

[Transcript received 5/16 from AIB. 5 copies were sent out, evidently by the Committee, thanks to a sympathetic staff member. Sylvia has prepared a 4-page name index.]

(9/17) P. 1+: nondisclosure agreement; one-way nature of meeting.

** P. 19-20: Blakey brings up "Oswald and organized crime" as one of the broad headings. [!!!!]

Note: material submitted by critics is not part of this copy (follows p. 219 in original).

From the erasures, it looks like Blakey's part of this has been gone over for types - i.e., more than the rest. Of course, none of us have seen the transcript before, P. 28: KK's stuff is corrected too, so maybe I'm wrong, and Blakey didn't go over this either.

P. 68, line 22: Hearing that a questionable lead turned up thru Garrison, Tink said "Thanks; that's enough."

P. 74.3; ~~xxxx~~ laughter in reference to Lane's expected ~~xx~~ arrival 9/18.

In general: after the report comes out, it might be interesting to see which areas that the HSC liked came up in the conference. E.g., p. 95, the training camp.

P. 105.6 - Rep. Thone speaks up.

P. 117.3 - laughter at the possibility that the tests of the SBT, which Tink had suggested, would prove the WC right (as Blakey wondered about). E.g., Tink specified NAA.

P. 118+: PLH on Itek, etc.

P. 120-1: Blakey Brings up melons; SM jokes.

P. 127 - PLH suggests talking to Griffin, other WC staff.

P. 129 - PLH on missing docs at Archives

P. 132 - jokes about MEF's recorded phone calls.

P. 137-8: Tink on poss. planting of KK CE 399

P. 141 - PDS on Walker Bullet

P. 139 - PLH on WC's methodological problems

P. 144 - Bl & Tink discuss the Life suit; Bl was surprised.

P. 150 - Bl. already interested in, would the WC have been different if they knew what the Church Com. brought out.

P. 152-3: PLH on WC-agencies. p. 517+: more.

P. 159-60: PLH on bad conspiracy theories (Epstein, etc.)

P. 164.12 (and ~~elsewhere~~ elsewhere): Bl. concerned about how this report will look. Eg p. 165.24. Says HSC won't bully witnesses.

P. 170.5 - Blakey anticipates verifying the SBT but not disestablishing conspiracy.

P. 171.14 - Bl. on the problem with a big conspiracy.

P. 173-4.1, Tink on his experience as a private eye (disagreeing with PDS?)

P. 182: Tink - talk to everyone in the autopsy room.

P. 186-7: PLH on Dodd Comm. investigation.

P. 191.3 - PLH brings up CIA producing SS credentials.

P. 197-8: MEF, PLH on DPD tapes, SS copies, etc.

P. 202 - PLH on DPD knowledge of LHO; p. 204-5: Dallas lit. distr. CE.

P. 207-8: LH on Joe M. Smith - good lead.

P. 210.7: Blakey's first "what if" - organized crime did it.

P. 211 - MEF brings up the (Gary Mack) acoustic analysis of the tape.

P. 212.23: PLH skeptical, can't tell why.

P. 213-4: Tink on issue of ultimate access; Bl. says, 'everything comes out.'

PLH generally sounds more incoherent than most. I don't think it was ~~xxxx~~ that bad, actually.

Additional amusing moments: pp. 91.11, 130.20, 146.22 (MEF), 178.9 (MEF infiltrating the Trade Mart), 195.2 (MEF.)

Amusing, difficult, or notable typos: 61.3: Hubert N. [&] Griffin. 62.3 room of = roomer? 107.12: Rutledge = Redlich? 124.11: ad feminem; 125.3: Edward Arthur = Edgewood Arsenal; 148.18-9: The CIA = that I [!]; 158.13: cost + impostor 166.12: truth = proof; 177.1: for = from; 190.12: Arambo = a Rambler.

[Part II, 9/18] (Speculation, as discussed at end of part I)

INCLUDES

- Pp. 5-6: PDS on two Oswalds possibility!
 18: Lane on Wm. Walter
 25-6: PLH indicates doubts about ML, PDS theories.
 Note: despite talk of later contacts (p. 196.15), nobody really contacted me later, and I wasn't able to talk to anyone in the week after the conference - I did try! During the session, I said lots of times that details could be gone into later, assuming that there would be such contacts.
 Pp. 25-26, also 106 - my impression is that a lot of Tink's ideas on how to go after the physical evidence either were picked up, or happened to match Blakey's own.
 P. 45 Blakey leaves, Jackie Mess takes the chair.
 51-52: PLH-Lane disagreement.
 53-4: LHarris on poss. substitution of shells by McDonald - good lead?
 55-6: PLH on who LHO was actually working for - 'debate' with Lane. (I sensed that he wanted me to say something he could use ~~xx~~ against me later.) More on p. 62
~~55-6~~ 57-8: we all jump on Lane for his claim that something is confirmed.
 60-1: Funny story from NEF, on how she 'infiltrated' the Quigleys' private school.
 69: Ed Lopez asks about Sturgis. (Did he believe anything he shouldn't on that?)
 87: Pat Orr asks PLH about Clay & Shaw.
 88: Lane-Ferrell exchange.
 92-3: argument
 96: afternoon session begins
 102: Sylvia as 'Gastro-did-it' as fallback cover story.
 110: Tink on 'Mafia did it' as final ~~xxx~~ fallback position
 112: PLH on who he thinks did it.
 127: Tink objects to PDS-type association analysis
 128-9: Blakey on simplicity requirement for conspiracies
 135-6: Lane gives his CIA-setting-up-LHO-by-faking-meeting-with-Kostikov theory. Lane really ~~hates~~ dislikes Phillips, Priscilla.
 139: Lane sarcastic to Blakey.
 145: Blakey cuts off Lane (I think)
 147: Lane's snotty reaction to Sylvia's crack about the McKeown story.
 148: Kostman brings out that Lane is representing McKeown
 152: Mary's theory of a fake attempt gone wrong.
 154: Larry Harris et al on Sgt. Hill. Some good stuff.
 159: BI asks about the Castro-did-it hypothesis
 179-80: Gary Shaw on a new witness, man and smoke on grassy knoll - Cabell's drive Sounds fairly good.
 181-2: Kathy has a few critical words about the pre-Blakey hSC
 183-190: Mary touches on a wide range of subjects
 190: Lane goes into his speech

I guess you had to be there. The fact that they weren't giving out any info ~~xx~~ was a real problem for us. Several of us preferred to have our books, ~~xx~~ memos, etc. ~~xxxx~~ carry the burden of our specific suggestions, evidence, etc. I guess about 50% of the transcript is Mary and Peter. There's very very little from the HSC people. And the transcript is full ~~xx~~ of typos, of course. ~~x~~ Good thing they are not publishing it!

I don't think we - especially me - were as inarticulate as the transcript indicates. Just for comparison, I reviewed the ~~xxxxxxx~~ executive session transcript for 3/11/77, which was accidentally released. They don't sound all that great either. (Interesting to see that Tanenbaum was talking about Marcello, Ferrie, Braden et al even back then - in addition to the babushka lady, and that kind of nonsense.)