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This is a reminder for when I get back to Agent Oswald. If I use it there it will also be in a sense not in the off-the-top draft, the consequences of the presumptions of innocence bracketed with that of guilt.

Time will pass and I forget more daily so I wanted a few suggestions on paper and filed.

I did it because I was in no mood for what will appear in the form in which I do it, the annotating of Post Mortem. Yesterday was a terrible one. It began the night before. And I'll be interrupted by having to take Lil for the week's grocery shopping when the stores open.

I think I've probably mentioned at least the CIA LSD memo. The one on assassinations should juxtapose nicely with the Church hearings' disclosures.

I amny want to refer to the refusal of anyone to consider using these memos now available more than a year and a half at least. I actually sold one to the Enquirer and got paid for it a year ago when nobody else was interested.

Any real investigation beginning with these would have led to what is now coming out, too.

The worst of the day yesterday was the insanity of Pope. All the day was wasted and when I had successfully done the unnecessary he wanted, taking his man to get special copies of the documents I'd already given them with a chain of possession in official writings. Before we left the airport we had a new unreasonable demand, an impossible one. I spoke to my friend down there and knew this was from the throne and that he was on the spot. On the drive back the reporter tried to reassure me, saying that my friend would work out some way around this. Two hours later, after more wasted work, he had. It must be an ulcer factory down there in the Pope's kingdom.

Before I could relax from all of this the phone started, all sorts of unending calls. Some for appearances I can't amke. Some just to talk about what is in my books. Some to try to get me to stay up later than necessary to do the last part of a show in a different time zone when I can just as well do the earlier part and lose less

sleep. (I said, finally, my way or they can do without me, after a half hour or this.) Then more on this miserable Policoff business and the leaking of my work. It was much, enervating and disgusting. And it just won't go away.

If I avoid as much as I can, I can't avoid all. And it does take a little time for the mind to let it go, without which other work is not at a good time.

I do hope that today is a quiet one so that I can get most of a day's work on PM.

But even this will be somewhat depressing because if I had any help at all, even a decent typist, all I plan to do another could as well or better. Lil is overloaded and can't.

It is all too frantic and for no good reason.

I think I started to work out some subtitles along the sensible suggestion you made before and I mislaid. (There is an enormity of ~~unused~~ unused files for this book.) My mind is not suited to that now. What I think occurred to me is using your suggestion of the end of the coverup in the subtitle and carrying the commercially attractive,

according to my expert on such matters, the artist, in a line across the top. (If it had not been necessary to rush to the airport for a "Delta Dash" delivery of 20¢ worth of mail I'd have been able to see the artist. The wasted money in this! Aside from all of it down in Lanatana, which must have been enormous, there is the day's pay for this reporter, 200 miles of driving for him and \$25 to "elta to get the papers they already have at the Pal Beach airport two hours after the shop closes for the day. This means overtime for some employee and mileage to go pick it up. And they've agreed to pay me for my day, however they pay for that. How can can you be in order to get rich?)

Best,

For Agent Oswald- reminder

It is not only reports that Oswald had served it that impelled the CIA to play games with the Warren Commission, sufficient as this would have been. Any real investigation would have led to exposures of the most serious misdeed by the Agency. These could have but did not surface until after The Watergate, after special committees of both House of Congress held investigation that were seriously deterred by the Agency's withholding of information and its support by former Commissioner, then President Ford.

Ultimately I obtained hundreds of pages of CIA data given to the Commission. Not one was fully informative, fully honest where honest at all. I had most of these before Ford, recalling his Warren Commission experience and knowing the potential of any uninhibited investigation of the CIA, appointed his own personal whitewashing Commission on the CIA. ....

If it had been possible to stimulate any major media interest in but two of the supposed "studies" the CIA made for the Warren Commission such that shocked the nation in these investigation of the summer of 1975 and later would have been exposed earlier, before more destruction of records.

One of these was a short study on alleged Soviet behavior-changing techniques, the other of Russian assassinations. Both were intended to further the presumption never investigated and not even possible, that Oswald was a Russian assassin. Both were ~~xxxx~~ in response to another presumption, that Oswald was a real-life Manchurian Candidate.

Any inquiry into the excessively-cautious language of the first study would have led to disclosures of the CIA's own toying with the minds of Americans, Nazi-like experiments in which people's lives were ruined and an unknown and unknowable number killed. One was a neighbor of mine, one of the government's top scientists in bacteriological warfare. He was driven to suicide, leaving a wife with three small children to raise and educate. This tragedy of a decade prior to the Warren Commission ~~studies~~ and others like it did not deter the CIA, which continued its experiments on and ruin

of the lives of innocent, ~~unwilling~~ unknowing Americans for more than a decade after the Warren Commission had a fine opportunity to expose and end these bestialities.

There is no crime not covered and protected by the invocation of "national security," as there is no paper too innocent for the CIA to stamp it "Secret."

Even when caught the CIA pretended its experiments with the living, its destroying the minds of Americans, was in the national defense. This inhuman business was actually described to the Senate committee by the CIA as inspired and made necessary by the fear that Russians would use drugs and psychological techniques on American diplomats. (Pick up citation from Olson file) The actuality is that in an unguarded moment of the era when anything and everything it did could and did remain secret the CIA let it slip that the Russians did not and could not do this.

And rather than this inhuman experimentation with the minds of the living being defensive, as the CIA later lied, its own memo to the Warren Commission disclosed the opposite as of that time in 1964. (Typically, the CIA found it necessary to keep even the date on which the memo was written secret.)

What the memo actually says is that we were and had been five years ahead of the Russians and that the Russian could not do with the combination of drugs and psychological ~~techniques~~ techniques what the CIA claimed was the need for its experiments on humans: (quote marked parts behavioral memo)

Oswald, of course, was the presumed assassin and the presumed Russian agent. The CIA knew better on both. Thanks to the Byzantine warfare between the ~~the~~ CIA and the FBI, the Commission did too. <sup>It</sup> merely suppressed and lied about it. With the expectation of secrecy, it dared. (One of the suppressors on the staff was later to become Ford's house black. William T. Coleman, who suspected more and knew better, became Ford's Secretary of Transportation. Coleman began willing to suspect the CIA of almost anything. Note- recall letter with CIA clip he sent from Phila.)

Consistent with this need to make the Russians into assassins there was a much longer CIA memo on, naturally, the Russians as assassins.

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There were 23 titillating pages of farout tales of Russian assassinations, limited, as no Commission memo notes, to the alleged disposition of ~~the~~ those ~~sixty~~ Russians said by the CIA to have been regarded as enemies of the Russian state.

These were not even amateur compared with the CIA's own practise.

Practise in actual assassination and in the developing of arcane devices for murder.

There was ~~also~~ an organized program for the ~~assassination~~ assassination of Vietnamese suspected of not supporting ~~the~~ Washington's puppet, any one at any time. The man in charge was rewarded by being made head of the CIA. He is the William Colby who displayed to the Senate's committee on September 17, 1975, some of those devices for assassination the CIA had been inventing all the time it had been pretending, as it did to the Warren Commission, that the Russian and others, not we, practised assassination.

From developing invisible poisons to the invention of electric-powered pistols for shooting them with tiny darts, the CIA was in the assassination business ~~on~~ on a wholesale scale. In this Senate testimony, the first of those investigations telecast, several years after Nixon had ordered the destruction ~~of~~ of all such biological agents for murder, it came out that the CIA still had hidden away enough ~~of~~ toxin made from shellfish alone to kill more than 10,000 people. The quantity was so small most people can't visualize weights so light.

These and other factors addressed separately raise a number of questions all avoided by the Warren Commission. Primarily about the possibility of the CIA as assassin. It was no less adept than those to whom it attributed the disposition and the capability. It did practise assassinations. It did order them. It did consider even more of them. And there was always the possibility that those it trained and equipped could have gone off as self-starters.

These are not conjectures. They are the realities that were testified to in the 1975 official Congressional investigations that in turn were triggered by "leaks" from the disenchanted, those who came to detest what they did for the CIA. The CIA

even made deals with the Mafia for its assassinations. In turn the Mafia was immunized from prosecution for other crimes. Even when it failed to assassinate, as the CIA failed in its attempt against Castro arranged through one of its own operatives, Robert ~~Maheu~~ Maheu, a former FBI agent. (Maheu was simultaneously a top aide to the paranoid billionaire Howard Hughes, who saw the commercial and political benefits of having the CIA indebted to him. He engaged in other CIA projects some of which were also investigated during this period.) Immunized against prosecution, Maheu testified to his role and the arrangements he made in a secret session of this Senate committee. One of the Mafia bosses with whom he dealt, Chicago's Sam Giancano, was immunized against testifying by assassination at just the time he was to have testified.

But by the time this tip of the CIA's iceberg of assassinations and preparations for wholesale assassinations were credited the Warren investigation was more than a decade past. When it believed Oswald the lone JFK assassin and it had the responsibility of investigating this assassination, once it had reports that Oswald had served the CIA it had the responsibility of looking into whether the CIA, which had attributable motive, could have been responsible for the JFK assassination on any level. Even more when the unintended disclosure of the CIA's own memo that it was five years ahead of the Russians did it have this obligation.

Instead it suppressed the whole thing.

To make it easier it also suppressed the fact that even the Russian believed Oswald was a CIA agent. Despite all the nasty imputations and allegations of the Report the Commission knew better, refused to investigate and kept its knowledge secret. So secret that where some of the information supplied it by the FBI was not classified the Commission classified it "Top Secret." This will interest us separately, in the suppressed story of Yuri Nosenko.

My point here is that the CIA did commit assassinations, did order them and that Americans innocent of any offense are among those killed. This Commission attributed a non-existing "predisposition" to Oswald. ~~XXXXXX~~ The CIA has a record of the predisposition and the practise. We will never know how many Americans were killed and ruined by these CIA practises in which the military participated on an even larger and again murderous scale.

= Had the Warren Commission done its job - had it ever intended to- lives could have been saved if JFK's soul had not have been. These barbarities described as essential to the "national defense" could have ended and the Agency could have been turned back to its proper function, gathering intelligence.

All of history could have been different with a real investigation of the JFK assassination because of all the inevitable collateral exposures that would have made the events of the ensuing decade impossible.

The failure of the Commission to do its job left more than an unsolved crime as terrible as this one. It protected those who committed the crime. And it made wholesale international crimes possible, the monstrous crimes of the terrible decade that followed the JFK assassination and was possible only because of it.

What better way to inspire suspicions that this was the purpose of the JFK assassination, that he was killed by some in the government he headed, those who opposed his policies? Policies changed by assassinating him.

consider as prelude to Nosenko parts.