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Laura:Thank you for your prompt response, and chock full of good information. The Fritz notes add a new dimension, for sure. I hope we can talk to Bookout. I think it would be interesting to hear his recollections and maybe come out of an interview with some records or leads.Thanks.TomTo:Tom Samoluk/ARRBcc:Jeremy Gunn/ARRB, Eileen Sullivan/ARRBFrom:Laura Denk/ARRBDate:11/25/97 04:46:01 PMSubject: Re: Fritz Notes-Conversation with Max HollandTom:Thanks for copying me on your e-mail to Jeremy. I think that Fritz's notes may give us some insight into Hosty's account of the whole "Oswald note" incident. Hosty's testimony in his book and his statements to the HSCA indicated that when Hosty first received the note, he (Hosty) thought it might be from someone else (Jimmy George Robinson), but then during the 11/22/63 interview with Oswald, he realized the note was from Oswald. (HSCA Dep. 18-21. 23-24, 50-53; Hosty book 21, 104-105.) I don't recall that Hosty ever said that Oswald mentioned the note during the interview, but I do recall that he said that it wasn't until the interview that he figured out that the note was from Oswald. If Oswald actually did say something about the note, then that is obviously what made Hosty realize that the note's author was Oswald. Velly inteltesting.As for SA Bookhout. Hosty suggested that we interview him and I passed on that suggestion to Ron in an e-mail. Carol has the retired agents phone book and simply requests that we make our requests for addresses and phone numbers in writing (an external memorandum from us to her is sufficient), so we can always get information from her. LauraTo:Jeremycc:Laura, Eileen From:Tom Samoluk/ARRB Date:11/25/97 12:54:55 PMSubject:Fritz Notes-Conversation with Max HollandMax noted something interesting in the Fritz notes. On page 1, Fritz references Oswald in response to questioning from Hosty, admitting to "wrighting (sic) to Russian Embassy + to Hosty" (emphasis added). This appears to be an admission by Oswald that he wrote to Hosty (is it the notorious note later destroyed by the FBI?) I thought this was very interesting.FBI Agent James Bookout may have some interesting recollections of this session. Have we ever talked to him? Do we know if he is alive? Could Laura find out from Carol? Perhaps he has notes that should be pursued, either from him or his family. I didn't check his testimony, so I don't know off hand what he said to the Warren Commission

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