

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Summary of FBI Files on Edward Jay Epstein, Paul Kenneth Hoch, David S. Lifton, Harold Weisberg, Sylvia Meagher and Josiah Thompson (FBI 35)

I have completed my review of FBI files on Edward Jay Epstein, Paul Hoch and David Lifton and found no additional assassination related records.

The FBI files containing the name of Edward Jay Epstein were concerned with his general journalistic activities, including a significant amount of information on his work related to the Black Panther Party. In my review I also looked at the "core" subject files and found those few assassination related records connected to Mr. Epstein were only filed in these "core" subject files numbered: 62-109060 (JFK Assassination) and 62-109090 (Warren Commission).

Non-assassination related FBI files containing the name of Edward Jay Epstein:

62-46855	Section 9	(Administrative Inquiries)
65-76399	Section 1	(Espionage)
65-78127	one section	
94-1	Section 6	(Research Matters)
94-3	Section 25	
100-351585	one section	(Domestic Security)
100-365785	one section	
100-259902	Section 4	
100-445393	Section 3	
105-76433	one section	(Foreign Counterintelligence Matters)
105-165706	Section 42	

The FBI files containing the name of Paul Kenneth Hoch solely dealt with his activities as an anti-Vietnam War advocate and there was no mention of the JFK assassination. In my review I also looked at the "core" subject files and found those few assassination related records connected to Mr. Hoch were only filed in these "core" subject files numbered: 62-109060 (JFK Assassination) and 62-109090 (Warren Commission).

Non-assassination related FBI files containing the name of Paul Kenneth Hoch:

25-0	Section 26	(Selective Service Act)
61-5381	Section 51	(Treason)
62-112697	Section 1	(Administrative Matters)

97-4196	Section 1	(Foreign Agents Registration Act)
100-446492	one section	(Domestic Security)
100-0	Section 86	
100-360195	Section 2	
140-20969	one section	(Security of Government Employees)

The name David S. Lifton was located only in the "core" files, no additional files contained his name .

I have reviewed all the files that the FBI has culled from its resources with the name of Harold Weisberg. Some of the files contained information on individuals named Harold Weisberg but who were not identical with the Harold Weisberg who authored *Whitewash*. Those files that did have information on "our" Harold Weisberg contained documents that ranged from a loyalty review in the 1940's when he was employed by the Department of State and his subsequent resignation from that post, to his public participation in political issues, to his published work as a journalist. The significant majority of these documents are dated before 1960. I found only one file that had assassination related material: a file on a law suit brought on by Weisberg against the Department of Justice.

FBI File Number: 197-636

section 1

serials 1-10

"Civil Actions or Claims Against the Government"

- Entire section is on USDC D. C., Civil Action No. 2301-70. Harold Weisberg v. DOJ. Civil action brought by Weisberg in order to gain access to FBI information on JFK assassination.
-cross-referenced in 100-351938 (Domestic Security File)

I recommend that we show Carol Keeley these records and ask her if she will agree that they also should be designated as assassination records and processed under the JFK Act.

Non-assassination related FBI files containing the name of Harold Weisberg:

61-7587	section 30	(Treason)
61-6956	section 3	
61-7582	section 17	
	section 18	
	section 20	
61-7566	section 46	
	section 104	
62-39749	section 23	(Administrative Inquiries)
62-25345	section 2	
65-2839	section 1	(Espionage)
65-14303	section 6	
65-56402	section 43	
65-43302	section 178	
65-4196	section 1	

65-56402 section 33
 section 44
65-30211 to
30225 “compressed file”

I have reviewed all the files that the FBI has culled from its resources with the name of Sylvia Meagher. Most of the files contained information on individuals with the same name but not the Sylvia Meagher, author of *Accessories After the Fact* and editor of the index for the Warren Commission Report. Two files did contain information on the correct Sylvia Meagher and contained some assassination related material. They are listed below. This information has already been processed according to the JFK Act through the “core” files.

I recommend that we show Carol Keeley these records and ask her if she will agree that they also should be designated as assassination records and processed under the JFK Act.

I recommend that the routine background check conducted on Sylvia Meagher by the FBI for her employment with the World Health Organization in the 1950's not be designated as assassination records.

FBI File Number: 138-2214
One section
“Loyalty of Employees of International Organizations”

- 138-2214-nr2 after serial 23
09/27/66 Memo from Rosen to DeLoach about purchasing Meagher’s Warren Commission index.
-also in 62-109090-507

FBI File Number: 100-442665
One section
“Domestic Security”

- 100-442665-nr4 after serial 2
10/25/66 Memo from Jones to Wick about letter Meagher had written to *Time Magazine*.
-also in 62-109060-4238
- 100-442665-nr3 after serial 2
10/25/66 Memo from Rosen to DeLoach about subjects brought up in Jones to Wick memo.
-also in 62-109060-4239
- 100-442665-nr2 after serial 2
10/30/66 Letter to J. Edgar Hoover from Meagher and 11/04/64 response from

Hoover to Meagher.
-also in 62-109060-4259

- 100-442665-nr after serial 2
10/22/66 Letter to J. Edgar Hoover from Meagher and 10/27/66 response from Hoover to Meagher.
-also in 62-109060-4258

Non-assassination related FBI files:

97-4196	Section 4	(Foreign Agents Registration Act)
	Section 24	
100-442665	one section	(Domestic Security)
100-469142	one section	
105-26978	one section	(Foreign Counterintelligence Matters)
138-2214	one section	(Loyalty of International Employees)
138-1997	one section	

The majority of records on Josiah Thompson dealt with his anti-Vietnam War activities, particularly on his alleged violation of Selective Service laws. There was one record that was assassination related (listed below). I suggest that we follow the same process as for the Meagher assassination related records. Outside of this one record, there was no other mention of the JFK assassination in conjunction with Josiah Thompson that have not already been filed in one or more of the "core" files.

FBI File Number: 25-561929

One section

"Selective Service Act"

- 25-561929-nr after serial 8
12/07/97 Memo to DeLoach from Rosen reviewing the book *Six Seconds in Dallas*.
-also in 62-109060-5902

Non-assassination related FBI files:

14-2935	section 6	(Sedition)
25-558874	section 3	(Selective Service Act)
	section 6	
	section 12	
25-562006	section 1	
100-445078	one section	(Domestic Security)
105-138315	section 151	(Foreign Counterintelligence Matters)
151-3541	one section	(Referral Cases from Office of Personnel Management)

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