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Subject: Whalen papers/Specter memo

I've reviewed the Whalen papers. With one minor exception, I didn't come across any great leads insofar as new records are concerned; the exception being that in a newsclipping detailing a 9/28/64 press conference by WC member Sen. Richard Russell, Russell relates how he intimidated the rest of the Commission into making textual changes in the Report by threatening to insert a dissenting footnote of his own if they did not. Re: the "footnote", Russell is quoted as saying that "I had it prepared. It was two typewritten pages long." I don't know of any such record in the Collection (perhaps someone else does), but maybe it's down with the Russell papers? The Whalen papers are interesting in their own right, however: I have made some additions to my "Specter memo" on the basis of Whalen's interviews with Specter, Howard Willens and Tom Kelley and David Acheson -- among others. A revised copy of the Specter memo is in your box, FYI. The new stuff can be found, largely, on pages 12 (Russell), 25, 26, 30, 33 and 34. There are some interviews of FBI personnel in the Whalen papers (Sullivan, for instance). I've tabbed them for Kevin. I've also shown Doug most of the stuff of interest. There are notes from an Allen Dulles interview, notes (re: autopsy materials) with Dep. Archivist Rhoades, notes from what looks like a quick phone interview with Dr. Humes, etc. A fair amount of the material consists of notes Whalen took on various documents, CE's, etc. he reviewed out at the National Archives. Interestingly enough, Whalen on 10/17/66 (a week or so before Lifton's revelation as recounted in Best Evidence) reviewed and underlined the language in the Sibert/O'Neill report, re: "surgery to the top of the head." There are other items of interest/amusement: disparaging references to Liebel by Specter and Willens, and wonderful references by Harold Weisberg to his having read through the 26 volumes "like Sherman marching through Georgia" -- this years after he had cleared the acreage on his chicken farm "with my bare hands", using "a flamethrower at night."

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