

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Summary of FBI holdings regarding Billie Sol Estes, As part of FBI Additional Request Number 47

I have completed my review of the files that the FBI produced as part of our request for additional information on Billie Sol Estes. After reviewing these files, I recommend some be designated as assassination records. Many of the files relate to his trial and conviction involving a fertilizer scam. The remaining files are not assassination related.

87-HQ-144693; Section 1

- Description of conviction in 1962 and charges in late 1970's. Discussion of white collar crime. Not assassination related.

166-HQ-9471; Section 1

- Summary of Billie Sol Estes in a new case involving sexual harassment and a murder conspiracy in 1985. Not assassination related.

87-HQ-108856; Section 1

- Acquaintances of Billie Sol Estes discussing any connection they may have had with him. Not assassination related.

147-HQ-9442; Section 1

- Similar to 87-HQ-108856. Not assassination related.

63-HQ-18878; Section 1

- Serial 63-18878-6: Newspaper articles concerning the death of Henry Marshall. Estes claims President Johnson conspired with Clifton Carter and Malcolm Wallace to kill Marshall. Estes was accused of giving bribes to Department of Agriculture officials. A Dallas Times Herald article from March 23, 1984 in which Estes swears that Lyndon Johnson started his term as Vice President in fear the Marshall would give Attorney General Kennedy incriminating

evidence. Another Dallas Times Herald article from March 25, 1984 describing Estes refusal to testify if he had any knowledge on the Kennedy assassination.

- Serial 63-18878-4: A document which mentions Billie Sol Estes and the Kennedy assassination, but no direct connection is ever made.
- Serial 63-18878-2X5: Estes states he has information on seven homicides in Texas during the 1960's, including the assassination of President Kennedy.
- Serial 63-18878-2X1: Estes alludes to possible connections about President Lyndon Johnson and the assassination of President Kennedy.
- Serial 63-18878-2X: A letter to Assistant Attorney General Stephen S. Trott from Douglas Caddy, lawyer to Sol Estes concerning Estes knowledge on three Texan murders. He discusses specifics about his assassination theory.

9-HQ-41862; Section 1

- A phone tap on Mrs. Estes and a former employee of Billies Sol Estes. Not assassination related.

190-HQ-28870; Section 1

- Billie Sol Estes requests to see his FBI files. Not assassination related.

29-HQ-28704; Section 1

- Serial 19: Billie Sol Estes is arrested and there is knowledge of his personal acquaintance with Vice President Johnson. A letter to Attorney General Kennedy is being prepared. This is dated March 20, 1962. This section covers the time period of March 28, 1961 to April 4, 1962. There is continuous coverage on Estes connection with Lyndon Johnson, Department of Agriculture officials, and his influence in the Democratic Party.

29-HQ-28704; Section 238

- Serials 5198-5275: Not assassination related.

29-HQ-28704; Section 239

- Serial 5327: A newspaper article from "The Midland Reporter-Telegram". There are two articles dated February 20, 1964. One of the articles is a summation of Robert L. Oswald testifying and the other article describes the Jack Ruby trial.

29-HQ-28704; Section 240

- Serials 5331-5450: Not assassination related.

29-HQ-28704; Section 241

- Serial 5487: Estes is shaken up over the suicide of an associate or shaken up by fear after the assassination of President Kennedy. May 5, 1924.

29-HW-28704; Section 242

- Serials 5495-5570: Not assassination related.

29-HQ-288704; Section 243

- Serials 5571-5656: Not assassination related.

29-HQ-28704; Section 244

- Serials 5657-5701: Not assassination related.

29-HQ-28704; Section 245

- Serials 5702-5746: Not assassination related.

29-HQ-28704; Section 246

- Serials 5747-5833: Not assassination related.

29-HQ-28704, Section 248

- Serials 5896-5931: Not assassination related.

29-HQ-28704; Section 249

- Serials 5932-5956: Not assassination related.

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