

# MEMORANDUM

March 6, 1996 [updated March 26]

To: The File  
cc- Jeremy Gunn

From: Joe Freeman

Subject: Church Committee

## Church Committee Vital Statistics

1/75 through 5/76  
Public Hearings. 9/75 through 12/75  
Membership. D's: Church, P. Hart, Mondale, Huddleston, Morgan  
G. Hart  
R's: Tower, Baker, Goldwater, Mathias, Schweiker  
Staff. 135 (53 investigators)  
Staff Director: Bill Miller  
Chief Counsel: Fritz Schwarz  
Scope. Over 100 witnesses; almost 10,000 pages of sworn testimony

## Chronology of Period

1967 *Ramparts*, CIA and Nat. Student Assoc.; CIA asks IRS to audit magazine  
5/73 DCIA Schlesinger, activities outside the charter: Family Jewels memo  
10/74 Abourezk amendment, re: outlawing covert operations  
12/74 *NYTimes/S.* Hersh expose on CIA domestic spying  
Hughes-Ryan amendment, re: covert actions  
Ford gets report from Colby on CIA assassinations  
1/4/75 Rockefeller Commission appointed  
1/27/75 Church Committee established  
2/19/75 House establishes Select Committee on Intelligence (Nedzi Committee,  
to become Pike Committee in July)  
2/26/75 Church Committee meets with AG Levi  
2/27/75 Church Committee meets with Colby  
3/5/75 Church, Tower, Miller, Schwartz go to White House, meet with Ford,  
Kissinger, Snowcroft, Rumsfeld and Pat Buchanan.

3/16/75 Colby publicly admits CIA has plotted assassinations  
 3/22/75 House Judiciary Subcommittee (Edwards?) holds hearing on HTLingual,  
 Chief Postal Inspector William J. Cotter testified  
 5/25/75 Rockefeller Commission indicates it will not pursue assassinations issue  
 6/9/75 Ford promises Church Committee files of Rockefeller Commission  
 6/11/75 Rockefeller Commission publishes report  
 6/19/75 Giancana killed in Chicago  
 9/8/75 Sen. Schweiker calls for re-opening of JFK assassination investigation  
 11/16/75 Washington Post runs JFK/Exner/Giancana story  
 11/20/75 Full Senate debate on releasing assassinations report; in the end, no  
 vote taken and Committee releases report without Senate sanction  
 01/28/76 House votes 146-124 to allow Ex. Branch to censor Pike Com. Report  
 02/11/76 Pike Report goes to Schorr/Village Voice  
 03/22/76 Sens. Schweiker/G. Hart write Church recommending that new  
 permanent Senate Intelligence Committee pursue JFK assassination  
 leads  
 4/23-36/76 Church Committee issues final reports (but not JFK Subc. Rept.)  
 5/26/76 Committee votes to release JFK Subcommittee Report (Book V)  
 5/31/76 Church Committee officially expires, to be replaced by new permanent  
 Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.  
 06/11/76 Senators Schweiker and G. Hart meet with Scott Breckinridge (CIA) on  
 draft Book V  
 6/23/76 Release of JFK Subcommittee Report (Book V)

### Partial Hearing/Deposition/Interview Chronology

#### Key

Non-starred items are those referenced in Loch Johnson's  
*Season of Inquiry*; "closed" or "open" in parentheses indicate  
 status of formal Committee hearings

(1) from NARA finding aid for Church Committee collection; it's not  
 always clear whether these documents reflect interviews,  
 deposition, testimony before Committee, etc.; furthermore, some of the  
 early references *may* actually be Rockefeller Commission documents secured  
 by Church Committee

(2) referenced both in *Season of Inquiry* and NARA finding aid

(3) referenced in Gaeton Fonzi's *Last Investigation*

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(4) referenced in Steve Tilley's list of missing Church Committee testimonies, culled from footnotes in Church Committee Vol. 5;  
footnotes often reference titles/offices of individuals cited, instead of true names: these titles/offices are listed in quotation marks

(5) listed in Record Number 157-10002-10314, "JFK Assassination Testimony File", from Church Committee files

02/17/75	Howard Osborn (1)
03/28/75	Victor Marchetti (1)
04/03/75	Frank Sturgis (1)
04/16/75	William Sturbitts (1), Clark Clifford (1)
04/23/75	Helms (1)
04/28/75	Helms (1), Colby (1)
04/30/75	Col. Sheffield Edwards (interview) (1)
05/01/75	William Harvey (1)
05/02/75	McNamara (1)
05/15/75	First hearing: Colby, re: covert action (closed)
5/21-22/75	Colby, re: assassination plots (closed) (Loch Johnson, and 2)
05/22/75	Thomas Charles Huston, re: Huston plan (deposition)
05/23/75	Colby (1)
05/30/75	James O'Connell (1,5), Col. Sheffield Edwards (1,5)
06/02/75	Lawrence Houston (CIA Gen. Counsel) (1,5), Scott Breckenridge (1,5)
06/06/75	McCone (1,5)
06/09/75	Robert Maheu (1,5), Richard Bissell (5), Justin O'Donnell
06/10/75	William Sullivan (interview), Tad Szulc (1,5)
06/11/75	Richard Bissell (1,5)
06/12/75	Edward Dubois (1)
06/13/75	Helms, re: assassination plots (closed) (Loch Johnson, also (5))
06/18/75	Lawrence (Samuel?) Halpern (1,5), Robert Johnson (5)
06/19/75	Angleton (5), Noel Gaylor (5)
06/20/75	Colby, re: assassination plots (closed) (Loch Johnson,also (5))
06/20/75	Lucien Conein (5)
06/24/75	John Roselli (3,5)
06/25/75	Alfred Sarno (1) (may be 7/25), William Harvey (1,5)
07/03/75	William Broe (5)

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07/08/75 Gen. Edward Lansdale (1,5), Roswell Gilpatric (1,5), Hubert Didier (5)  
07/09/75 Maxwell Taylor (1,5), Walt Rostow (1,5), Henry Dearborn (5),  
Frank Devine (5), Gordon Gray (5)  
07/10/75 William Atwood (1,5), Dean Rusk (1,5), Thomas Parrot (1,5),  
Richard Goodwin (5)  
07/11/75 Colby, re: assassination plots (closed), William Harvey (1,5),  
Robert McNamara (5)  
07/15/75 Colby (5), James Flannery (5)  
07/16/75 FBI, Ag Levi/Clarence Kelley (closed)  
07/16/75 L. Fletcher Prouty (1,5)  
07/17/75 Gen. Andrew Goodpaster (1,5), Richard Helms (1,5),  
Richard Bissell (5), Roswell Gilpatrick (5)  
07/18/75 Richard Goodwin (1,5), John Eisenhower (5)  
07/18-19/75 Helms, re: assassination plots (closed) (Loch Johnson, also (5))  
07/21/75 Sorenson (1,5)  
07/22/75 Richard Bissell (1,5), George McManus (5)  
07/23/75 George Smathers (1,5)  
07/25/75 Alfred Sarno (5) (may be 6/25)  
07/24/75 David Martin (1,5), Jeremiah O'Leary (1,5)  
07/29/75 "AMLASH Case Officer" (1,5), Henry Dearborn (5)  
7/29-30/75 Robert Maheu (1,5)  
07/30/75 Robert Dahlgren (5), Louis DeSanti (5)  
07/31/75 David Atlee Phillips (1,5), Richard Amrine (5), Hubert Didier (5)  
08/01/75 Edward Felix (5), William Weatherby (5)  
08/04/75 William Broe (5), Paul Wimert (5)  
08/05/75 Donald Bennett (5), Jamie Philpott (5)  
08/06/75 Thomas Karamessines (5)  
08/07/75 Courtney Evans (1), James Bamford (5)  
08/11/75 Edward Hinkle (5), Herbert Miller (5), William Weatherby (5)  
08/12/75 Lawrence Houston (1), Henry Kissinger (5)  
08/13/75 Walter Elder (1,5)  
08/15/75 Alexander Haig (5)  
08/18/75 Gen. Benjamin Harris (1)  
08/19/75 "Mr. Halley" (alias) (1)  
08/20/75 James Haverty (1)  
08/25/75 Adm. Arleigh Burke (deposition) (1), "Mr. Halley" (alias) (1)  
08/28/75 Howard Osborn (1)

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09/06/75 Helms (staff interview) (1)  
09/08/75 Will Wilson (1)  
09/10/75 Helms (deposition)  
09/11/75 John Roselli (1)  
09/11-12/75 Helms (1)  
09/15/75 Kenny O'Donnell (1)  
9/16-18/75 First public hearings: shellfish toxins/Cave of Bugs  
09/17/75 Thomas McAndrews (1)  
09/19/75 Walter Sheridan (1)  
09/20/75 Judith Campbell Exner (interview) (1)  
09/22/75 Edward Kennedy (1)  
9/22-23/75 John Roselli (1)  
09/23/75 Robert Maheu (1)  
9/23-25/75 Huston Plan (public)  
10/02/75 IRS (public)  
10/07/75 AG Levi, re: NSA (closed)  
10/21-24/75 Mail-opening hearings (public)  
10/23/75 Colby, re: covert action (closed), Edward Korry (3)  
10/28/75 Colby, re: covert action/Chile (closed)  
10/29/75 NSA, Gen. Lew Allen, Benson Buffham, re: "watch list" (public)  
10/31/75 Colby, re: covert action (closed)  
11/06/75 SHAMROCK hearing (public)  
11/18-19/75 FBI, re: COINTELPRO/MLK (public)  
11/21/75 Kissinger, re: covert action (closed)  
11/25/75 DeLoach (1)  
12/2-3/75 FBI informants (public)  
12/4-5/75 Chile/covert action, witnesses: Clifford, Vance, David A. Phillips,  
M. Halperin (public)  
12/05/75 "FBI Special Agent" (4)  
12/09/75 FBI, witnesses: Ruckelshaus, H. Peterson, Norman Dorsen (public)  
12/10/75 FBI, Clarence Kelley (public)  
12/11/75 Final FBI/COINTELPRO hearing, last of Committee's public hearings,  
witness: AG Levi  
12/11/75 "INS Inspector" (4)  
12/12-13/75 James Hosty (4)  
12/19/75 J. Gordon Shanklin (4)  
12/20/75 "SAC" (4)

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1/10-11/76 E. Howard Hunt (1)  
01/16/76 "Former FBI Headquarters Supervisor" (4)  
02/06/76 Angleton (4)  
02/11/76 "Amlash Case Officer" (4)  
02/13/76 James Rowley (4)  
02/24/76 "Mexico City Legat" (4)  
03/15/76 "CIA Analyst" (4), "FBI Headquarters Supervisor" (4) (appears to be  
SSCI Record Number 157-10002-10247, R-2318, present at NARA II)  
03/17/76 "Washington lawyer" (4)  
03/19/76 Edward Morgan (1)  
03/20/76 "FBI Inspector" (interview) (4)  
03/31/76 "General Investigative Division Supervisor" (4)  
04/08/76 "FBI Supervisor" (4)  
04/13/76 "FBI Agent II" (4)  
04/18/76 Thomas Karamessines (4)  
04/21/76 William Sullivan (interview) (4)  
04/22/76 "Executive Officer" (4)  
04/23/76 Schweiker questions Roselli (3), "Soviet Section Supervisor" (4), "Client  
No. 1" (4)  
04/27/76 "FBI Supervisors I and II" (4)  
04/28/76 "Client No. 2" (4)  
04/29/76 "FBI Supervisor III" (4)  
04/30/76 Alex Rosen (4)  
05/30/76 "FBI Agent I"  
05/05/76 "Supervisor" (4)  
05/06/76 "Chief, JMWAVE" (4) (and/or 05/16/76)  
05/07/76 "Western Hemisphere Division Desk Officer" (4), "CIA Liaison Officer"  
(4)  
05/10/76 "Chief, SAS/CI" (4), "Intelligence Officer" (4)  
05/11/76 "Section Chief" (4)  
05/24/76 Ambassador John Sherman Cooper (4)

**Partial List of Witnesses, Interviewees -- undated**

Adm. Noel Gayler, NSA (9/75)

Gen. Donald Bennett, DIA

