

EXPERTS CONFERENCE
Follow-Up Worksheet
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CIA

- Records Related to Cuban Policy and Cuban Operations (Les)
 - All documents relating to Castro assassination plots.

- CIA Internal Station Histories
 - Mexico City (B)
 - JMWAVE (N)

- Specific Files and Documents
 - 100-300-11 (N)
 - 970 CIA documents on the FPCC
 - Newman can provide additional information
 - 9/16/63 memo from FBI to CIA (Les)
 - Obtain the memo, if it exists.
 - Memo may ask CIA to run a black op. against FPCC. The next day, LHO obtained a tourist visa for Mexico City.
 - SR6 soft file on Oswald
 - Soviet Realities Group of SR. Had a list of people who were special defectors. Had soft files, which they released, but Oswald's file was not among those.
 - Sylvia Duran's P file
 - CIA told HSCA there were no P files. N. says this is definitely not true.

- International Assassins
 - Hunt said CIA had a unit to assassinate double agents. Boris Pasch.
 - CIA may have records on assassins all over the world

- Personnel File References to "JKO"
 - Personnel records released since passage of the ARCA show many CIA personnel passing through "JKO" in 1962 and 1963. Find out what/where "JKO" is. (N)
 - Newman suspects it is in the Far East.

- Navy - CIA Connections
 - There are allegations that the ONI investigation of the assassination was a CIA cover (because CIA did not have authority to investigate a domestic matter.)

- Lt. Bill Brewer may have been a CIA/Navy liaison person.
- Helms told HSCA that Navy was responsible for debriefing LHO.

Mexico City Audiotapes

- Slawson said that, in the spring of 1964, he and Bill Coleman definitely read transcripts of audiotapes and heard audiotapes of LHO in Mexico City. Determine what happened to the tapes.
- There are also tapes of Hoover and LBJ talking on 11/23/63 in which Hoover indicates that they (FBI) had a copy "up here" of the tape and the photo.
- Determine whether there are other tapes and transcripts of LHO in Mexico City that are now missing. Mrs. Tarasoff.

Staff D

- Determine whether files exist. (N) (N. states Staff D is a technical group that is unlikely to have a file on Oswald. If there are Staff D files on Oswald, obtain them.)

MS 11165

- Number the Special Research Staff assigned to LHO.
- Appears in an October 1960 memo on defectors - in the pre-assassination Oswald 201 file.
- All others given "MS" designation were military men. Maybe Margaret Stevens.

Domestic Contacts Division: LHO Debrief

- DCD routinely interviewed and debriefed people. N. knows a person who retrieved the DCD debrief of LHO. N. will provide Board with details if asked.
- "Frontline" never found the debrief of Oswald.

Mexico City Cables

- Determine who wrote the cables describing a 6' balding man who was supposed to be Oswald.
- Find out what the pink slips are that refer to cables in October and Oswald at the Cuban consulate (N)
- Specifically request all cables between Mexico City and Langley about LHO in Mexico City.

Mexico City Station

- Obtain listing of personnel who worked the Cuban desk in Mexico City before David Phillips took over on 10/9/63.

Holabird

- Army records at Holabird. G. stated we may have to track these down, as Army does not always keep track of what it has there.

JUWP (N)

- Joint Unconventional Warfare Program
- Cuba
- Still classified. May be a way to search for records from the top down.

- NSA - CIA connections
 - Obtain any “watch lists” the CIA gave to NSA during relevant time period. (Les.)
 - ZRBEACH documents (N)
 - Records re: SIGINT operations against embassies (N)
- CIA - Mexican Govt. Liaison
 - Talk to Dan Hardway of HSCA (B)
- HSCA Documents
 - N. stated that he is unable to see watch lists and information on HTLINGUAL at NARA.
- Cubans Connected to Trafficante
- Florida Lawsuit
 - Lane represented Weberman in a lawsuit in Florida. Obtain federal district court records (Atlanta?).
- CIA: Director’s Daily Meetings
 - Obtain minutes.
- 10/2/63 White House Recording
 - N. received a call from someone present at McNamara’s presentation at the LBJ library. He talked about a White House recording of October 2, 1963 where JFK discusses his Vietnam withdrawal plan.
- Warrenton Depository
 - Determine whether CIA has a documents repository at Warrenton, Virginia.
- Guatemala
 - Records on Howard Hunt, William Gaudet, Ann Goodpasture, and David Phillips in Guatemala. Les. believes that a group of CIA people may have operated together for years, moving from project to project.
- Individuals
 - James Wilcott (Les)
 - Interview James Wilcott regarding his statements that he knew LHO was on CIA’s payroll at Atsugi.
 - Try to corroborate Wilcott’s statement.
 - Birch D. O’Neill
 - Interview O’Neill from CI/SIG. O’Neill is a valuable resource on LHO.
 - Ann Egeter
 - As we know, Egeter kept the Oswald 201 file in her desk for some time.

- Peter Bagley
 - SR/CI
 - Belgium
- Scottie Myler
 - CI
- John Selso and Staff
 - Task Force W and Special Affairs Staff
 - Determine who worked for Selso at the Mexico City desk.
- Mr. Thomas
 - Member of the foreign service. May actually have been working for covert action 4 in Mexico City.
- Virginia Pruitt
 - Obtain CIA file.
- Maurice Bishop
 - Obtain any post-HSCA materials on Bishop.
- Victor Rico DeLamb (sp?)(N)
 - 112th INTC CI agents may have been walking around picking up handbills. Also 33 documents of names of informants that someone (?) sent to the U.S. Army. Gave to Genl. Owens.
- Harvey
- Rosselli
- Johnny Martino
- Am. Pauley
- Desmond Fitzgerald
- Lonnie Hudkins
- J. Gulden
- David Phillips
- E. Howard Hunt
- Guy Banister
- J.T. Masen
- Carlos Bringuier
 - Bringuier may have reported his contacts with Oswald to the CIA. Determine who he reported to and whether it was JMWAVE.
- Marcello
- Carlos Quiroga
- Hoffa
- Giancana
- Trafficante
- Jane Roman
- Kara Messines

FBI

FBI Generally

- Generally, field office files can be more important than Headquarters. Getting access to first generation records of information is key. Either an agent's raw notes, or interview forms. Look in alpha-numeric subfiles, as often log and log-like records are filed there. (G)
- More Solo documents. (G)
 - Walt Boyle (now in Las Vegas) was contact for Morris Childs. Interview him for stories of Morris' interaction with Soviet leadership.
 - Jim Fox should be interviewed.
 - Interview relatives of Jack and Morris Childs.
- Many FBI agents have personal files. Speak with individual agents. (B)

Solo Documents

- Determine whether Solo did a mission to Hanoi, even though after 1963.
- Determine whether Solo did a mission to GDR.
 - Are there Nastasi files at GDR?

Individuals

- SA Regis Kennedy of New Orleans Field Office
 - Assigned to cover Marcello, but failed
- Carver C. Gayton of Kansas City Field Office
 - Interview on whether Hosty explicitly stated that LHO was a PSI in front of the squad.
 - In HSCA statement, claimed Hosty never said a word about Oswald.
 - Later mortified to find that there was a contradiction in his testimony.
- LaFontaine
 - Check out story about Oswald's cellmates and gun-running in Dallas area.
- Seymour Phillips
 - Division 5
- G. Raymond Wornall
 - Division 5

Informant Files

- DL field office - all 134s and 137s that exist in 1963. (note: some field offices faked informant files, esp. in security cases.)

Field Office Inspection Reports

- HQ would inspect each field office every 1-3 years and create a report. Obtain these from the relevant field offices.
- May have information as to why the NO and DL agents were not disciplined.
- Inspectors had access to SAC files that could not be destroyed until after they were inspected.

Organized Crime

- Oral histories of mobsters who have cooperated with the government. Lenny Patrick is a government witness. Bill Roemer handled Giancana. He is still alive.
- Interview Frank Ragano, who has information regarding Trafficante's associates. Then, take associates names and request information from FBI files. (B)
- Jose Aléman TE informant files.
- Tampa field office files.
- New Orleans field office files.
 - Esp. on "Dutz" Murret
 - Fortunately, Marcello's death seems to have altered the attitude in New Orleans about talking about organized crime there. Should make it public that we are looking for information for historic purposes.

FBI Electronic Surveillance and Files of Organized Crime Figures (B)

- HSCA looked at ELSUR (electronic surveillance) of major organized crime figures only. Need

to look at ELSUR of associates of major organized crime figures. Particularly Marcello and Trafficante.

- Legislative history indicates Congress intended for ELSUR tapes and transcripts of organized crime figures to be assassination records.
- Electronic surveillance of Marcello during the HSCA's existence.
- Grand Jury stuff on Marcello.

· Decentralized Files

- Some divisions within the Bureau kept their own records.
- Obtain personal notes of agents.
- Obtain any primary resource materials, including tickler files, telephone logs of Asst. Directors Tolson, DeLoach, and Sullivan (Lesar has Hoover's from 1941-1972). Also Executive Conference Meetings on JFK assassination, Warren Commission, Garrison investigation, etc...

· FPCC Black Bag Jobs

- Check with NY field office to obtain information on surreptitious entries of FPCC.

· DO--4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

- Special Forms at FBI. May have been filed in Central Records or just kept in the Director's office. Find out.

· HTLINGUAL

- FBI may have copies of CIA memos on CIA's HTLINGUAL program.

· FBI Indexing System

- Obtain information on how the FBI indexes, including symbols, color-coding, etc..., particularly for Dallas and New Orleans.
- Ask for a list that matches names and numbers.
- Request information regarding FBI's own internal indices as to how they found assassination documents.

· Mexico City Legat Files

- Pre- and post-assassination files
- Obtain files on organized crime figures (Marcello and Giancana). Ask whether such files were destroyed. M. Wesley was definitely in the Mexico City Legat. Could talk to him/her.
- Request records on "Harvey Lee Oswald"
- Request any files on Ruby and Oswald.

· Havana Legat Files

- Records on major gambling/organized crime figures in Havana, particularly information on ownership of casinos.

· Specific Files on Oswald

- DL 105 file from 1960-1961
- WFO 105 file from 1960-1961
- NY 105 file from 1960-1961
- HQ 100 file from 1960-1961
- Robert Oswald
 - Should interview Robert Oswald in Wichita Falls
 - Robert White in Maryland auctioned off Oswald's letters to relatives, etc...
- Field Offices
 - List of symbol designators from field offices.
 - Request files from chief clerks or secretaries.
- Washington Field Office
 - Get a complete list of all of the Oswald mail that WFO viewed.
 - Was Oswald in Washington in August or September 1963?
- Baltimore Field Office
 - Determine whether they knew anything about Oswald coming to Baltimore in August or September of 1963.
- NY Field Office
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- DPD Contacts
 - Determine whether FBI has records of correspondence and communications with the DPD.
- FBI Guidelines on Surveillance Materials
 - Obtain FBI guidelines as to what they do with surveillance materials. For example, when someone sends a letter to The Daily Worker.
 - Determine whether FBI automatically opened a file on every person who sent a letter to The Daily Worker.
- "94" Files
 - FBI has "94" files, which log contacts with media.

LOCAL and PRIVATE RECORDS

- Manchester interviews (Lif)
 - Manchester interviewed many members of the Kennedy inner circle in the year or two after the assassination.

- Assassination Records in Private Hands (Lif)
 - Photographs
 - Robert Groden has autopsy photographs that are not governed by a deed of gift, as he took photos with his own camera.
 - James Fox has a second set of prints from the original photographs.
 - Robert Bouck also has a set of prints from the original photographs.
 - Mark Crouch (sp?) got prints from Fox.
 - Nix Film
 - Find original copy of the film. Groden may have a copy. Groden told Barber that he would make copies of anything he could get.
- Ruby Family (Lif)
 - Any remaining Ruby diary materials.
- Dr. Ernst Titavitch, Minsk (Lif)
 - Titavitch wanted to improve his English and has hours of tapes of Oswald reading Shakespeare and Hemingway.
- Peter Ronski (Lif)
 - Ronski was the first person to go to Russia and interview all of Oswald's friends and acquaintances there. Check with Gundy (sp?) of Canada, although he is hard to deal with.
- Jaggers-Childs-Stovall (Lif)
 - Oswald worked for this advanced photo lab from 10/62 until 3/63 in Dallas. Obtain business records and determine whether they did government contracting and what Oswald's job duties were while he worked there.
- TSBD (Lif)
 - Obtain real estate records identifying the owner of the TSBD from 1959 to 1963.
- Ft. Worth Police Department
- Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit (LEIU)
- Tampa Police Department
 - Esp. for organized crime records
- Miami Police Department
 - Check for organized crime records
 - Check for documents regarding Cuban exiles, including police intelligence reports.
- New Orleans Police Department

- Ask whether the NOPD communicated with the CI staff at CIA. Phil Melansen wrote about contact between CIA and local police generally. Not sure whether N.O. involved or not.
- Dallas Police Department
 - Todd Vaughn knows chain of possession of Dallas Police materials. Dictabelt.
- Oswald DPD Interview Tapes
 - Check with Capn. Will Fritz's wife to determine if he kept a tape of the interview.
- Cuban Consulate in Los Angeles
 - Les. thinks there is a record of Oswald going to Los Angeles.
- Clay Shaw's Attorneys: Wegman and Diamond
- New Orleans Attorneys
 - Dean Andrews
 - John Martzell
 - Panzika and Zelden
- Rosemary James
 - journalist
- Mary Farrell
- Louisiana State Police
- Texas Rangers
 - Determine whether there was a "Red Squad"?
- Ruby Tapes
 - Determine whether Jack Ruby's conversations in the jail were recorded.

MEDICAL RECORDS

- Original Autopsy Protocol
 - Les. heard a story that the original autopsy protocol was misfiled at some time in 1965-1967 or later. ONI or DIA may have investigated. Find out real story.
- Post-Assassination Connally X-Rays (1963-1992)
 - HSCA definitely got x-rays and MRIs.
- Connally Body (Lif) (N)
 - Lif. and N. want bullet fragments from the body.

- “National Security Autopsy” (H)
 - Determine whether there was a “national security” autopsy either aboard Air Force One, or between Andrews and Bethesda. This would have to be kept secret because it totally violated Mrs. Kennedy’s wishes, but it would conceivably have been necessary to determine immediately whether there was a conspiracy or not.
- Clark Panel Review of Autopsy Materials
 - Check with Dr. Legovan (sp?) in Chevy Chase.
- Transport of Body
 - All records related to the transport of the body from Dallas to D.C.
- Bethesda Naval Hospital
 - All interviews and depositions with doctors and staff at the Naval Hospital. (N)
- JFK Dental Records
 - Kennedy dental records, from JFK Library, would show that it was actually JFK.

MILITARY and NSA

- Air Force One: Unedited Tapes of Communications between Air Force One and the Pentagon and/or the White House (Lif)
 - Get originals, or ask where originals are. Ask why an edited version was created and if any records still exist re: creation of edited version.
 - Obtain tower records from Andrews Air Force Base and from Love Field, esp. helicopter movement around Air Force One.
- Marine Interviews (Lif)
 - Marines who were at El Toro (Richard Call, et al.) claim that someone from military intelligence interviewed them regarding their impressions of Oswald. Obtain information on who interviewed these marines following Oswald’s defection.
- Military Intelligence
 - Obtain an explanation as to why certain Army files were destroyed.
 - Records regarding a Navy post-assassination investigation.
 - Hoch knows of a living source who may have been present at the purging of files.
- Find out capabilities of NSA during the early 1960s (B)
 - Talk to Banford
- Oswald in Mexico City
 - cable traffic between and among Mexico City, Moscow, and Havana (B)

- audiotapes, photographs (B)
- Former Employees
 - Interview former NSA employees.
- Domestic Intelligence Section of Military Intelligence
 - May have files on Oswald and on anti-Castro Cubans
 - Dissertation of Chris Pyle
 - from the early 1970s: Military Surveillance of Civilian Politics
 - University Microfilm print
 - Pyle is an army intelligence person who blew the whistle on the domestic intelligence division
- Cross-Reference with other Agencies
 - When Army releases a document, they generally release in full. Cross-reference military releases with other agencies' postponements. Perhaps other agencies are trying to postpone information the military has released.
- Congressional records of Senator Ervin's hearings on Military Intelligence (1971-1972)
 - Some still classified documents may be in Ervin's subcommittee's files.
 - Determine whether Ervin directed military personnel to destroy records
- Military Field Office Files
 - Army and Navy have field office files just like FBI.
- DOD Correspondence with Warren Commission and HSCA
- DOD: Records re: Destruction of Documents
- Army Intelligence Records on A.J. Hidell
- Sargeant Sigler
 - Sigler was an Army Sargeant who was dangled to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City approximately one year after the assassination.
 - N. wants to get files on Sigler, because Sigler's life may have paralleled Oswald's.
- Military Compensation Records
 - Determine whether Marguerite received military compensation, particularly while Oswald was in the U.S.S.R.
- ONI's 8th Naval District Assassination Records

- Discharge Review Board
 - Obtain records on Oswald from the Discharge Review Board

- Coast Guard Records
 - Gordon Winslow says that if the Navy wants to hide something, but not throw it away, they send it to the Coast Guard.
 - Also obtain records on gun-running and anti-Castro Cubans.

- AMDOT and AMOT
 - CIA crypts for military intelligence groups along the southern coast who tracked anti-Castro groups.

FOREIGN RECORDS

- Records of the Former Soviet Republics
 - Russian and Byelorussian archives. Electronic surveillance of the Oswalds in Minsk. Soviet cable traffic between Mexico City and Moscow, Mexico City and Havana, and Havana and Moscow. Records from Russian and Cuban governments, and also records from U.S. intelligence agencies. (B)
 - KGB records. Check with Crown Publishing in New York for Mailer's records.
 - Ask Russians for their military intelligence records.
 - Speak with Jim Hershberg or Miss Grimstadt (Anna Nelson knows) at the Wilson Center. There is a history of Yasanevo(sp?) letting go of historically relevant materials. (G)
 - Lif. indicated that LHO had a friend in Minsk whose father refused to speak to him because he had befriended a "CIA Agent." Not sure of name. Check with Lif.

- Cuban Records (B)
 - Cable traffic mentioned above.
 - May be best to wait until Castro dies.
 - Cuban government had good intelligence on the plots to kill Castro, and other anti-Castro activities in the U.S. Identified more plots. Maybe as many as forty. Eric Hamburg, Wayne Smith, David Deutchman have each had contact with the Cuban government regarding their records.
 - Records from Trescornia, the immigration detention facility during the 50s and 60s.
 - Cuban government is preparing a report on the assassination. General Fabian Escalante, head of Cuban Intelligence, has a group of people analyzing the assassination.
 - ** NOTE: Best way to deal with Cuba is go directly to the Cubans

- Mexican Government
 - Mexican government may have information, esp. on CIA operations in Mexico City.
 - Mexican Police
 - Determine whether the Mexican police or intelligence took instructions from the CIA

- Interviews of Duran
- Israeli Government
 - When Oswald was in Minsk, he was close to English speaking Zieger from Argentina and Israel. Determine whether Zieger was a CIA back channel to Oswald. Determine whether Zieger was Mossad. Apparently the Mossad commonly used Jews in Russia for intelligence.
 - Determine whether Israelis have records on Meyer Lansky.
 - Determine whether Israelis have records on Angleton
- MI-6 and MI-5
 - Determine whether Maurice Bishop and other presumed Americans in the Caribbean were actually British.
- Japanese Government
 - May have information on LHO in Japan.
- Finnish Government

PRO and ANTI-CASTRO GROUPS

- SWP as well as CPUSA
- Louisiana Un-American Activities Committee
- Cuban Revolutionary Council
- Sergio Archacha-Smith
 - Blakey said Archacha-Smith was financed by the Mafia. Check with FBI for records on same.
- John Glenn
 - Life paralleled Oswald's.
 - Air Force Intelligence from Bloomington, Indiana. In FPCC at Indiana University.
 - Went to Cuba.
- Hal Verb
 - In FPCC. Knows people who received pictures of Oswald with the rifle before the assassination. From San Francisco.
- Tampa Field Office Files on FPCC
 - Supposedly has 2000 serials in its FPCC file.

MEDIA

- Newspaper Morgues

- Esp. look for reporters' interviews and tapes.
- Video Archives
- Gary Mack
 - Archivist on the 6th floor of the TSBD, knows about media that is available.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Plaza Materials (B, Les)
 - Collect and preserve all existing evidence from Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963, as future technology may provide new ways to analyze the materials. Save evidence the HSCA gathered. Include photographs, audio recordings, and weather reports.
 - B. believes dictabelt went back to the FBI and then back to the Dallas Police Department. James Barger probably has first generation recordings of all of the audio evidence.
- Disinformation Efforts Regarding Assassination (Les)
 - Certain individuals spread disinformation about assassination. Particularly interested in Bill Harvey, David Phillips and E. Howard Hunt.
- Secret Service (Lif)
 - Connally's review of Secret Service records when he was Secretary of the Treasury.
 - Dallas police tape(s) as recorded by the Secret Service for filtering purposes.
 - Personnel records of Secret Service, esp. with regard to how things changed when the 10/62 law passed that provided a security detail comparable to the President's for the Vice-President. Determine who had the Presidential and Vice-Presidential detail from 1961-1963.
- NSC
 - Check for Air Force tapes. (Lif)
 - Kennedy Library (Anna Nelson)
- James Exhibits from Warren Commission (Lif)
 - Redactions in the James exhibits in volume 19-20 of the Warren Commission.
- Secretary and Assistant Files
 - Mildred Steigle files at the LBJ library. (G)
 - Angie Novello (B)
 - Evelyn Lincoln (B)
- Department of Defense
 - Burial Detail of Interment (B)
- Oswald Letter from December 1960 (Lif, N)

- First time LHO writes that he wants to come home.
- Zapruder Film (Lif)
 - Obtain original 35 mm negatives frame by frame. 1967 EFX lab. Secret Service materials. Check for Oliver Stone's negatives. Robert Groden may have 1967 negatives. Willis (?) had originals in 1990. He recently died and we may be able to get them.
- Walter Reed (Lif)
 - Obtain an explanation as to why U.S. Army history say that JFK's body went to Walter Reed.
- BATF Records
- Records Regarding Oswald's Cellmate
 - Elrod
 - Masen
- Secrecy Oaths
- RFK Oral History
 - Approximately 700 pages of oral history. Michael Kennedy (RFK son) may have control over release of the oral history.
- Al Thomas
 - Any taped conversations between JFK and Congressmen Al Thomas and any other individuals who may have invited or encouraged JFK to go to Texas.
- Subcommittee on Subversion - Cuban Matters

- Al Haig
 - Interview Al Haig. Immediately after the assassination, he claims to have seen a report placing Oswald in Cuba before the assassination.
 - Find out whether Haig was in Cuba.

- 11/20/63 Honolulu conference
 - Vietnam related
 - Briefing book in JFK Library
 - Obtain minutes or tapes of all meetings there. Bill Colby
 - All documents are still withheld.

- Batista Records
 - Ask all federal agencies for Batista records. Les. believes they are microfilmed and somewhere in Florida.

- Eisenhower Library
 - Nixon's Vice-Presidential papers are in the Eisenhower Library. Check these for information regarding the relationship between organized crime and the CIA.

- Postal Inspector
 - Hidell and P.O. boxes
 - Hosty dilemma - why so difficult to determine where Oswald was?
 - Postal Inspector informant files

- Customs
 - Determine whether Customs has any records regarding electronic or other surveillance of organized crime figures.

- Canadian Broadcasting Company
 - CBC has some videotaped interviews about one year later than HSCA. Lif. also has copies.

- Minutemen and/or John Birch Society
 - Determine whether there were any investigations of The Minutemen in Texas in 1963.
 - Obtain any copies of their publication, "On Target"
 - Ask for FBI files on same.
 - Oswald wrote about Minutemen on boat coming home from Russia.

- Videos at Tinker AFB
 - Obtain videos that the govt. collected at Dallas.

- INS: NY Dock
 - Obtain Wiedersham's report re: who met the Oswalds at the dock in NY.
 - Also request passenger lists.

- Sylvia Duran
 - Interview Sylvia Duran

- Find out which of the three transcripts of her interrogation is true. Ask her about it.