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Don Carlton -- a friend of mine -- he was helping me with it. He was going to be my forger. (laugh) This was what we submitted to the book editors, but they didn't put it in the book.

illustrator is the illustrator for Doonesbury

3:20 Exhibit 65 -- the envelope for the re-created note

3:53 Exhibit 66 -- description -- the re-created note in Don Carlton's handwriting

4:28 Exhibit 67 -- the re-created note in Hosty's handwriting
Don Carlton tried to recreate the handwriting of Oswald from the WC.

Publisher of Hosty book not interested in having these in the book.

6:15 re: exhibit 67

clarification of "before" and "after" in the document

7:02 Hosty explains that his best recollection of the note is that it had 3 paragraphs. Exhibit 67, paragraph 1, was the first paragraph in the original note. Exhibit 66, paragraph, was the second paragraph in the original note. Exhibit 67, paragraph 2, was the third paragraph in the original note.

The note made reference to Hosty having visited the residence.

9:00 His best recollection is that the note said "Agent Hasty" on the envelope.

9:50 Didn't put things in or take things out to make it look better -- the recreation is Hosty's best recollection.

Hosty perceived the note to be a threat to take some sort of legal action or some sort of protest

Believes that Oswald thought that the note indicates that he thought that Hosty couldn't talk to Marina because she was an alien.

11:43 At any time after 11/5 and before 11/22, did you take any further action on the Oswald cases?
no -- waiting for N.O. to come back with the information. Didn't know whether they had interviewed Marina yet. Was going to go out & interview Marina as soon as he rec'd stuff from N.O. Specifically -- he thought that N.O. may have already interviewed Marina & was waiting to find out whether they had. He was frozen on Lee, so the next logical step was to interview Marina. Haste makes waste in these cases.

13:13 **Exhibit 39**

rec'd from N.O. in 11/63.

"RUC" means "referred upon completion" -- so that Dallas is now the office of origin & that N.O. is through with the case. In other words, once Dallas rec'd this -- Dallas would have known that it had all the information it was going to get on Marina, but not on Lee.

15:04 off the record for a minute

15:11 still on exhibit 39 --

could have proceeded with the Oswald cases once he rec'd exhibit 39 -- had all the information he needed to continue. As of approx. 11/18, he could have proceeded to interview Marina. That would have been his next step.

No reason to believe that Oswald would have any relevance to JFK's upcoming visit.

FBI found out by newspaper that JFK was coming to Dallas. Believes they didn't find out about the visit until 11/18 or so.

16:40 **Exhibit 60**

rec'd on morning of the assassination in his mail slot heading out of the office to go with Coyle of Army Intel. & to see Ellsworth of ATF on another matter. Looked at it & thought they didn't send anything more. Put it back in mail slot & figured he would pick it up later.

18:05 **Exhibit 48**

other communication that "disappeared" -- WMFO airtel to FBI cc: NO & DL. Discussion of block stamp in the corner of document. once Oswald was a suspect for JFK shooting, they (he & Howe) went looking for the Oswald file & it was missing -- Supervisor Joe Loeffler was helping them look -- found it in chief clerk's office. They had just gotten it to serialize. Howe had gotten it first & put Hosty's name on it & sent it to Chief Clerk's office. Chief Clerk had just serialized it & was about to route it to Hosty. It was paper clipped to the top of the file. Looked at it & saw "this deal here" -- obviously looked to him like a mail opening operation.

20:30 This was what they called "Z-coverage." Then they started quoting from what was in there so knew it was mail opening. Reads over content.

21:00 Officially, Hosty never rec'd this document. See how Hosty's name crossed out. But Hosty did see it on the 22nd.

2:15-2:30 p.m. rushed the file into Shanklin after Oswald was in custody -- Shanklin was on the phone. Once he got off the phone, Hosty handed him the file.

Dallas office was not actually sent the enclosure -- the letter itself (later made available from the Soviet Union) was open to the public later. Warren Commission Exhibit 15.

23:28 **Exhibit 40**

Recognizes it as a copy of WCE 15.

looks at 4th paragraph on 1st page.

How did Oswald learn that the Cuban counsel had been replaced since he dealt with them in Mexico City?

Hosty believes that Oswald learned about it while he was in Mexico City. Perhaps the KGB agents who were dealing with in Mexico City may have told him. Or perhaps Sylvia Duran from the Cuban embassy could have told him.

Letter says that the FBI visited them on 11/1. Did visit Paine house, but no contact with Oswald at all on Nov. 1. Says Marina Oswald & Ruth Paine back up his story.

When he met Oswald on 11/22 in Fritz's office, Oswald said, "oh, so you're Hosty" -- as if he recognized the name but not the face.

Paragraph by paragraph analysis of the letter.

Discussion of the word "protect." Explains that he told Ruth Paine/Marina that Marina had every right to be in the U.S. & that the FBI was interested in protecting her, not harassing her.

Marina entered the country as a permanent resident alien. Not deportable unless she committed a crime. Also the mother of 2 American citizens so about no chance that she would actually be deported.

32:22 Do you have any reason to believe that before the assassination, anyone in the DL office, may have communicated by telephone with anyone outside the Dallas office about Lee or Marina OSwald. Does not believe that Howe talked to FBI or NO. No one else would have even known of the case, including Shanklin, even though he was the agent in charge. Shanklin would have had no clue they even had the case.

Howe & Hosty only ones who knew about it. Hosty might have talked to Harlan Brown or Wally Heitman. Doesn't remember. Wouldn't have discussed with anyone not on their squad -- not even the guys he carpooled with. Didn't talk to them about I-S cases.

34:06 Not aware of any instance when someone other than Lee Oswald represented himself as Lee Oswald. Strictly assassination-buff stuff. Adds for the record that the KGB agents said on television that it was Oswald that they met with in Mexico City. Positively identified his photograph.

Believes that there has been a concerted effort by the American left & others that Oswald didn't do it. A disinformation program.

35:49 Not aware of any pre-assassination files maintained by an FBI office maintained as Harvey Lee Oswald. Later, after the assassination, they learned of his aliases. Oswald signed his letters as "Lee" not as "Lee Harvey" except on his passport & tourist visa. Normally, he signed just his first name.

FBI always tries to show the full middle name so as to avoid confusion.

37:00 Not aware of files maintained by any other Govt. agency under the name Harvey Lee Oswald. Not aware of any intel. or counterintel operation by our Govt. *or any other Govt.* in which the name "Harvey Lee Oswald" was used. CIA did make an error of "Lee Henry" but believes this was just a mistake.

37:58 pre-assassination, Lee and Marina not targeted for any phone tap or wire tap. Believes that if the FBI had had all of the information, including Lee's meeting with Kostikov in Mexico City, they would have stepped up to some sort of surveillance. It would have to be a major case to get a tap.

After the assassination, Marina was targeted with taps.

39:56 Mail cover & mail opening --
mail cover --

used to be quite easy to obtain. McCarthy blew the technique on Public TV. Tolson then issued the order that you couldn't get a mail cover with his permission. Then very difficult to get it. All you do is get return addresses & postmarks. Don't open it.

mail opening --

open, copy, put back in envelope & send it on.

No mail cover on the Oswalds before the assassination.

Lee Oswald's mail to the Soviet embassy or FPCC in NY was obviously opened, since we have it. Does not believe that the mail opening program targeted the Oswalds, but rather the Soviet Embassy or the FPCC in NY were the targets.

43:15 Immediately before the assassination -- his book describes the FBI passing on information to the SS. Took 4 items of information to the SS.

43:50 (1) somebody picked up information that a Klan leader in the DL area had made a stmt about Pres. Kennedy, like, "when he comes to town -- we're going to have a 'little reception' for him." Sounded ominous. They came to Hosty & he fixed up a sheet of paper with background on the person & a photograph & so forth & gave it to Vince Drain to take the SS & the DPD & gave it to them, probably on Wednesday the 20th. **Does not remember the name of the Klansman. Filed under the name of the Klansman. Already had a file on him -- a racial matters file "157."**

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- 00:07 after the assassination, recalls the preparation of a letter to HQ about the 4 items of information they passed on to the SS. A letter from SAC, DL, to FBI, HQ. **probably under "assassination of Pres. Kennedy." file. Letter sent w/in a week of the assassination.**
- 01:02 had 3 files -- assassination, oswald, & ruby
- 01:25 (2) right wing group
- 01:48 (3) leaflet found in the streets -- "wanted for treason" morning of the assassination -- took it up & hand delivered to SS Hosty found one and Nat Pinkston found one & Hosty took both to SS didn't write an accompanying letter b/c so close to the time Kennedy would arrive Hosty gave it to Mike Howard, SS agent the flyers were the only thing he took over that morning **had instructions to get everything to the SS immediately**
the only record that Hosty would have made about taking the flyers over the SS would have been the letter that went to FBI, HQ after the assassination
may have created a memo to the file indicating that he took it to SS, but doesn't really remember it. If he did create such a memo, it probably ended up in the assassination file after the assassination.
- 04:40 (4) Harlan Brown came up with it. There was to be a demonstration at the trade mart by the indignant white citizens' council. There was a demonstration. Brown told the SS & the DPD had the information. Soon after the Pres. was killed, the DPD arrested all the demonstrators (15) b/c they thought they were decoys. They were in jail for several days -- the DPD basically forgot about them.
- Indignant White Citizens' Council -- an ad hoc group that got together in response to Kennedy's visit. Hosty had not heard of them before. Might be the same "little reception" that the Klansman referred to.
- 07:18 Events in the Oswald case that predated Hosty's involvement in the case. Is aware that Agent Fain took certain steps to investigate the Oswald case in 1959 or 1960. Knew of the Oswald case from the paper -- knew that John Fain had worked on it. Thought it was interesting. FBI HQ might have instructed Fain to follow up **Funds channeled to the Soviet Union.**
- 09:09 **Exhibit 1**
Probably first saw this report in March of 1963 when he took over the case. Though may not have seen it. Does not recall specifically reviewing a file on funds transmitted to residents of russia. (105-976 in the Dallas office)
- 11:40 NY was the office of origin for the case funds transmitted to Russia because ... **(REFERRED TO FBI)** Funds transfers -- many receivers were legitimate receivers of money. Believes that NY would have learned from the indices that Oswald was a defector and so would have passed it on to Dallas office.
- 13:37 **Exhibit 2**
Does not recognize the document written by Fain. Document has the wrong caption. Never spoke with Fain about the steps he took on the Oswald case in 2/61 (checked with informants to determine whether OSwald in Communist party, etc. . .) Hosty never heard that Fain had intelligence that Oswald was planning to come back to the U.S. & was taking steps on the case in order to be prepared for his return or anything. Did not discuss these pre-Oswald's-return-to-U.S. actions on Fain's part. Fain was in Fort Worth & Hosty did not have

all that much contact.

(P.S. mentions Exhibit 3 at 16:04, but then never does anything with it.)

17:00 **Exhibit 4**

Has not seen the document before. Might have seen it in Oswald's file, but doesn't specifically recall. Discussion about last two paragraphs of document & handwriting on the bottom -- "John -- stay on top of this -- H." Hosty says Oswald is on the way back & they know it. Not present at any interview the FBI had with Oswald in 1962. Believes there were 2 interviews with Oswald -- one in June -- when Oswald came unannounced into the Fort Worth Resident Office. Fain had contacted his brother & told him to let him know when Oswald returns. Oswald came in to the office & had an interview with Tom Carter & Fain. Fain wanted to have a low-key interview with Oswald NOT in the office, but Oswald came to the FBI office instead. (Hosty didn't know about this until after the assassination -- from Tom Carter -- that the interview got out of hand -- a shouting contest & they had to break it off.) **Tom Carter a senior resident agent in Fort Worth. Never really worked on security cases.**

21:38 **Exhibit 5**

Fain's testimony before the WC.

p. 415, about 4/5 of the way down the page. Stern asks Fain what he did when he learned Oswald had arrived. Fain told "her" he would like to talk to Oswald & made arrangements for Oswald to come by the office. Then asked Carter to assist. June 26, 1962 Oswald came into the office & they interviewed him as scheduled. Hosty is inclined to believe Fain's account to the WC, rather than his recollection of what Carter told him about the interview.

Discussion of why Fain closed the case. Hosty didn't close it. Would not have closed it if he had been involved. Fain, Howe, and Gheesling. Fain is the only one who is still alive. Hosty reopened it because he was not satisfied. Only reason he can think of is that Fain was retiring & was ready to get rid of it -- should have passed it on to Hosty. If Hosty had rec'd it in a pending status, doesn't know what he would have done. Probably not re-interviewed him b/c that was not working. Perhaps tried to develop some sources around him in the Russian community around him, or co-workers, neighbors, whatever. Never heard any rumors that Fain closed the case as a result of a communication from another Govt. agency or from FBI HQ. Thinks that would have been reflected in the file, even if it was from a phone call.

31:05 Has never heard any discussion that the case (100-10461) may have been closed because an informant file or another file on him was being opened. Reopened the subject file on him & they didn't tell him not to reopen it. Wouldn't have let him reopen it if there had been an informant file. Wouldn't let him open a subject file on his wife if there was an informant file on him.

32:45 If there is a subject (security) file on a person & they develop that person into an informant file, they close the entire subject file & fold it into the informant file & lock the subject file in the safe -- same security on the subject file that was attached to the informant file.

end of day on Tues 33:53.

34:00 9:28 a.m. on the morning of Wed., Nov. 20.

Familiar with the Russian speaking community in Dallas. Had heard of the deMohrenschildts. Ed Kuykendahl did an extensive investigation on deMohrenschildt about a year before the assassination -- following up on an allegation that he was pro-Soviet. File -- George deMohrenschildt. Earlier investigation in the 1940s following up allegation that he was pro-Nazi.

Had heard of the Fords as members of the Russian speaking community. They came into the FBI office on Sunday, Nov. 24. Hosty was interviewing them in detail when they learned that Ruby shot Oswald. This was the first time Hosty had actually met them. Did not know whether they had been targets of investigation prior to the assassination.

37:05 Ed Coyle of army Intelligence/Frank Ellsworth from ATF meeting on 11/22 a.m. Took place in ATF office. Started about 9:30 -- ended about 11:30. Ellsworth wanted to talk to someone from FBI about right wing activities. Called on the morning of the assassination. Hosty recalls that Shanklin had a meeting for all agents then Ed Coyle picked up Hosty & they walked down to Ellsworth's office. Coyle present b/c the meeting involved theft of Army ordnance at Fort Hood Texas. Principal suspect was an army officer. They all thought that Walker's group might have been ultimately acquiring all of this stuff. Can't recall the officer's name.

This meeting was the first time he had heard of this investigation of thefts from Fort Hood. Turns out that Abernathy, a criminal agent in the FBI office, had been working the case, but Ellsworth didn't know it so he didn't ask for the right person.

Coyle involved b/c army stuff. Ellsworth involved b/c illegal use of firearms. Needed to figure out jurisdiction. Ellsworth heard that the FBI was getting involved, so he wanted to sort out the jurisdiction & asked to speak to someone knowledgeable about right wing groups.

46:13 tape cuts off.

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01:05 Ellsworth/Coyle meeting. Notes? Did write a memo/report on the meeting. **maybe a week or so later, he dictated a lengthy communication. Knows it is available. Recently talked to the Dallas office to verify it was available. Maybe 1-2 pages long.** Does not know what file it would have gone into. Maybe under the name of the army guy who was the suspect. Maybe under Masen's name. Masen was discussed at the meeting as the person who would be receiving the arms from the army guy who was stealing them.

Figured the arms were going to right wing groups. Really, Abernathy was probably investigating it from a theft of Govt. property angle.

Hosty really doesn't know anything about it. Later (like, recently) learned that the army might have turned the major around to be an informant.

9:33 Joe Abernathy is still available down in Dallas -- if we want his address, Hosty will give it to us. Abernathy was also there when Hosty interviewed Ruth Paine the day after the assassination.

9:57 general discussion of gun running activities & what Hosty might have known about it. **theft of govt. property is the file where this Nonte investigation is likely to be.** Wally Heitman took over all the Cuban stuff because he spoke Spanish.

13:07 back to a discussion of the Coyle/Ellsworth meeting again.

13:39 11/21 meeting with Coyle -- was with Coyle on something, but he doesn't recall whether it was on this particular case. They went out to the state fairgrounds. Met with Lt. Jack Revill. Definitely the day before. At Revill's office. **Detective Preston Parks & one of their secretaries were sitting nearby/within earshot.** Doesn't recall taking any notes. If he did, he doesn't have them anymore. May have been about something else.

Talked about Pres. Kennedy. Coyle complained that the Army & the FBI were not helping the Secret Service in protecting the president. DPD & TX Rangers were helping the SS. Revill was a typical Dallas right wing guy. Thought JFK was at least a Communist sympathizer or dupe. Revill said that he'd rather take sick leave than guard that SOB Kennedy. Hosty liked Kennedy and they got into a screaming match.

18:25 Coyle transferred to Korea. Discussion of why he went to Korea -- rotated back overseas ahead of schedule. Army didn't want Coyle to have to testify about what he had

20:24 If FBI wanted to get in touch with a security informant, might call informant, informant could call FBI & use his or her code name and say "meet you at the usual place". Depended on how the informant wanted to be contacted. Not consistent with standard practice to leave notes at security informant's residence saying please get in touch with me.

22:00 Memo that Hosty prepared at Shanklin's direction talking about the Oswald note and the circumstances surrounding it. Came back from police station after supper on 11/22 & that is when Hoew & Shanklin confronted Hosty with the note. Explained what happened. didn't think it was that big of a deal. They thought Hoover wouldn't be able to tolerate it. Howe found the note in file drawer when he went to purloin the Kostikov communication & then found the note. Shanklin asked Hosty to write a memo explaining all the circumstances surrounding the note. Dictated to Martha Connolly (now dead) a 2-3 page memo explaining all the details.

The memo explained Hosty's history with Oswald. How his name & license number would have been in the address book. How he rec'd the note. What he thought about it.

25:45 Nothing in memo about Lee being a source of information. Marina not a source of information. Marina was a subject. Hardly to the point where either one would be considered anything but

subjects.

- 27:00 back to memorandum.
gave memo (2 copies) and the note to Shanklin
he reviewed the memo & then said "allright" and then stuck it in his drawer -- on the lower right hand side of his desk. **had manila folders on each agent -- laughingly called this the "do not file" file.** That was it.
- 28:10 back to memorandum
standard office format. regular memo form -- to SAC, DL, from SA Hosty. Subject heading -- Lee Harvey Oswald, IS-R-Cuba. 100-10461 gave shanklin both copies & note. what was normal office procedure for that kind of inter-office memorandum
if SAC woul have wanted to enter it into the record, he would have givn to chief clerk for serializing.
- 29:45 Dick Rogge told Hosty that Shanklin had a reputation that, if things got sticky, he would hold onto documents without serializing them and wait to see what happened. If things blew over, he would just destroy documents. Hosty was not really aware of this characteristic of Shanklin's. Shanklin was relatively new in the DL office. Had come in in the summer of 1963 from Honolulu. Hosty didn't know him that well.
- 31:39 after submitted memo to Shanklin, afternoon of the 24th when he was talking to the Fords -- heard Oswald had been killed. As of morning of 24th, all agents were advised that they had rec'd a threatening call had come through against OSwald. Shanklin called the DPD with all FBI agents there to warn them. Then told the agents not to go anywhere near the DPD. later that day, on the 24th -- the office was fairly empty. bulk of admin. staff off b/c it was a Sunday. Hosty in office in case bureau called. Howe came to him around 6:00 p.m. -- Shanklin wants to talk to you in his ofice right now. Both walked to Shanklin's office. Howe waited in the door. Hosty walked into the office. Shanklin reached into file drawer & pulled out memo & note & said "here -- I don't ever want to see this again. He is dead now. There is never going to be a trial." Hosty started to tear it up & Howe said "no no -- I don't ever want to see it again." Hosty tore it up & flushed it down the toilet. Shanklin assured him it was legal because Oswald was dead then. At that time, LBJ insisted that he was not going to have any hearings under any circumstances. Howe has backed up this story. Shanklin's demeanor during the exchange -- calm & determined.
- 37:08 Shanklin ordered Hosty to destroy other documents. When Hosty went to Paine's house on 11/23, they picked up a rough draft of the letter OSwald wrote to the USSR embassy (CE 103) **Exhibit 55 (37:47).** Hosty initials on it where he took it into evidence & dated it. Written on both sides. On lower right hand corner on back side of second page -- his initials JPH & date. Shanklin ordered Hosty to destroy Exhibit 55. On Tues. or Wed. after the assassination, JPH about to dictate his interview notes from his interview with Ruth Paine. Went to talk to Shanklin to determine how to refer to the Oswald.draft letter. Shanklin then screamed at Hosty & said "I told you to get rid of that. What is the matter with you? I told you to get rid of it." Odum standing just outside the office. Shanklin's secretary may also have heard Shanklin yell at Hosty. Odum told Hosty that Shanklin had ordered Odum to destroy a copy of the same letter. (Ruth Paine had rewritten the draft letter & Odum had that copy) Odum told Hosty that they shouldn't destroy the rough drafts b/c he thought that LBJ might have a hearing, anyway. So, he and Hosty decided to save the two rough drafts that they had.
- Doesn't know whether Shanklin was just confused, thinking it was the original, complaining, note or whether he actually wanted to get rid of the rough draft letter b/c he thought Hoover would freak out about that too.
- 44:29 Shanklin says he can't remember having ever seen the note of complaint. "If the note was what Howe & Hosty say it was -- he said he might not have remembered it.

45:10 what the note said & what the memo explaining it said was pretty innocuous. Memo would have explained that it was not a big deal. Believes that Shanklin thought that Hoover would have been angry b/c they embarrassed the bureau. Embarrassing b/c they had an active investigation on the person who ended up killing the President.

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- 00:07 in an effort to avoid embarrassment to the Bureau, several serials disappeared from his workbox & didn't reappear until he testified before the WC, answers to Inspector Gale's questions were changed, the change in the picture of the Walker house. Better to just tell the truth.
- 03:45 November 16, 1963 -- does not believe he was working (a Saturday) believes he was off.
Exhibit 58 (04:49) Excerpt from the Dallas Morning News from 11/24/63 saying FBI interviewed Oswald on 11/16. Would have signed in if he was working. Would have wanted to keep track of his overtime. **time/attendance logs may reflect whether he was there/working. Called a #1 Register (on duty). #3 card (3x5) that shows what file you are working on and where you are located.**
16th is the weekend that he was not at the Paine residence.
- 09:07 Carver Gayton allegations. Doesn't really know Gayton. He was aloof, much younger than Hosty. Standoffish toward Hosty. Came into the K.C. office under a cloud. Some agents were very good to him -- others tried to stay away from him.
At a motel having their morning coffee before they headed out on their assignments at one end of a long table with Joe Casiah, Tom Treddis. Gayton sitting at other end of table with other agents. Hosty's back was to Gayton. Gayton maybe 10-12 feet away. Conversation about Ruby being an informant. Treddis and Casiah backed up Hosty's version of the story (end)(12:45)
- 12:30 **Exhibit 47**
Gayton's statement talks about Oswald as a PSI. No file on Oswald as a PSI. Never considered Oswald as a PSI. No other agent ever opened a PSI file on Oswald. Did not know where Oswald's residence was to leave a note. Did not ever leave a note for Oswald at the Paine residence. New Orleans office -- DeBrueys & Quigley -- talked to them. DeBrueys and Hosty did not discuss whether Oswald an informant. It was too ridiculous to bring it up, even in light of media reports that he had been an informant. Quigley and Hosty did talk about whether Oswald was an informant -- they talked about how ridiculous & stupid it was. Never talked to or met Kaack.
- 19:54 Responsibilities of the Secret Service to investigate the assassination immediately after the assassination. Immediately assumed that they had full jurisdiction to investigate the assassination, as it was a Federal crime. Believed SS had EXCLUSIVE jurisdiction. FBI was being told by LBJ & AG to find out what was going on -- they helped even though they didn't have jurisdiction. Everyone was helping & offering full cooperation.
More discussion of who had jurisdiction over the investigations.
District Attorney Henry Wade closed the DPD case on Oswald when he died. Night of the 24th, LBJ ordered the FBI to take over the investigation & report back to LBJ. SS was only to safeguard the witnesses -- the Oswald family taken into protective custody. SS had no investigative responsibility.
SS did, in fact, engage in investigative activity. Never Interviewing witnesses at Parkland -- doctors who treated the Pres.
- 27:31 Eldon Rudd arrived 2-3 a.m. of Nov. 23rd to the Naval Air Station. Heitman had been an Asst Legat in Mexico City. Knew Rudd b/c knew each other on sight. In Nov 63, Rudd was an Asst Legat. Flew up to Dallas in a two seat Navy jet. Bringing something up to Dallas. doesn't know what it is. Does know he brought up a photo. of an unknown white male, taken outside the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City fall 1963. Asked Hosty to look at the photograph that Rudd allegedly brought up from Mexico City. Hosty had never seen that picture before. Photo. showed the Soviet embassy door in the background. Odum was going to take it & show it to Marina. Hosty suggested that they snip the edges so they wouldn't show Marina the operation in Mexico City.
In another case, he had recd a similar photograph in another matter in front of the Mexico City embassy.

What else did Rudd bring? Heard talk around the office that Rudd brought a 10 page radiogram or teletype, encoded, had been sent to the Bureau from Dallas describing what Rudd had brought with him. Brought a package of something, including the pictures. Speculation: translation or audiotape of Oswald's conversations with the embassies. Speculation based on the fact that this would be a logical thing for him to bring up, given that we know that such transcripts were made.

34:14 Fletcher Thompson came down on night of the 24th -- early a.m. on 25th. Inspector Malley accompanied by Dick Rogge and Fletcher Thompson from Washington to Dallas. The next morning, Hosty met Malley and Rogge. Heard there was a 3d person who turned right around & went back, taking something with him -- Fletcher Thompson. Does not know what Thompson took with him. Thinks it was important & that it was what Rudd had brought up. Rudd also took material from Dallas & took it back to Mexico City. Among other things, Rudd took mug shots of Oswald from New Orleans for the CIA and later FBI agents to use in their investigation. Does not know what else he brought back to Mexico City.

37:15 **Exhibit 61**

A memo from Belmont to Tolson dated 11/23. Has not seen document before. discussion of section that says FBI agents "listened to tape of conversation of Oswald in Mexico." Hosty never met Rudd. Hosty did see the photograph. Hosty would have been one of the agents who would have listened to the audiotapes had they been there. Bookhout & Clements would have been the other two who might have listened to a tape. Bookhout still alive. Clements dead. Quite certain he never listened to a tape. Later, they (HQ) corrected it & said photo only. Belmont apparently got it wrong. Never heard of anyone else in the Dallas office hearing audiotapes in person or over the phone. no phone contact with the Mexi. Legat. Contact b/t legal attache and field office should go through HQ. "Genie is out of the bottle" Once a false stmnt gets out, it is difficult to refute it.

43:00 **Exhibit 62**

Has not seen this document before. page 4(bottom)-continues 5. Another document referring to a recording of Oswald's voice. Believes this LHM was based on the memo from Exhibit 61. Would have had to have been one of the three to listen and never heard a tape. Only saw a photo. Knows that Slawson says he has heard a tape -- that representatives from the CIA played a tape for him.

45:52 tape ends.

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01:36 Coleman