

DRAFT -- 12/26/96

Possible strikes from high priority list

(1) Organized Crime ELSUR references for the individuals listed below:

It appears that the HSCA staff "cherry-picked" the organized crime ELSUR material that it reviewed -- most, if not all, ELSUR references that contain threats or vitriolic references to JFK or RFK seem to have been reproduced in the HSCA volumes. Often what remains undisclosed from this material is peripherally related to the assassination. On the other hand, LuAnn Wilkins of the FBI's JFK Task Force has advised that the logs and transcripts from organized crime ELSUR during the relevant time period typically do not contain many postponement issues, and thus are relatively easy to process. Thus, the costs of keeping these subjects as "high priorities" should be relatively low.

The subjects listed below consist of ELSUR logs and transcripts that I would place in this category:

Alderisio, Phil

Braden, James

Butler, George

Dorfman, Allen

Fitzsimmons, Frank

Gambino, Carlo

(2) Other possible strikes

Carswell, Werbell, Conein: The Carswell and Werbell material is mostly from the 1970's and does not directly relate to assassination issues. I understand from Jeremy's review that the same is true of Conein.

Gruber, Alexander: Clearly, the HSCA was interested in Alexander Phillip Gruber, a friend of Jack Ruby who was born and raised in Chicago. See discussion beginning at IX HSCA 431. The documents that the FBI has for the subject "Gruber, Alexander" relate to an Austrian national of that name. Documents relating to the Austrian Gruber should not be a "high priority."

Halperin, Maurice H.: The materials I reviewed on this subject do not show or suggest a link with Oswald or any other assassination issues. The HSCA asked for information on Halperin as part of a list of twenty-odd defectors.

Roan, Helen Afance: The materials comprising this subject do not shed any further light on Ruby or other assassination issues.

Roberts, Earlene: The materials not already processed in the core files contain references to Roberts (Oswald's landlady) in contexts not related to the assassination.

"Tape Recordings": The recordings in question are from KBOX radio station's coverage of the motorcade. These materials are copies of records already processed in the core files.

"Town & Country Hotel," "Town & Country Restaurant," "Town & Country Motel/Town & Country Restaurant": These overlapping subjects consist of materials (a) relating to similarly-named businesses in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and Pecos, Texas, *not* to Marcello's establishment in Louisiana; or (b) relating to the Marcello establishment, *but already processed* in the New Orleans Ruby file.

Werbell, Mitchell: Nothing directly pertaining to assassination issues.