

MEMORANDUM

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To: John Mohr Subpoena File
FBI File (4.16.10)
Wrap-Up Memo File (4.50)

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Subject: Review of John Mohr Records

On August 13, 1997, we inspected materials produced by Dr. Richard Mohr and Joseph Henry Scott in response to the subpoenas that were served on them in their capacity as the co-executors of the estate of John Mohr, as well as in response to the subpoena served on Mrs Mohr. The records were inspected at the offices of Dr. Mohr in Herndon, Virginia.

Messrs. Scott and Mohr made available the following sets of records:

1. Bound Warren Commission Volumes. Dr. Mohr and Mr. Scott presented a box containing a pristine set of the blue bound Warren Commission hearings and exhibits (the box contained only 22 of the 26 volumes). These were in "mint" condition and not annotated.
2. Personal Correspondence. Dr. Mohr and Mr. Scott made available three boxes of personal correspondence maintained by John Mohr while at the FBI. The correspondence was maintained in folders and ran from August 1, 1961 (Section 14) to June 30, 1972 (the last folder had no section designation, but would have been Section 35). We reviewed certain relevant time periods carefully (namely, 1963-64; 1972 prior to Mr. Mohr's retirement; and 1967 during the Garrison investigation). This correspondence was of a purely personal nature or pertained to administrative matters. For example, it contained letters to and from employees regarding transfers and promotions; birthday and Christmas cards; thank you notes; and various articles and newsletters sent to him. There was nothing relevant to the Kennedy assassination or the FBI's investigation.

3. Executive FBI Reports on the Assassination. Dr. Mohr and Mr. Scott presented a stack of what must have been Mr. Mohr's copies of some of the FBI reports that were prepared for the Warren Commission. We have verified that these materials are available in the JFK Collection so that there is no need to obtain the copies made available by the Mohr family, which were not annotated in any respect. The materials were as follows:

- A December 13, 1963 Memorandum from W.C. Sullivan to R.W. Smith entitled, "Investigation of Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963" (RIF No. 124-10013-10388). Attached thereto were a December 13, 1963 letter from Hoover to Lee Rankin (RIF No. 124-10013-10390) and an FBI document entitled, "Hoaxes, False Reports, Irresponsible Reporting" (RIF No. 124-10013-10389).
- A blue bound volume entitled, "The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, November 22, 1963, and the Killing of Lee Harvey Oswald, November 24, 1964 -- Visual Aids." This contained exhibits and a narrative.
- A blue bound volume entitled, "Brief on the Investigation of the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy," dated June 5, 1964. This notebook contained three parts: (1) a narrative statement for the FBI Director, (2) question and answer material, and (3) background materials concerning the investigation. (RIF No. 124-10143-10450)
- A blue bound volume entitled, "Investigation of the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, November 22, 1963."
- A blue bound volume entitled "Supplemental Report," dated January 13, 1964.
- A blue bound volume entitled, "Investigation of Killing of Lee Harvey Oswald, Dallas, Texas, November 24, 1963."
- A compilation of Oswald's writings. The cover page was entitled, "Handwritten Foreward, table of Contents and Typed Manuscript Found Among Oswald's Personal Effects (Foreward and Table of Contents in Oswald's Handwriting)."
- A black binder containing Alan Belmont's May 6, 1964 testimony before the Warren Commission (it was paginated 6111-6206).

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We have consulted with Steve Tilley, Chief of the JFK Assassination Records Collection, who has advised us that the blue bound executive reports of the FBI are available in the JFK Collection.

Since the materials made available in response to the subpoenas are either publicly available or not pertinent to the assassination, none of them were designated or copied as assassination records. Dr. Mohr and Mr. Scott indicated that they would probably destroy the personal correspondence files, but would definitely retain the FBI materials on the assassination.

We asked Dr. Mohr and Mr. Scott about the scope of their search. They indicated that they personally searched the residence of the late John Mohr in Arlington, searching the basement, attic, and closet areas, as well as a cabinet containing Mr. Mohr's papers. They also said they spoke with Mrs. Mohr as to where Mr. Mohr may have kept any additional papers. They stated that they saw no materials relating to the *Tolson v. Mohr* will dispute nor any papers relating to the Tolson or Hoover estates. They said that Mr. Mohr kept no journals, diaries or calendars. They also stated that neither they nor Mrs. Mohr maintained any safe deposit box (which might have been a source of other papers). They also said they came across no materials relating to Mr. Mohr's appearance before Congressional committees. They said that they were not withholding any documents on the basis of privilege or any other objection to the subpoena.

Dr. Mohr and Mr. Scott will be executing and forwarding to the Review Board the Certificate of Compliance attesting to their search efforts.