

MEMORANDUM

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To: Anne Buttimer, Tom Samoluk
cc - Jeremy Gunn

From: Joe Freeman

Subject: Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans/Aaron Kohn

A data base search yielded 20-25 RIFs for open documents relating to Aaron Kohn and the MCC. I examined these documents today at Archives II. There are also about 10 documents which have been either referred or postponed. I will be at Archives I on Tuesday and will look at this second group then. In the meantime, the highlights of today's trip to College Park are outlined below (documents attached as noted):

- HSCA investigators Delsa and Buras met with Kohn and Warren DeBrueys on 10/20/77, re: Wray Gill and Guy Banister's files. HSCA researcher Patricia Orr and two other HSCA staffers visited Kohn and MCC on 1/20/78.
- There is a whole box (429 two-sided pages, according to Kohn) of transcripts of 43 interviews conducted by NBC (Walter Sheridan) for its 6/19/67 documentary on the Garrison investigation. Kohn forwarded these to Bob Blakey. The cover letter from Kohn to Blakey (1/12/78) is attached (Agency File 004632); I've also appended the interview index.
- Relative to Jeremy's interest concerning a Kohn informant on Garrison's staff, I've attached a heavily redacted 2/25/67 NO FBI teletype (Agency File 105-82555-unrecorded) to the Director citing both Kohn and a redacted individual as sources. (Note also the Zelden item, re: an Oswald job application that cites Ruby as a reference. I presume this lead turned out to be without substance, or I'd have heard of it long ago?) Similarly, an earlier NO FBI teletype (2/20/67, attached), references Pershing Gervais' disillusionment with Garrison's investigation.
- Attached is a 1/20/78 OCR (005121) in which HSCA researcher Patricia Orr relates that the MCC Banister files mostly date back to the 1950's and were not of great interest to the HSCA. She also references additional MCC files (over and above the previously-cited interview transcripts) on the Garrison investigation. Kohn was also requested to review MCC files for

information on a list of individuals supplied by the HSCA.

- Attached, FYI, is a transcript of a BBC program on which Kohn expresses his thoughts about Garrison (004634).
- Attached, FYI, a memo from Garrison staffer Boxley to his boss, re: Banister and his associations. Not immediately relevant (except for the allegation that Banister “bagged” Kohn’s office on two occasions), but an interesting read in terms of how Garrison’s staff viewed Banister.
- Attached, FYI, a 1977 *Spotlight* article by Mark Allen and Tracey Ehre, re: the Mafia in NO and the assassination, with an emphasis on Gordon Novel. The reporters might be worth tracking down.

The other open documents I looked at today didn’t seem to be of any special relevance. I’ll let you know what Tuesday’s trip to Archives I and the non-open documents yields.

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