

MEMORANDUM

To: Jeremy Gunn
File No 4.0.1.4
From: Dennis Quinn
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RE: 4.0.2 (OSBORN)

Howard J. Osborn, 8/27/75; Box 26: Folder 4; 97 pages.

The testimony opened with some questioning about CIA use of Giancana in operations directed against Castro, to which Osborn denied any actual knowledge. He was then asked about the existence and location of a file on John Roselli. He admitted there was a file that at one point he kept in his office, but later moved it to a safe in another office. He testified that he had not seen the file in more than ten years, could not recall its contents and was unaware of the current location of the file.

The rest of the testimony dealt with the mail intercept and cover program. Osborn, as Deputy Chief of Security, denied any actual knowledge of, or involvement in the program. He was aware of its existence though, but testified that most of his current knowledge was obtained after the fact.

The transcript contains several redactions.

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RE: 4.0.2 (HELMS)

Richard Helms, 9/16/75; Box 26: Folder 4; 42 pages.

The Helms testimony revealed little of value. Helms manages to talk a lot without saying anything. The majority of this session with the Committee staff dealt with determining whether Helms met with RFK in May of 1962, as the Attorney General's desk diary indicates. Some allege that this meeting dealt with assassination plots against Castro. Helms had no recollection of the meeting. He did recall a lunch meeting with Senator (Robert) Kennedy in May of 1967, where he was asked to bring a copy of a memorandum regarding "Arthur James Baletti, et al." He recalls very little about the meeting though. He did not recall any conversations about Cuba, Castro, etc.

Throughout the testimony, Helms denied any knowledge of CIA involvement in any assassination plots.

The transcript of this interview also contained some redactions, mostly 1(b), according to the margin notes.