

MEMORANDUM

July 31, 1997

To: Laura Denk
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cc: Jeremy Gunn

From: Marie Fagnant

Subject: Summary of Dallas Figures: H.L. Hunt, N.B. Hunt, R.L. Hunt, Clint Murchison Jr. and Clint Murchison Sr., FBI Request Number 38

I have completed my review of 64 FBI HQ files and four Dallas field office files that the FBI produced as part of our request for additional information on Dallas figures H.L. Hunt, Nelson Bunker Hunt, R. Lamar Hunt, Clint Murchison Jr., Clint Murchison Sr., and Paul Rothermel. The Hunts and Murchisons were wealthy Dallas oilmen who funded local and national political campaigns and had a variety of business dealings, often with organized crime members. (The Murchisons also were personal friends of J. Edgar Hoover.) Paul Rothermel, a former SA for the FBI, worked for H.L. Hunt and occasionally informed the FBI on H.L. Hunt's actions. The Hunts' and Murchisons' alleged connections to organized crime and to anti-Castro groups around the time of the assassination initiated the ARRB request for additional information.

I have reviewed 93 HQ files (listed below), consisting of 4 main files and 89 "See" reference records, produced by the FBI in response to our request on these six Dallas figures. After a careful review of the documents, I recommend that we designate eight as assassination records. The remainder of the documents deal with business dealings of the Hunt and Murchison families. The Hunt file that I reviewed, FBI HQ file number 62-108867, section 1, serials 1-24, produced four assassination records. Of the 52 "See" reference records that the FBI produced and that I reviewed on H.L., N.B., and R.L. Hunt, I recommend four documents for designation as assassination records. Of the 25 "See" reference records found on Murchison Jr. and Sr., none was an assassination related document. Of 15 "See" reference records that the FBI produced and that I reviewed on Paul Rothermel, none was assassination related. After reviewing all records produced on Paul Rothermel, I requested that a search be done to determine if an informant file existed on Paul Rothermel. A search was done and informant file 137-8626-(1-2) was found. I request that this file be designated as an assassination record.

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I reviewed all Dallas field office files produced by the FBI in response to our request. Field office file 62-3069, volume 1, serials 1-75, and file 105-1484, volume 1, serials 1-3, did not contain any assassination records. "See" reference records 92-99subI-9, 157-203-315, 157-203-316, and 157-203-317 produced by the FBI were not assassination records either. Given the general premise that the office of origin, Dallas in this case, should have as many files or more files on a given group or subject, I asked if any further files exist in the Dallas office with regard to these six men. FBI staff showed me a statement from the Dallas office to HQ that a "See" reference search of the Dallas office files using these six names produced only the six files which the FBI produced for my review. FBI staff also told me that field offices do not have as much room to store files as HQ and that files are routinely destroyed to make room.

The following is a list of all files and "See" references that I have reviewed on H.L. Hunt, N.B. Hunt, R.L. Hunt, Clint Murchison Jr., Clint Murchison Sr. and Paul Rothermel.

FBI HQ "See" Reference Search on H.L. Hunt, N.B. Hunt and R.L. Hunt

- Section 7 • 157-6-37-776; 9/1/64
not an assassination record
- Section 4 • 157-6-12-363; 10/27/64
not an assassination record
- Section 23 • 157-6-37-2056; 8/12/66
not an assassination record
- Section 3 • 88-25337-158; 5/28/63
not an assassination record
- Section 3 • 88-25337-154; 5/23/63
not an assassination record
- Section 33 • 94-3-1-24526; 9/60
not an assassination record (different Lamar Hunt)
- Section 32 • 94-3-1-24514; 9/13/60
not an assassination record (different Lamar Hunt)

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- Section 19 • **63-4296-12-621**; 9/25/62
not an assassination record
- Section 19 • **63-4296-12-619**; 9/21/62
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • **116-5836-11**; 2/7/68
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • **62-105010-26**; 2/8/61
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • **62-105010-22**; 11/18/60
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • **62-105010-18**; 10/14/60
Memo regarding an H.L. Hunt employee, Curington, who paid \$23,000 between 6/28-7/7/60 to have anti-Kennedy, anti-Catholic information mailed out to the public.
- Section 1 • **62-105010-16**; 10/7/60
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • **62-105010-12**; 5/23/60
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • **62-105010-11**; 5/19/60
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • **62-105010-6**; 10/1/58
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • **62-105010-3**; 10/2/58
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • **62-105010-1**; 10/2/58
not an assassination record

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- Section 227 • **62-0-72103**; 6/20/68
not an assassination record
- Section 27 • **105-66233-939**; 3/2/63
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • **100-193315-(1-X)**; 7/43
not an assassination record
- No Section • **88-81981-5**; 4/12/84
not an assassination record
- No Section • **62-73397-23**; 4/3/64
not an assassination record
- No Section • **62-73397-20**; 11/10/62
not an assassination record
- Section 26 • **105-53922-1060**; 6/26/67
not an assassination record
- Section 87 • **100-438794-2329**; 8/27/68
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • **62-109642-1**; 9/11/64
not an assassination record
- Section 304 • **105-0-17497**; 1/9/68
not an assassination record
- Section 5 • **100-439048-12-63**; 1/24/69
not an assassination record
- Section 3 • **100-402036-41**; 1/31/61
not an assassination record
- No Section • **163-38474-2**; 8/30/74

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out of date scope

- Section 28 • **157-1025-1078; 7/29/64**
not an assassination record

- No Section • **157-376-1; 5/4/61**
Source said that person stated a Mr. "Rieker" met with three Texas financiers for \$25,000 to kill Castro. Hunt gave a "chunk" towards this cause.

- Section 4 • **157-1494-130; 4/25/68**
not an assassination record

- Section 4 • **157-1494-124; 4/5/68**
not an assassination record

- Section 180 • **109-12-211-10188; 4/7/66**
not an assassination record

- Section 1 • **105-40829-36; 11/19/64**
not an assassination record

- No Section • **105-87494-2; 6/29/60**
not an assassination record

- Section 1 • **97-5200-9; 3/6/69**
not an assassination record

- No Section • **97-5069-42; 4/22/66**
not an assassination record

- No Section • **97-5069-34; 4/6/66**
not an assassination record

- Section • **97-5069-12; 4/8/66**
not an assassination record

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- Section 19 • **62-109276-707**; 4/26/68
not an assassination record
- Section 2 • **161-41-89**; 1/27/61
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • **25-330971-19-17**; 8/5/64
not an assassination record
- Section 2 • **105-203076-75**; 11/12/71
out of date scope
- Section 2 • **105-191424-37**; 9/28/72
out of date scope
- No Section • **87-143881-1**; 3/2/77
out of date scope
- Section 2 • **62-105010-66**; 7/1/63
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • **58-10695-(1-84)**; 4/81 through 5/92
out of date scope
- Section • **9-65890-(1-7 NR after 15)**; 4/81 through 4/82
out of date scope
- No Section • **105-90385-10**; 12/21/61
Report to Director, FBI, on informant information that H. L. Hunt is financing a group called "The Third Party" which plans to take over the government. The informant also advised of a large cache of guns and ammunition available to right wing groups in a house over on Everey Street, two blocks up from Main Street in Dallas.
- **105-90385-11**; 1/12/62
SAC, Dallas, advises no further action regarding the above as the informant is considered emotionally unstable, Rothermel was interviewed

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regarding Hunt's involvement and Rothermel knew Ervay Street has bars and shops, but informant.

nothing about it, and because no houses in the section described by

FBI HQ Correspondence file for H.L. Hunt

- Section 1
- **62-108867-6; 2/12/65**
Memo regarding letter sent to Steven Potts remarks on an H.L. Hunt employee paying for anti-Kennedy, anti-Catholic information disseminated through the U.S. Mail during the 1960 campaign. to be
 - **62-108867-22; 5/77**
Letter from R.L. Hunt, son of late H.L. Hunt to Director Kelley regarding the recent attack on H.L. Hunt by the media claiming H.L. Hunt was connected to Lee Harvey Oswald and was the mastermind behind the JFK assassination. that
 - **62-108867-23; 5/77**
Director Kelley answers the letter, but replies that the nature of FBI policy does not allow him to disclose what the FBI does or does not know, but tells Raymond Hunt to try applying for the information under Freedom of Information Act.
 - **62-108867-24; 5/77**
R.L. Hunt thanks Kelley for his prompt reply.

FBI HQ "See" Reference Search on Clint Murchison Jr. and Sr.

- Section 85
- **29-28704-2224; 5/8/62-6/11/62**
not an assassination record
- Section 7
- **62-9-46-364; 6/15/67-8/3/67**
not an assassination record
- Section 5
- **92-6170-225; 10/31/63**

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- not an assassination record
- No section • **94-38133-5**; 5/19/69
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • **46-37140-18**; 1/13/60
not an assassination record
- Section 5 • **65-67648-149**; 1/5/68
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • **62-97810-31**; 11/7/69
not an assassination record
- Section 9 • **46-55359-198**; 11/26/68
not an assassination record
- Section 5 • **58-5520-248**; 11/6/63
not an assassination record
- Section 20 • **58-5520-826**; 2/6/64
not an assassination record
- Section 32 • **58-5520-1394**; 1/9/65
not an assassination record
- Section 34 • **58-5520-1467**; 2/11/65
not an assassination record
- Section 16 • **62-9-9-867**; 9/25/61
not an assassination record
- Section 3 • **63-8946-185**; 12/22/64
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • **63-9953-98**; 2/11/65
not an assassination record

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- Section 1 • 63-9953-66; 1/19/65
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • 63-9953-41; 1/26/65
not an assassination record
- Section 1 • 63-9953-8; 1/11/65
not an assassination record
- Section 216 • 109-12-211-11910; 12/12/66
not an assassination record
- Section 5 • 109-12-267-188; 3/1/60
not an assassination record
- Section 8 • 105-145165-265; 12/6/67
not an assassination record
- Section 6 • 97-4592-89; 6/26/62
not an assassination record
- Section 5 • 97-4592-61; 5/4/62
not an assassination record
- No section • 137-9890-2; 12/20/63
not an assassination record

FBI HQ “See” Reference files on Paul Rothermel

- Section 6 • 62-104518-442; 12/27/62
not an assassination record (Rothermel will inform on any possible
gambling interests.)
- Section 5 • 62-107298-290; 8/16/66
not an assassination record (Report of alleged statements made

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against the Director's good name.)

- Section 4 • **62-104518-341**; 10/18/62
not an assassination record (Gambling activities)
- No Section • **94-55026-(1-4)**; 2/13/61 through 9/9/68
by Hunt. Never happens.)
not an assassination record (Memos regarding possible T.V. series)
- No Section • **94-59656-(1-2)**; 2/64 through 4/71
not an assassination record (Letter regarding possible spot for
Hoover on LifeLine. Hoover declines.)
- Section 16 • **56-0-1060**; 12/6/63
not an assassination record (Memo regarding possible violation of
the Hatch Act by Postmaster.)
- No Section • **100-376038-15**; 4/28/55
out of scope date
- No Section • **100-7420-1**; 12/14/40
out of scope date
- No Section • **100-7014-7**; 1/14/42
out of scope date

Paul Rothermel FBI HQ Informant File

- No Section • **137-8626-1**; 1/9/63
Memo from SAC, Dallas informing Director, FBI
- **137-8626-2**; 4/29/63-5/8/69
Correspondence from SAC, Dallas to Director, FBI to furnish
pertinent information and a biography on Paul Rothermel. Return
correspondence from Director to Dallas

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Dallas Field Office Files

- Volume 1 • **62-3069-(1-75)**; August 1961 through December 1961
no assassination records (This file deals with Jimmy Hoffa's
providing a loan through the Teamsters Union Pension Funds. The loan
was made to a company connected with H.L. Hunt.)
- Volume 1 • **92-99subI-9**; April 1960
not an assassination record (Memo re Chicago hood Lutz's visit to
Dallas. Stays with Basil George who is connected to Murchison, Jr.)
- Volume 1 • **105-1484-(1-3)**; October 1962 through November 1962
no assassination records (FBI reports on story of "Soviet national"
in Dallas travelling to Mexico, but they discover there is nothing to the
story. The man's real name is Vincent Valento Lisica posing as a wealthy
Swissman trying to buy oil from the big Dallas oilmen.)
- Volume 3 • **157-203-(315-317)**; January 1969
no assassination records (Memo on contempt of court hearing.)