness. No FBI agent would dare turn out such professionally incompetent investigative reports without certain knowledge it was what Hoover wanted.

Missing in the FBI "reporting" is when the President was due in Chicago, ostensibly to attend the Army-Air Force football game but actually for political help to Mayor Daley and his Democratic machine. Morning paper headline, "PLANE IS DUE AT 11 A.M." Afternoon ~~headline, DUE AT~~

headline, "DALEY GREETES DIGNITARIES AT AIRPORT: PRESIDENT SENDS REGRETS." Special direct phone lines had been installed at the football field and the hotel in which the President was to have stayed to keep him "in touch with developments in South Viet Nam". American-installed dictator Diem had been American-overthrown. That afternoon's headline in adjoining columns, "SUICIDES OF RULERS REPORTED BY SAIGON RADIO." The same front page quotes Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu blaming the U.S. for the assassinations of her husband and her brother-in-law, widely and still attributed to the CIA. The President never emplaned, never left the White House, so the threat was known long before the Vallee arrest, the time of which is given in but one of the official papers and there as at four different hours. U.S. change of Vietnamese puppets is not the reason the trip was canceled. The threat caused it. The following "Arrest Report" gives "time" of arrest, "1530", or 3:30 p.m., hours after cancelation of the President's trip. The official police story is that, when Vallee was stopped for an alleged traffic violation, a hunting knife was seen on the car seat. Arresting officer is given as Peter Schurla, but the key names are those of Detective Madden, who later told the press Vallee was wanted by Secret Service, and Daniel Groth, whose name is mentioned three times but never as a police officer. He is a "witness", he is the "person notified" (5½ hours before the arrest!), and he is "how transported" (2¼ hours before time of arrest!). Still a different time (9:10 a.m.) is ~~given under "reason arrested" (traffic violation~~

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given under "reason arrested" (traffic violation and carrying concealed weapon). Groth is the head of a special force assigned to the State's Attorney's office and charged by blacks with murdering sleeping Black Panther leaders at 5 a.m. 12/4/69. Where this form calls for a detailed narrative of the arrest, there is nothing about it, which is also true of all the other official records. Under "weapon", it says "knife". But "Groth & Co" covered themselves, giving as Vallee's alias "M.1", his first name as "(Rifle)", surely as original as it is unusual an "alias". Instead of detailing the arrest and reasons for it, this form says all officials needed in "This is a Task Force Area 1 On View Arrest". "Task Force Area 1" is the official identification of the "unit" making ~~the arrest. Chicago does not assign special "task force"~~

the arrest. Chicago does not assign special "task force" or State's Attorney's sergeants to making "on view" arrests on the most minor traffic violations. "Groth & Co" (strangely, not "Groth & Schurla") were out looking for Vallee, told to arrest him "on view".