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Subject: Recommended Wray Reading List

noelle, jeremy was canvassing us on what the prospective military team leader should read. since you were discussing "what to read next" the other day, I thought I'd just forward this to you for the heck of it. To: Jeremy Gunn/ARRBcc: Dennis Quinn/ARRB, Christopher Barger/ARRB From: Douglas Horne/ARRB Date: 08/23/95 09:10:51 AM Subject: Recommended Wray Reading List

Since time is limited, and only so many books can be read between now and November, I recommend the following books in two categories, in order of descending priorities, from highest to lowest:

The Assassination Itself: Conspiracy, by Anthony Summers (Updated Paragon Trade paperback-many pages of updated new material inside. Perhaps the best balanced of the 4 encyclopedic "overviews" of the case.)

Spy Saga, by Philip Melanson (Published by Praeger. Provides more questions than answers, but is a scholarly work which is well crafted and is not strident or careless in the questions it raises.)

Oswald and the CIA, by John Newman (A study of Oswald the "file", vs Oswald the "man", which was the Melanson approach. Based on much new material released since 1992.)

Best Evidence, by David Lifton (Berkeley small paperback edition contains the most recent version of forwards, afterwords, etc.. There are probably areas in this book where almost all readers may doubt or disagree with Lifton's speculations in regard to how to account for the many discrepancies in the medical evidence, but this is by far the best single book I know of to date which summarizes the many medical discrepancies/mysteries in this case, particularly the major disconnect between the "Parkland Lens" and the "Bethesda Lens". Excruciatingly well-footnoted. Even though Blakey's Deed of Gift prohibitions written into the JFK Records Act prohibit the Archives version of the autopsy records from public release, the discrepancies in the medical evidence are nevertheless critical to the case, and may affect much of what the ARRB expresses interest in.)

Six Seconds in Dallas, by Josiah Thompson (Published in early 1967, still a "must read" for someone who wants to understand the ambiguities in the physical evidence.)

HSCA Report. The Final Investigation, by Gaeton Fonzi (Although more of a "personal experience/memoir" than a total case overview, I feel it must be read on the heels of the HSCA report as a counterbalance. Historical Context of the Assassination: JFK and Vietnam, by John Newman (In my opinion this may be the only single JFK-Vietnam overview which is accurate, in that it is largely based on numerous and significant declassified NSC meeting minutes and documents. Also a thrilling read.)

Eyeball to Eyeball, by Dino Brugioni (This impressively footnoted and scholarly work on the Cuban Missile Crisis corrects the numerous errors in earlier works, and is an outstanding in-depth overview of this critical subject...published in either 1992 or 1993; now in trade paperback.)

The Crisis Years, by Michael Beschloss (A fine overview of foreign policy relations between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. while JFK was president. Very strong on Record

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