

Dear Jim,

10/23/85

As usual, the trip tired me almost as soon as I was home. I've not revived so after I complete the beginning of this I'll take a nap. On the way home I went over the FBIHQ tickler pages and the Work Sheet O-48 form. After we make copies of some of the tickler pages I'll give them arbitrary numbers and will write you about those of which I'll attach copies after numbering. I will not address these in the sequence in which they appear in what you gave me but by the numbers I'll apply because I think that perhaps a few may be of interest to Mark Lynch or other lawyers he may know and I'll not take his time with other copies.

The worksheet is not dated nor is its purpose stated at any point on it. Because the last column is headed "Destruction" I think it is a fair inference that FBIHQ had some need to know what JFK assassination main files had been destroyed. Significantly, Dallas and New Orleans have no destructions. Neither has FBIHQ, despite the fact that it attested to destruction in the spectro/NAA case and prevailed on the basis of that lie.

What I find of some interest and call to your attention is the references to tapes. In the printed column of field office identifications on this O-48 the word is written in six times, including Dallas and New Orleans and yes, after those offices were directed to provide all tapes Phillips attested to their nonexistence. Under the column for destruction an additional field office is noted as having tapes, Boston, not in the left-hand or first column which has the six referred to above. There are only four notations of tapes under destruction and it is apparent that they were not destroyed because in each instance where the tapes are is indicated. (Insofar as I can make the writing out, there are no other references to tapes and there are none under any of the other column headings, which are of the main file numbers - selectively, I add. For example, Dallas has no listing of the two main files on the electronic surveillances of Marina Oswald. Or, the interest reflected is limited to the ^{five} main files to which FBIHQ seeks to limit all searches, ~~five~~.)

It thus is apparent that the person at FBIHQ who prepared this tabulation had a means of knowing which field offices have tapes relating to the JFK assassination main files and had some purpose in including such notations. Normally, given the hundreds of thousands of pages included in this O-48 listing, the existence of tapes would not be known absent a pre-existing record.

There is no date on this tabulation but in the damaged area at the bottom and possibly related to the written-in Rapid City (I guess they now have a field office there) is "as of 1/7/77." This would appear to be too late for an inventory prepared in relation to the "Senstudy" file, of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and a bit early for the HSCA but nonetheless may be related to HSCA. Or for some related internal purpose. (Is HSCA, see next page)

It is not necessarily sinister that these offices have tapes. They could be, for example, of Mark Lane's appearances or mine. Lane was all over and I made a number of appearances in the territories of all the offices with tape notations.

The unidentified tickler pages hold interesting information relating to ticklers in general, including the fact that they contain main file information that is not in the main files themselves. Some of the files noted in searches bear out what I've said about hiding assassination information outside the main files and in the DeLoach 94 files. This relates to the Hudkins reporting that Oswald had worked for the FBI and as you will see, the citations are to his paper, then in Houston, and to a Dallas paper. What also is of interest is reference to - and that professional witness of the Lab, Kilty, swore to its nonexistence in the spectro-NAA case - the Lab's ^{own} ~~one~~ indices, in the case below Cadigans. (I believe he was questioned documents.) There also is reference to - and again the opposite of Kilty's attestation on deposition - tracing records by their Lab numbers, in this instance "PC", which represents Physics and Chemistry.

In thumbing through the field offices JFK assassination holdings requested by FBIHQ I note that the date of that directive is 1/5/77 so it is probable that the tabulation on the O-48 form is for knowledge of what relates to this directive and relates to what the FBI planned to let HSCA have. I also note that this is a classic example of how FBIHQ makes a "no stone unturned" pretense while carefully telling the field offices how to limit their searches. In this case to the main files to which first the Warren Commission and then I and then HSCA were limited and to which the general disclosures also were limited. Consistent with this is a phony claim to exemption in the Dallas inventory without which it would be apparent that the FBI was conning HSCA. This is the redaction of the lines of that inventory reflecting the existence of the two "Marina Oswald surveillance files, both 66s and thus also potentially dangerous to the hiding operation by letting it be known that the surveillances are hidden in the 66 admats of the field offices. (The Marina 66s in Dallas are 1313^{and} 1313A and although currently withheld from Mark Allen they have, in fact, been disclosed after I provided those numbers in the field offices case and I was furnished with a copy of this DL inventory without those redactions. I presume it is also in the FBI's reading room, despite this current withholding from Allen and earlier withholding from the Congress. I will, of course, go over these inventories carefully. I note that instead of being in alphabetical order they are in serial order, by the serial numbers assigned as they were filed. I may rearrange them alphabetically as I go over them.

This hiding machinery was also employed in the earlier directive for providing Martin Luther King, Jr. inventories, where the FBIHQ directive was designed to see to it that none of the multitudinous tapes would be inventoried and that is what happened, they weren't, merely because they were filed outside the main files FBIHQ told the field offices were to be "included" and the field offices correctly understood this to mean "limited."

Resumed 10/25. The notes I've numbered "1" reflect the current existence of a 1963 tickler, which is contrary to the FBI's attestations to their speedy destruction, and of Hosty records at FBIHQ that were not disclosed in the field offices records. You'll remember that the Hosty search slip is entirely blank. The copy in the non-assassination file also is "not excised." (This pretty certainly relates to the Hosty disciplining which included transfer from Dallas to Kansas City and not to the later flaps. Gale was Inspector General.)

No. 8 reflects the fact that tickler copies include what is not in the main file copies, among other things. The first two pages, including the date, are not in what you gave me, whether or not they are included in the release. I presume the date is of the HSCA period, 1977 ff. To make this comprehensible, the name, license and office numbers of DL case agent James P. Hosty are in Oswald's addressbook but were omitted and what this coverup preparation omits, are all that was omitted in those many pages - in the FBI's copying of the addressbook for investigative purposes and for the Warren Commission. Later the omission was an embarrassment, particularly in the context of reports that Oswald worked for the FBI. That this Hosty data was omitted I've marked in graf 10.

The FBIHQ Intelligence Division still had a Hosty tickler at the time of the memo I've marked in graf 5). (See also 6 & below)

What the FBI was covering up with untruth I've marked in graf 12) and 13). The FBI's claim is that the inclusion in the addressbook of the alleged assassin of the agent handling the FBI's cases on him and his wife is "not substantive" and is "not of lead value" and what clearly is false, "dealt primarily with page numbering." Obviously, at least outside the FBI and to any Presidential Commission, that LHO had such entries is "of lead value" and is "substantive" and should have been, as it was not, fully investigated.

At 15A this memo states that "Only the tickler version contains the Hosty data." Not only does this, too, establish the continued existence of very ancient

ticklers, it also establishes that ticklers have what the other records do not have, in this case, the essence. Also reflected is the fact that the various copies do not hold the same information.

No. 14, I've marked, "See Cadigan's Index file box (only for Document Section)."

See also 6A This indicates what I've always believed and what Kilty swore falsely about, that the Lab requires and has its own indices* It can't function in the major cases without its own indices and they will reflect the existence of what the FBI does not disclose under FOIA requests. Note also the existence of a "Bulky Index." I do not recall seeing any earlier reference to indices of bulkies which are, among other things, the repositories of evidence, including documents, the results of testing, etc. Not uncommonly they are the same standard paper sizes.

No. 15, both Marks may be interested in knowing that FBIHQ has abstracts on the main files and used them to try to locate records and that the Service Unit has its own abstracts, both passages marked in the margin. These 3x5 abstracts identify the records and have a brief summary of them. There are two known (to me) copies, one filed by serial number, the other by date of the records. And the abstracts are records of the main files, not separate records. They all bear the main FBIHQ file numbers and no other filing numbers.

No. 16 is all I received of this nature. It is not identified in any way, but it is apparent, from this record alone, that the various FBI components do, indeed, have their own and very extensive files. This lists 124 file cabinets, in addition to desks. It may reflect the extent of the ticklers relating to the JFK assassinations and interests in it, such as that of the Senate Intelligence Committee, which is "Senstudy."

Nos. 4 and 5 appear to relate to the reports that Oswald worked for the FBI. The stories said to have been attached are not. The Houston Post story was by Connie Hudkins, now in Buffalo and shortly after that date in Baltimore. The subject matter is, obviously, the JFK assassination, and three of the main files are cited on No. 4, as also on the first page of 5. But on the second page of ~~the~~ No. 5, still the same subject, the report that Oswald had been an FBI informer, two of the file numbers are not related to the assassination/investigation but are "Research Matters" 94s, 94-8 for the Houston Post and 94-68463 for the Dallas Morning News. This is one means by which the FBI can and does hide on FOIA (and other) searches while being able to retrieve for itself when it wants to. (It should also have checked the 94 on the Philadelphia Inquirer if it wanted to retrieve all it had, but its search was limited, why I do not know. I've published some of what is relevant pursuant to its interview of the then Inquirer reporter, Joe Goulden.) And what may appear to be remarkable but isn't, there is no citation to any interview of Hudkins. This is because he wasn't interviewed. (The third page marked "5" may relate to the Hosty data omission from the Oswald addressbook work by the FBI.)

No. 11 asserts a b1 claim to withhold what was received by the FBI's Mexico Legat and is reported in "DL tel 11/23/63. This is pretty certainly a spurious claim made to hide what can be embarrassing and to be consistent with earlier (appealed) withholdings. That the FBI received a tape or tapes, photographs and other information from the CIA's Mexico City station is public domain, disclosed by the FBI itself. That the FBI at DL sent FBIHQ a 3-pp teletyped summary 11/23/64 and was asked then and promptly did provide a transcript of the tape(s) also is disclosed to me by the FBI. That its agents familiar with Oswald decided that in either the pictures or the tape it is not Oswald also was disclosed by the FBI. I think it probable that the redacted word in the second item is "tapes." (*see also no 2 below*)

No. 13 holds another example of pertinent material not in the main assassination files. The last item is 64-44828, the FBIHQ main file on Johnny Martin, a Cuban *Uruguayo* (The story is well known.) The FBI's searchers searched it for information relating

to "H Oswald in Cuba allegation."

No. 9 may have value as a partial index to the FBI's information on photos and visuals relating to the crime scene and the limousine. The last three pages refer to the Powell photo.

No. 6 refers to only one of the many affidavits and other disclosed FBI records relating to its internal investigation of the Hosty destruction of the threatening letter Oswald left at the FBI office for him, that of the IG, Gale.

See also
6A below

No. 2, see also above, also makes a b1 claim to withhold what information the FBI got in Mexico, even though the last part of the note indicates that "Above material appears throughout at least the first 25 sections of 105-82555. Especially Sect. 1."

No. 3 establishes the existence and preservation of "briefing books," including Hoover's copies. In 75-1996 the FBI claimed it had none. Here it is stated that they are "maintained by CIU," which was never searched. Some of the copies, it is noted, are even "black bound."

No. 7 is more listing of records on "Oswald's Address Directory."

No. 6A refers to other Hosty note affidavits and related records and is far from complete. Enormously more was disclosed to me. Perhaps the so-called search was ~~not~~ limited to what it let the Edwards subcommittee have for the hearing it held. Note that this also refers to two additional indices, second line, page 2! ~~check~~ ((checkmark) Edwards Comm. T's (i.e. ticklers) in Div. 5 and SSC index and Hosty note stuff." (See no. 14 above)

No. 10, this page only, headed attachments to SSC (Senate committee) requests, balance illegible. The marginal note states, "Some of these are ~~largely~~ derog, re W.C. Staff." This is opposite the 62-109090 file, which has the FBI title, "Liaison with the Warren Commission." It has other Commission files it refuses to disclose.

I'll write you further after I go over the field office indices.

Best,

Harold