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Memo to file

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HSCA correspondence with the Justice Department. Mostly correspondence to and from the AG's office.

- *There is quite a bit of overlap between the Justice Department and its subordinate agencies such as the DEA and FBI and we should coordinate among them to make sure each file is complete. Most here are directed to the Attorney General for the attention of Robert Keuch who was a Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division. Often a carbon was sent to the FBI attention Danny Coulson or to the DEA attention Robert Stutman.*
- *Three types of letters: 1) Letters asking for information on individuals and groups (on which I have highlighted the individual or group), 2) Letters asking the DOJ to answer specific questions in writing (on which I have highlighted the questions), and 3) Letters asking for copies of internal memoranda as on September 22, 1978.*

Of particular interest:

- *A long letter dated September 5, 1978 that has a list of 16 questions concerning Yuri Nosenko, and the FBI's questioning of him. Attached is a letter to the CIA dated August 28, 1978 asking them questions about Nosenko and their questioning of him.*
- *July 7, 1978 letter concerning the testimony of Special Agents John T. Kestler and Robert P. Gemberling about the transcription of Oswald's address book especially regarding why the information about Special Agent James P. Hosty was omitted from the transcript of the address book in the FBI report of December 23, 1963, which was sent to the Warren Commission. Blakey writes, "As the Bureau's internal investigation will determine the amount of investigative work remaining into this issue for the Committee staff, you can appreciate that this delay potentially an important aspect of our investigation."*

- *April 14, 1978 letter with a list of 97 names for the FBI to review their ELSUR index and determine whether they show up. Most are Organized Crime names.*
- *March 8, 1978 letter requesting FBI files on 65 names. All seem to be Dallas witnesses, some DPD, some associates of Oswald or Ruby. A similar letter dated February 17, 1995 with a list of 69 names. Again most Dallas witnesses, are associates of Ruby or Oswald, or they are organized crime figures.*
- *January 31, 1978 personal letter to Webster from Blakey concerning access to FBI files.*
- *October 19, 1977 letter from Blakey to James Golden of the Justice's Law Enforcement Assistance Administration about Golden discreetly inquiring among Secret Service agents who were motorcade participants about their attitudes toward the assassination and their willingness to assist in the HSCA's investigation.*
- *September 15, 1977. A memo from Patricia Orr to Jaque Hess about Orr's trip to FBI to review their files on the Garrison Investigation. Orr came across an "Alphabetical Key to Chart of Garrison Case". It was mainly of interest because there was no identification of the source of the document, except the notation, "Rcvd from R. Rocca, CIA 11/3/67." Her discovery of this notation apparently made Drew Clark, FBI liaison to the HSCA, uncomfortable.*