

MEMORANDUM

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To: Anne Buttimer
Tom Samoluk

From: Joe Freeman

Subject: More on N.O. Grand Jury and Clay Shaw Trial Records

I'm sure by this time you're sorry you asked, but I've come across some additional documents which shed a little further light on the above issues. They are summarized below and attached for your review.

Preliminary Hearing

Not being a lawyer, I may not be up to speed on this, but, *in addition to the grand jury proceeding*, there was also a *preliminary hearing* in the Shaw case (which opened 3/14/67). I've never seen anything in the Archives holdings that looks like a transcript for this hearing, but I have come across the following:

- 12/27/76 memo of HSCA's Jonathan Blackmer which references that a record of the hearing can be located at Federal District Court in Fort Worth.

Grand Jury

- HSCA OCRs of 1/24/78 and 2/8/78 indicating that L.J. Hymel, Asst. Chief of Criminal Division, LA Dept. of Justice, was attempting to assist HSCA on the issue of grand jury minutes, and that Connick was the problem (see 2/13/78 Blackmer memo also).

Trial

- 12/9/76 letter from Helen Dietrich to Jonathan Blackmer of HSCA which raises the possibility that tapes were made of the courtroom proceedings. I've come across no other reason to believe this is true, but you may wish to check it out nonetheless.

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- 12/27/76 memo from Blackmer which suggests that transcripts for that portion of the trial which Helen Dietrich could not provide might be available from a Mr. Neyrey of Video Court Reporters in New Orleans. See also Dietrich's 8/15/77 letter to Blackmer.
- FYI and for what it's worth, a 9/14/77 HSCA subpoena on Helen Dietrich.
- Lastly, a 12/28/76 Blackmer memo in which he references Judge Haggerty, who claims "he has information not released that he feels is most important to our investigation." I don't know what this might refer to, but I've attached this memo for your review so you can decide whether it's worth contacting the judge or his estate.