

NARA CHURCH COMMITTEE
SUPPORTING MATERIAL
BOX 12
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SUMMARY

Box 12 of the Church Committee material contains two folders of interest to the Review Board. Folder 4 regards DoD information on Lee Harvey Oswald, and Folder 5 regards FBI interviews, investigation of preliminary leads in the case, and the letters relating to the FBI investigation of the JFK limousine windshield.

Folder 4

Contains a number of memos and reports on LHO's alleged involvement in the death of Pvt. Martin Schrand at Cubi Point, PI, on January 5, 1958. Schrand was on watch that night and was shot once through the shoulder and thorax and died before arriving at the base hospital; while some Marines stationed there alleged that LHO had been involved somehow, both the USMC investigation and the Church Committee concluded that Schrand had dropped his weapon, and it had discharged as it hit the ground, hitting and killing him. Oswald was determined not to have had any involvement.

Other material includes correspondence to the Church Committee from assassination researchers, and Warren Commission drafts requesting information from the DoD. Much of the material appear to be multi-generational copies; they are exceedingly difficult to read and are at times unclear.

Findings of note from this folder:

- 1) An internal DoD memo dated 27 June 1960 which suggests that the District Intelligence Office of the Ninth Naval District might possibly hold some records on LHO. This lead should be followed up. [A copy of said memo is enclosed with this summary.]
- 2) The code "6J", as used by ONI, means homosexual. This code is used and explained in a memo [enclosed] relating to a post-assassination allegation about LHO that turned out to be fruitless. (One of those making the allegation was a confirmed homosexual.)

3) A letter dated May 22, 1964, from the DOD general counsel's office in response to a request from J. Lee Rankin on Oswald's military service. The letter describes all advanced/formal training Oswald officially received while a member of the Marine Corps, the type of work he did while in the Corps, and a list of all stations Oswald was ever officially assigned to, along with dates of his assignment at each. [The letter is enclosed with this summary.]

Folder 5

This folder contains documentation of FBI preliminary investigation of several leads that turned out to be either fruitless or outright hoaxes. There is an allegation that a GSA employee named Hugo Segarra had expressed pre-knowledge of the assassination and had, upon hearing of the shooting, said that one of "his people" (presumably Hispanics) had probably done it. Segarra was checked out by the FBI, found to be a trusted worker, and determined to be free of suspicion. The incident probably stemmed from a personality clash with a co-worker. Also included is the FBI observation of and conclusion about the windshield of the presidential limousine, which was cracked during the assassination. They conclude that the cracks are consistent only with the windshield having been struck from the inside, probably by a bullet fragment, and that the crack could not have come from a bullet hitting the front of the windshield.