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Subject: HUAC records reference in Chapter One draft

The following information is derived from a memo I did for Jeremy dated September 18, 1996 (revised 9/19/96), and entitled "More on Congressional Records (SISS and HUAC)." It is document "Freeman e:\wp-docs\091896" and should be located in File 4.21.9 House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC). There may be additional corroborating material in the file; I simply don't recall. In the Warren Commission's records at NARA II [in the Register of Letters Received ("Incoming Mail Log") section, which is part of Entry 3] there are references to two letters to the WC from Congressman Edwin Willis in his capacity as Chairman of HUAC. These letters are dated 2/3/64 and 2/24/64, respectively. I found one of these two letters (2/3/64) in Entry 11, Records Relating to "Governmental Agencies Involved". In this letter, Chairman Willis states that he has already instructed his Staff Director to send all relevant materials from the Committee's public files to the WC. He also offers to forward from HUAC's investigative files (these are the ones still closed, I believe) "an inter-office communication, dated prior to the assassination, which relates to activities of Oswald, as reported to a staff member by telephone." The communication Willis refers to is some sort of internal office memo regarding the New Orleans radio debate Oswald participated in w/ Carlos Bringuier and Ed Butler (of INCA, Information Council of the Americas). Butler contemporaneously called HUAC and briefed the then-Staff Director (Francis J. McNamara) about Oswald. We also know of this call and subsequent HUAC memo from McNamara himself, who wrote the Review Board a letter about it and other matters. His letter, dated 6/3/96, should be in our files. The Willis ('64) and McNamara ('96) letters are also the source for footnote 23 in my original Chapter One draft, which references the fact the HUAC's chief investigator, a man named Donald Appel, was in the DPD garage when Ruby killed Oswald. I presume the footnote has since been edited out, but just in case it hasn't and the corroboration issue arises again, that's where to find it. Finally, my memo to Jeremy references that Kris Wilhelm of Legislative Archives has personally seen the internal HUAC memo. I don't recall the particulars, but I think Kris and Matt Fulgham may have unofficially spot-checked the HUAC stuff, possibly at my instigation, after I brought the WC references to their attention. Kris and Matt, I'm sure, would be happy to fill you in if any further proof of the statement in my original draft is required. Give me a holler if Ron has any additional questions/problems.

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