

MEMORANDUM

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To: The File
cc- Jeremy Gunn

From: Joe Freeman

Subject: Church Committee

Church Committee Vital Statistics

1/75 through 5/76
Public Hearings. 9/75 through 12/75
Membership. D's: Church, P. Hart, Mondale, Huddleston, Morgan
G. Hart
R's: Tower, Baker, Goldwater, Mathias, Schweiker
Staff. 135 (53 investigators)
Staff Director: Bill Miller
Chief Counsel: Fritz Schwartz
Scope. Over 100 witnesses; almost 10,000 pages of sworn testimony

Chronology of Period

1967 *Ramparts*, CIA and Nat. Student Assoc.; CIA asks IRS to audit magazine
5/73 DCIA Schlesinger, activities outside the charter: Family Jewels memo
10/74 Abourezk amendment, re: outlawing covert operations
12/74 *NYTimes/S.* Hersh expose on CIA domestic spying
Hughes-Ryan amendment, re: covert actions
Ford gets report from Colby on CIA assassinations
1/4/75 Rockefeller Commission appointed
1/27/75 Church Committee established
2/19/75 House establishes Select Committee on Intelligence (Nedzi Committee,
to become Pike Committee in July)
2/26/75 Church Committee meets with AG Levi
2/27/75 Church Committee meets with Colby
3/5/75 Church, Tower, Miller, Schwartz go to White House, meet with Ford,
Kissinger, Snowcroft, Rumsfeld and Pat Buchanan.

3/16/75 Colby publicly admits CIA has plotted assassinations
 3/22/75 House Judiciary Subcommittee (Edwards?) holds hearing on HTLingual,
 Chief Postal Inspector William J. Cotter testified
 5/25/75 Rockefeller Commission indicates it will not pursue assassinations issue
 6/9/75 Ford promises Church Committee files of Rockefeller Commission
 6/11/75 Rockefeller Commission publishes report
 6/19/75 Giancana killed in Chicago
 9/8/75 Sen. Schweiker calls for re-opening of JFK assassination investigation
 11/16/75 Washington Post runs JFK/Exner/Giancana story
 11/20/75 Full Senate debate on releasing assassinations report; in the end, no
 vote taken and Committee releases report without Senate sanction
 01/28/76 House votes 146-124 to allow Ex. Branch to censor Pike Com. Report
 02/11/76 Pike Report goes to Schorr/Village Voice
 03/22/76 Sens. Schweiker/G. Hart write Church recommending that new
 permanent Senate Intelligence Committee pursue JFK assassination
 leads
 4/23-36/76 Church Committee issues final reports (but not JFK Subc. Rept.)
 5/26/76 Committee votes to release JFK Subcommittee Report (Book V)
 5/31/76 Church Committee officially expires, to be replaced by new permanent
 Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.
 6/23/76 Release of JFK Subcommittee Report (Book V)

Partial Hearing/Deposition/Interview Chronology

Key

Non-starred items are those referenced in Loch Johnson's
Season of Inquiry; "closed" or "open" in parentheses indicate
 status of formal Committee hearings

(1) from NARA finding aid for Church Committee collection; it's not
 always clear whether these documents reflect interviews,
 deposition, testimony before Committee, etc.; furthermore, some of the
 early references *may* actually be Rockefeller Commission documents secured
 by Church Committee

(2) referenced both in *Season of Inquiry* and NARA finding aid

(3) referenced in Gaeton Fonzi's *Last Investigation*

(4) referenced in Steve Tilley's list of missing Church Committee

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testimonies, culled from footnotes in Church Committee Vol. 5;
footnotes often reference titles/offices of individuals cited, instead
of true names: these titles/offices are listed in quotation marks

(5) listed in Record Number 157-10002-10314, "JFK Assassination Testi-
mony File", from Church Committee files

02/17/75	Howard Osborn (1)
03/28/75	Victor Marchetti (1)
04/03/75	Frank Sturgis (1)
04/16/75	William Sturbitts (1), Clark Clifford (1)
04/23/75	Helms (1)
04/28/75	Helms (1), Colby (1)
04/30/75	Col. Sheffield Edwards (interview) (1)
05/01/75	William Harvey (1)
05/02/75	McNamara (1)
05/15/75	First hearing: Colby, re: covert action (closed)
5/21-22/75	Colby, re: assassination plots (closed) (Loch Johnson, and 2)
05/22/75	Thomas Charles Huston, re: Huston plan (deposition)
05/23/75	Colby (1)
05/30/75	James O'Connell (1,5), Col. Sheffield Edwards (1,5)
06/02/75	Lawrence Houston (CIA Gen. Counsel) (1,5), Scott Breckenridge (1,5)
06/06/75	McCone (1,5)
06/09/75	Robert Maheu (1,5), Richard Bissell (5), Justin O'Donnell
06/10/75	William Sullivan (interview), Tad Szulc (1,5)
06/11/75	Richard Bissell (1,5)
06/12/75	Edward Dubois (1)
06/13/75	Helms, re: assassination plots (closed) (Loch Johnson, also (5))
06/18/75	Lawrence (Samuel?) Halpern (1,5), Robert Johnson (5)
06/19/75	Angleton (5), Noel Gaylor (5)
06/20/75	Colby, re: assassination plots (closed) (Loch Johnson,also (5))
06/20/75	Lucien Conein (5)
06/24/75	John Roselli (3,5)
06/25/75	Alfred Sarno (1) (may be 7/25), William Harvey (1,5)
07/03/75	William Broe (5)
07/08/75	Gen. Edward Lansdale (1,5), Roswell Gilpatric (1,5), Hubert Didier (5)
07/09/75	Maxwell Taylor (1,5), Walt Rostow (1,5), Henry Dearborn (5),

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Frank Devine (5), Gordon Gray (5)
07/10/75 William Atwood (1,5), Dean Rusk (1,5), Thomas Parrot (1,5),
Richard Goodwin (5)
07/11/75 Colby, re: assassination plots (closed), William Harvey (1,5),
Robert McNamara (5)
07/15/75 Colby (5), James Flannery (5)
07/16/75 FBI, Ag Levi/Clarence Kelley (closed)
07/16/75 L. Fletcher Prouty (1,5)
07/17/75 Gen. Andrew Goodpaster (1,5), Richard Helms (1,5),
Richard Bissell (5), Roswell Gilpatrick (5)
07/18/75 Richard Goodwin (1,5), John Eisenhower (5)
07/18-19/75 Helms, re: assassination plots (closed) (Loch Johnson, also (5))
07/21/75 Sorenson (1,5)
07/22/75 Richard Bissell (1,5), George McManus (5)
07/23/75 George Smathers (1,5)
07/25/75 Alfred Sarno (5) (may be 6/25)
07/24/75 David Martin (1,5), Jeremiah O'Leary (1,5)
07/29/75 "AMLASH Case Officer" (1,5), Henry Dearborn (5)
7/29-30/75 Robert Maheu (1,5)
07/30/75 Robert Dahlgren (5), Louis DeSanti (5)
07/31/75 David Atlee Phillips (1,5), Richard Amrine (5), Hubert Didier (5)
08/01/75 Edward Felix (5), William Weatherby (5)
08/04/75 William Broe (5), Paul Wimert (5)
08/05/75 Donald Bennett (5), Jamie Philpott (5)
08/06/75 Thomas Karamessines (5)
08/07/75 Courtney Evans (1), James Bamford (5)
08/11/75 Edward Hinkle (5), Herbert Miller (5), William Weatherby (5)
08/12/75 Lawrence Houston (1), Henry Kissinger (5)
08/13/75 Walter Elder (1,5)
08/15/75 Alexander Haig (5)
08/18/75 Gen. Benjamin Harris (1)
08/19/75 "Mr. Halley" (alias) (1)
08/20/75 James Haverty (1)
08/25/75 Adm. Arleigh Burke (deposition) (1), "Mr. Halley" (alias) (1)
08/28/75 Howard Osborn (1)
09/06/75 Helms (staff interview) (1)
09/08/75 Will Wilson (1)

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09/10/75	Helms (deposition)
09/11/75	John Roselli (1)
09/11-12/75	Helms (1)
09/15/75	Kenny O'Donnell (1)
9/16-18/75	First public hearings: shellfish toxins/Cave of Bugs
09/17/75	Thomas McAndrews (1)
09/19/75	Walter Sheridan (1)
09/20/75	Judith Campbell Exner (interview) (1)
09/22/75	Edward Kennedy (1)
9/22-23/75	John Roselli (1)
09/23/75	Robert Maheu (1)
9/23-25/75	Huston Plan (public)
10/02/75	IRS (public)
10/07/75	AG Levi, re: NSA (closed)
10/21-24/75	Mail-opening hearings (public)
10/23/75	Colby, re: covert action (closed), Edward Korry (3)
10/28/75	Colby, re: covert action/Chile (closed)
10/29/75	NSA, Gen. Lew Allen, Benson Buffham, re: "watch list" (public)
10/31/75	Colby, re: covert action (closed)
11/06/75	SHAMROCK hearing (public)
11/18-19/75	FBI, re: COINTELPRO/MLK (public)
11/21/75	Kissinger, re: covert action (closed)
11/25/75	DeLoach (1)
12/2-3/75	FBI informants (public)
12/4-5/75	Chile/covert action, witnesses: Clifford, Vance, David A. Phillips, M. Halperin (public)
12/05/75	"FBI Special Agent" (4)
12/09/75	FBI, witnesses: Ruckelshaus, H. Peterson, Norman Dorsen (public)
12/10/75	FBI, Clarence Kelley (public)
12/11/75	Final FBI/COINTELPRO hearing, last of Committee's public hearings, witness: AG Levi
12/11/75	"INS Inspector" (4)
12/12-13/75	James Hosty (4)
12/19/75	J. Gordon Shanklin (4)
12/20/75	"SAC" (4)
1/10-11/76	E. Howard Hunt (1)
01/16/76	"Former FBI Headquarters Supervisor" (4)

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02/06/76 Angleton (4)
02/11/76 "Amlash Case Officer" (4)
02/13/76 James Rowley (4)
02/24/76 "Mexico City Legat" (4)
03/15/76 "CIA Analyst" (4), "FBI Headquarters Supervisor" (4) (appears to be
SSCI Record Number 157-10002-10247, R-2318, present at NARA II)
03/17/76 "Washington lawyer" (4)
03/19/76 Edward Morgan (1)
03/20/76 "FBI Inspector" (interview) (4)
03/31/76 "General Investigative Division Supervisor" (4)
04/08/76 "FBI Supervisor" (4)
04/13/76 "FBI Agent II" (4)
04/18/76 Thomas Karamessines (4)
04/21/76 William Sullivan (interview) (4)
04/22/76 "Executive Officer" (4)
04/23/76 Schweiker questions Roselli (3), "Soviet Section Supervisor" (4), "Client
No. 1" (4)
04/27/76 "FBI Supervisors I and II" (4)
04/28/76 "Client No. 2" (4)
04/29/76 "FBI Supervisor III" (4)
04/30/76 Alex Rosen (4)
05/30/76 "FBI Agent I"
05/05/76 "Supervisor" (4)
05/06/76 "Chief, JMWAVE" (4) (and/or 05/16/76)
05/07/76 "Western Hemisphere Division Desk Officer" (4), "CIA Liaison Officer"
(4)
05/10/76 "Chief, SAS/CI" (4), "Intelligence Officer" (4)
05/11/76 "Section Chief" (4)
05/24/76 Ambassador John Sherman Cooper (4)

Partial List of Witnesses, Interviewees -- undated

Adm. Noel Gayler, NSA (9/75)

Gen. Donald Bennett, DIA

Dr. Louis Tordella, NSA

Charles "Chick" Brennan (second-in-command to Wm. Sullivan), FBI

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Antonio Veciana (questioned by the Church Committee at Schweiker's urging in first half of '76, questioned again by Senate's new *Permanent* Committee on Intelligence in second half of '76) (3)
Sylvia Odio (interviewed by Fonzi during his stint as Schweiker's investigator; Fonzi indicates in *Last Investigation* that Church Committee staff had been looking to talk to her, as well) (3)

Program Names/Acronyms

MKNAOMI Cave of Bugs; biological killers
Huston Plan devised by Nixon White House in consultation with FBI's Sullivan
 and others: loosening of restraints on domestic spying,
 surveillance, etc. Opposed by Hoover, who appealed to AG Mitchell.
Nixon approved, then backed off.
HTLingual CIA international mail-opening program, 1955-73, overseen by
 Angleton, led to a computer file on 1.5 million Americans
Operation CHAOS CIA surveillance of domestic student radicals
COINTELPROFBI, 1950's-1971
Op.SHAMROCK NSA/ITT-RCA-Global, foreign communications, 1947-1975
Op.MINARET NSA, foreign communication interception, "watch list," '66-'73
Project JENNIFER Glomar Explorer/Howard Hughes: raising sunken Soviet sub
 from bottom of Pacific

Miscellaneous

Seymour Bolton: chief CIA liaison with Church Committee

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