

FBI Leads

S. Meagher, Accessories After the Fact, p. 148, n.32: Hoover issued statement to press on 11/26/66 re: "differences" in autopsy report and FBI reports.

According to DPD Lt. Day's testimony before the WC, FBI SA Bardwell Odum radioed in a description of the rifle to the FBI as they drove from the TSBD to the police dept. on afternoon of 11/22/63. Is there a radio log or any other form of documentation of this call?

WMFO's file on Lee Oswald -- 105-37111.

San Antonio file on Lee Oswald -- 105-2909.

Dallas file on Michael Paine (?) -- 105-1717.

Alex Rosen was Assistant Director in charge of the General Investigative Division during assassination investigation. He testified before Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on 4/30/76.

Courtney Evans, who at relevant time was Assistant Director in charge of Special Investigations Division (i.e., organized crime) was interviewed by HSCA on 8/24/78; he was deposed by HSCA on 9/6/78.

HQ file 26-93322 -- "hit" on "Lee Oswald" name on HQ file search, 10/31/59.

Oswald's "Funds Transmitted to Russia" case, NYC number

105-6103-994(?), Dallas number 105-976, HQ number 100-353496-741.

SA Fain (Fort Worth) got photo of Oswald from his Marguerite on 4/28/60. See FBI memo, 4/28/61. He later writes that a photo of Oswald has been put in Dallas file. 7/13/61 Report at 5.

SAC NYC sent Oswald's change-of-address card for The Worker to SA NO as enclosure to 7/17/63 memo.

As enclosure to 7/5/63 memo, NY sent to NO a photograph of Oswald's letter to The Worker dated 6/10/63. HWR on No file copy: "sent to lab 11/22[?]/63."

"Record" (transcript or recording?) of Oswald's appearance on "Conversation Carte Blanche" radio program obtained by SA Kaack, NO on 8/22/63; became non-recorded serial 1B1 in front of NO file 100-16601, where there is HWR note "Sent to Bureau 2/3/64."

Kaack acquires tape of Oswald's interview with Bill Stuckey from Ed Butler, Information Council of the Americas. Apparently has it transcribed and returns it to Butler on 8/30/63.

HQ file on FPCC: 97-4196-33.

10/19/63 HQ file check on Oswald yields several "hits": 105-124685; 105-82555; 65-28939-2546; 100-353496-715; 97-4196-33-10; 105-82754-A (NY Herald Tribune 9-19-60).

By letter dated 11/19/63, New Orleans sent Dallas photo of Oswald, "New

Orleans Police Department # 122 723."

HQ file 105-81258 (or -81158?) appears to be for Robert Edward Webster -- original of communication re: Webster and Oswald filed there.

Marina's HQ file: 105-126032; her Dallas file: 105-1435; her NO file: 100-16926.

On defectors to the Soviet Union generally, or on one of five defectors addressed in 5/17/62 letter from State to FBI: HQ 100-362116-423.

HQ or NY file on Oswald or related subject -- 105-38431 (from newspaper clipping on Oswald's return from Soviet Union in HQ Oswald file).

NO FPCC file: 97-74. NYC FPCC file: 97-2202. HQ FPCC file: 97-4196-33 [is -33 for FPCC activities in New Orleans?]

NO file on Carlos Bringuier: 100-16739 [-16734?]. Per HWR notes on New Orleans copy of memo to file from SA Callender dated 8/9/63.

Legat Mexico files on Kostikov: 65-505-14 I; 100-334-4128 I. Per HWR notes on Legat Mexico copy of October 16, 1963 memo for the ambassador from Win Scott (first serial in Mexico file on Oswald: 105-3702.

105-104340-3: LHM and interview dated 10/30/61 re: David Ferrie (from RIF) -- is this the HQ file on Ferrie? (Serial 1, dated 9/22/61, is also on Ferrie.)

From J. Edgar Hoover's WC testimony:

-- National Enquirer ran article claiming DOJ wrote letter to Dallas Police Dept. in Sept. 1963 forestalling arrest of Oswald and Ruby. FBI interviewed Dallas police chief Curry about existence of such a letter; reviewed their own files for such a letter; and AG Katzenbach advised FBI that there was no such letter. (pp. 99-100). FBI sent a letter to WC denying these claims. (p. 100).

-- Hoover sent memo to Secret Service and to LBJ re: "certain security steps that might be taken and tightened up." (p. 102) It was dated December 2, 1963. (p. 116).

-- On informants: "Now, no one can work for the FBI without the approval being given at Washington, and a record kept of it, even of the confidential informants. That is very tightly controlled. We have no so-called lump sum that we can use to hire people. So there has to be a voucher and specific details of payment." (p. 106) "I have the entire control of whether a man shall be an informant or shall not be an informant. That comes under my chain of command from the local office which has the matter at hand. They can't just put on an informant without our approval. The recommendation on security informants comes to the Bureau; it goes through the Assistant Director of the Domestic Intelligence Division, and, in significant cases, goes to Mr. Belmont, and then to my desk for my specific approval. So I, or my seat-of-government staff, have to approve every one of those who are used as informants in all classes of cases, not only in intelligence cases but in white-slave cases, automobile thefts, and all of these cases." (p. 108).

-- On FBI structure: "we have two assistants to the Director, one in

charge of administrative work and the other in charge of investigative work [Belmont]." (p. 108).

-- On liaison: "what we have done in government agencies is to have a liaison agent in our Bureau assigned to contact CIA, the Pentagon, State Department, and various other agencies to cut out the red tape of writing letters back and forth." (p. 109)

From Alan Belmont's WC testimony:

-- Belmont became assistant director in charge of the domestic intelligence division in February 1950. Was promoted to assistant to the director in charge of investigative work in June 1961, held that position as of May 1964. Clyde Tolson was Associate Director (second-in-command).

There were ten divisions, falling into two categories, administrative and investigative. Belmont was "in charge of the investigative divisions which are comprised of the general investigative divisions handling general criminal work, the special investigative division handling special inquiries of applicant nature, and our aggressive approach to organized crime. The laboratory division handles all examinations of a scientific nature, and the domestic intelligence division handles all types of security work. I am in charge of those four divisions, and thus am in charge and responsible for our investigative work." (p. 2).

-- On Fain's closing of Oswald's case: Fain "closed the case after two interviews with Oswald, arriving at the conclusion that the purpose of our investigation of Oswald which was to determine whether he had been given an assignment by Soviet intelligence, had been served. He closed the case, as he felt there was no further action to be taken. The purpose had been satisfied. Headquarters agreed." (p. 5)

-- On the reopening of the case: "In March 1963 Agent Hosty received information in Dallas to the effect that Oswald had been in communication with *The Worker*, the east coast Communist newspaper. He therefore reinstated the case, and sent out a lead to check Oswald's employment. He also received information, as I recall it, that Oswald had been in communication with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, so there were two incidents that aroused his interest." (p. 6).

-- meaning of a "flash" notice on identification records: "We merely notify our identification division to place what we call a flash notice in the man's fingerprint file, which means that should he be arrested and the fingerprints be sent to the FBI, that the appropriate division, in [Oswald's] case the domestic intelligence division, would be notified that the man had been arrested, for what and where he was arrested, thus enabling us to center our attention on him." (p. 7).

-- on the definition of "informant": "This would not, of course, include the cooperative citizen to whom we go, and who frequently and frankly discloses any information in his possession, but rather someone who joins an organization or seeks out information at the direction and instance of the FBI relative to subversive or criminal matters. In other words, I want to make it clear we do not regard patriotic citizens as informants." (pp. 14-15).

-- on reporting to the Secret Service: "information which we send to Secret Service in the field is placed in a control file, a separate file in the field, and is subject, under instructions, to inspection by our inspectors as they visit our field offices to insure that this requirement is being carried out properly." (p. 23).

-- on shooting at General Walker: FBI had nothing to do with this investigation until after JFK's assassination. (p. 27).

FBI (presumably HQ) file on Joseph Milteer: 105-3193.

From HSCA indices ("SA" includes former SA):

3/12/78 interview with SA Quigley is JFK Document 009914.

3/23/78 deposition of William Walter is JFK Document 006847.

6/25/78 interview with SA Fain is JFK Document 009973.

12/6/78 interview with SA Carter is JFK Document 013542.

12/20/78 interview with SA Brown is JFK Document 013922.

12/7/78 interview with SA Kaack is JFK Document 013674.

6/23/78 deposition of Orest Pena is JFK Document 010136.

5/31/78 executive session testimony of SA deBrueys is JFK classified document 014716. (He also testified before Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.)

3/5/78 interview with Harry Maynor, SAC NO in 1963, is JFK Document 006901.

6/26/78 interview with Shanklin is JFK document 009746.

Outside contact reports with Hosty: JFK document O15035; 006291.

"FBI retrieval, preliminary draft of affidavits" that Oswald was not an informer is JFK document O11943.

"Executive session testimony of a special agent of the FBI," 11/9/77 is JFK classified document O14666. This SA was involved in transcription of Oswald's address book omitting reference to SA Hosty.

"Executive session testimony of a [second] special agent of the FBI," 11/10/77, is JFK classified document O14637. This SA was also involved in transcription of address book. FBI follow-up on this issue: JFK Document O10154.

Hosty was deposed by HSCA on 8/25/78: what is doc number?

6/6/78 deposition of Adrian Alba (Crescent City Garage) is JFK document number 009964. 2/14/78 interview with Alba is JFK document number 0006961.

HSCA Report, 193, n.9 says DeBrueys at FBI HQ prepared written synopsis of his testimony before Senate Select Committee on Intelligence for submission to US Attorney General -- sounds like general practice for SAs testifying before Congress -- "pursuant to regulations."

Alba WC testimony, X, p. 225: "Since the assassination the FBI and the secret service took the [gun and outdoors] magazines off, and I haven't received them since."

4/21/76 Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff interview with

William Sullivan.

5/2/76 House Government Information and Individual Rights
Subcommittee staff interview with William Sullivan.

FBI requested from CIA mail-opening program info. on citizens professing "pro-Communist sympathies" in 8/21/61 memo (attachment) from W.A. Branigan to W.C. Sullivan. Church Committee report, Book II, p. 59, footnote 219 and accompanying text. Ditto for "data re U.S. peace groups going to Russia" -- 2/15/62 memo from W.A. Branigan to W.C. Sullivan. Church Committee report, Book II, p. 59, footnote 220 and accompanying text.

FBI also received fruits of NSA mail-opening program. FBI's initial request to NSA, described in 5/18/62 memo from W.R. Wannall to W.C. Sullivan, included "commercial and personal communications between persons in Cuba and the United States." Church Committee report, Book II, p. 59, footnote 217 and accompanying text.

Attorney general RFK authorized wiretap coverage requested by Warren Commission, as reflected in 2/24/64 memo from Hoover to Kennedy. Church Committee report, Book II, p. 63, footnote 246 and accompanying text.

Memos dated 4/3/64 and 5/4/64 re: SA William Griffin's allegations that LHO was an FBI informant: referred to in HSCA doc # 6901, 3/5/78 interview with Maynor

Jessie Garner, LHO's landlady on Magazine Street, was visited by SA Kaack in 6/63. She called him about FPCC pamphlets on LHO's screen door later

-- not clear exactly when, around time he was on TV: Garner deposition 5/5/78, HSCA doc # 9392

DeBrueys 5/3/78 testimony (HSCA doc # 14716)

Pages 71-72: DeB went to Dallas 11/23 (not before), but did not participate in interrogating LHO. Page 10: Frank Bartes was considered a "source of information," (SOI) may have been PSI at one point.

Page 11-12: Bringuier was probably a SOI.

Page 14-15: DeBrueys participated in Lake Ponchartrain "raid".

Page 22: FBI agents weren't supposed to interview subjects of security investigations unless they had prior Bureau approval.

Page 25-26: DeBrueys not sure if Quiroga was a SOI.

Page 26: At end of DeB's FPCC investigation, he had concluded that Hidell must be fictitious.

Pages 29-30: DeB wrote a letter to FBI HQ asking for permission to testify before the Church Committee, before HQ or the Committee had contacted him

Page 34: Pena may have been recorded as a SOI, but DeB doesn't think so.

Page 43-44: DeB suggests Kaack was more active in LHO

investigation than DeB, but DeB would have contacted the Cuban sources.

Page 68: counsel refers to allegation from people at NOPD that Quigley only talked to LHO five minutes, and that Quigley first wrote a shorter report and later altered or expanded it -- DeB says he doesn't know anything about that.

FBI had wiretaps on Garrison's phone in 1967, according to Garrison and Walter, HSCA doc no. 5183.

2/27/78 Walter interview with HSCA -- 11/17/63 teletype was put in NO 62-0 file, and later moved.

About a week after the assassination, Walter saw a teletype from HQ ordering specific changes to FD-302 to make it consistent with other reports.

Non-FBI Leads

DOJ Leads

Page 87, DeBrueys HSCA testimony, 5/3/78, HSCA doc # 14716: DeB transferred from NO to HQ leaving 3/1/77: DeB later heard that Garrison had tried to subpoena him -- DOJ told him this: DeB never saw subpoena, did not comply.

Garrison letter: 11/8/77: HSCA doc no. 3287 -- Regis Kennedy

refused to testify on grounds of "executive privilege," on instructions of AG

-- US Atty. in Washington, DC refused to serve subpoenas on Helms and Dulles, sent them back to Garrison

Walter spoke with US Atty. in No and FBI about teletype in 1968.

2/27/78 Walter interview.

Report on Oswald that has been or is being prepared by a "Federal Invest. Agency"

[FBI? CIA? State? Military?] and is to be furnished to Commander, Marine Air Reserve Training Command, Glenview, Ill., according to 3/8/60 letter from Commandant, Marine Corps to Commander, Marine Air Reserve Training Command, Glenview, Ill.

On Pic: Report of Investigation District Office 46, [Directorate of Special Investigations?], USAF, dated 1/27/60, copy of which was sent to ONI.

On 11/23/63, Secret Service agent took possession of handwritten document (some in English, some in a foreign language, apparently Russian) that Oswald had in his wallet when he was arrested on 8/9/63 in New Orleans. Martello gave this to the agent after copying its contents in his own hand. On 11/29/63, Martello gave this copy to SA Quigley; it became WC exhibit 827. Quigley WC testimony, pp. 433, 439. Quigley says that when he interviewed Oswald on 8/10/63, he took none of Oswald's papers with him, although Martello and Oswald showed him

various papers at that time. *Id.*

James Golden, Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, DOJ, was asked by Blakey to make discreet inquiries regarding "Dealey Plaza" Secret Service Agents' present (that is, 1977) willingness to assist the HSCA, and general attitudes toward the assassination. See 10/19/77 letter from Blakey to Golden, copy in file 4.5.2.6 -- HSCA correspondence with Secret Service.

Secret Service got lead that "Hidell" ordered rifle from Klein's Sporting Goods from "the alcohol and tobacco people" -- presumably ATF.

Testimony of Inspector Kelley, Secret Service, to HSCA, III, p. 339.

Immediately after the assassination, Secret Service Chief Rowley requested INS "to close off the border between Texas and Mexico." Rowley testimony, HSCA, III, p. 359.

Treasury (probably ATF) agent named Ellsworth helped search 6th floor of TSBD. See "Ellsworth" entry in A-to-Z book.

CE 2003, p. 79, 12/3/63 statement of Detective Marvin A. Buhk, Dallas PD, describing response to Tippit shooting: "We next heard the [radio] call regarding the suspect being in the Branch Library on Jefferson. We converged on that location and there were Secret Service men and other patrol and CID officers present when all the people were ordered out of the building. One of the Secret Service men stated the person who came out of the basement with the others was not the suspect and that he had already talked to him a few minutes previously."

CE 2003, p. 94, 12/3/63 statement of Dallas PD Sergeant H.H. Stringer:

"a Radio Patrol officer, whose name I do not know, was questioning a young man in the 100 Block South Patton. The officer asked me what I thought about the boy. I was not of the opinion the boy he was questioning was the right one. As the report was broadcast about the suspect entering the theater, I asked the officer if he had this boy's name and address. When he said he did, I told the boy he could go. Then, I rode in the squad car with the officer to the rear of the Texas Theater . . . "

Possible additional information and request items: FBI

any NO source file: Hernandez (the younger -- may be related to Hernandez arrested with Bringuier and Oswald)

any NO source file: Quiroga

any NO source file: Bringuier and his other fellow arrestees

HQ and Dallas (if any) FPCC files (to what extent covered in HSCA materials?)

HQ, WFO, DL, NY funds transmitted to Russia files (to what extent covered in HSCA materials?)

Albany field office file on theft of JFK autopsy photographs: 52-3586