

House assassins temporarily confidential 7/23/77 HW

Despite the promises given the House and Don Edwards in particular this gang of nuts has equipped itself for clandestine bugging, for wiring themselves for sound.

They have at least 5 and perhaps 6 special Panasonic sets that cost close to \$500 each. My source is one they were crazy enough to lend one to. Not a member of their staff.

It is with a mike hidden in the clothing and I think I understood voice-activated.

This is to say that they not only have done it despite all the promises but they have let even non-staffers violate the law, knowing that any use is illegal except for police.

And they even did that incompetently. For less money they could have equipped a better machine with twice the taping capacity, if I had this described to me correctly.

It also turns out that Lane has been consulted on hirings and that as I had been told by another source still has close contacts with Tannenbaum

Tannenbaum is the wildest of them still. They have interviewed the former goggal who claimed to be the Pabushka lady. (Gary Shaw's book is one of Tannenbaum's favorite 3)

They are preparing a report on the medical evidence.

They are getting access to withheld records. Archives at least.

Fonzi showed Odio all the pictures of Hall, Howard and Seymour they could get. Negative identification. They'll probably go after Hall, if at all, through Hemming,

I was sure with the June hearing that they had a negative ident or there would have been more. After the Kevin flap which I got attention they had to not back out.

Sigma Delta Chi has registered a formal protest with at least O'Neill and Stokes. I'm getting acopy.

"Morris" Bishop is Maurice, according to Veciana. In an interview with Scott Malone. And if not before the "Oswald" of that story is a loo-alike.

At least some of the leaks to Anderson were by Sprague personally.

I'm getting the official transcript of the Blakey press conference. Chardak has gotten his notice and the fate of his assistant I do not recall.

Tannenbaum had someone thrown out of their offices on the ground he was a leak to me. I had not seen him for a year. One who really went out of his way to help them and I think stayed away from me because of this: Scott Malone. Tannenbaum lost his ~~own~~ cool.

The committee is still hiring. Some decisions will be made Tuesday.

They have interviewed Burkley. His explanation is that he merely copies the body chart. He deserves the admiral rank. He wrote the death certificate before he received the body chart. They knew so little they did not catch this. He did not get the records from Bethesda until the night of the 24th, Sunday night.

They have new researchers on the King case, a black from the Library of Congress.

They have been working in New Orleans.