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Doc. 1

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RETURN TO
Background Unit
Do Not File

Hartman

689-298 ✓

695-302A ✓

138 - 598 ✓

563-816 ✓

7-2 ✓

435-173

1188-1000 ✓

1-1B ✓

6-3 ✓

1380-1073A ✓

173-615 ✓

2-524 ✓

- State Telegram of Oct 31, 1959 (Freers)
- Calderon conversation + note + cable
- CI App 943-944 HTHINGBOTH cards on Oswald
19 June or 15 May Wolf request (misc docs)

get copy of release letter

P320f
KRZI

689-298 -

Did you prepare it
What ^{new} questions are raised
Was it in fact delivered

31

695-302A - supra

100

138-598

- why the concern about Calderon et al

150

563-810

- Did you write it
- still missing

- Why keep loose in last file

- what happened to attachment
was this ~~only~~ written of
this item (machine listing)

Helm

pp. vol 2
179-181

7-2

Henry
phys description

pusakoua

~~what~~ what is CI/SPB

788

1-1B

- AG

Henry

CI/SPB ✓

date of opening

restricted

as of May 1960

785

6-3

wrong description

943-944

HTLINGUAL

Project

- RE, WATCHLIST

N/R - RI

CI/PROJ/PH

} what
about
fusing
with
FF's

Helm

787

2-524 - why the *
ns of 60

2105-
2108

1188-1000 - go over tomorrow

How does he remember the date of ~~the~~

2a

~~also~~

written or oral instruction

and
all details
+ items
+ no written
record

b. - why did you check
main index

what was integrated in

did you check HT LANGUAG

c. - what's division D

why'd you check it

fake cover

had a misc file - newspaper clippings,
noted

d. there was a security file

e. what's CRS

f. what about Lee or Lee Henry
of Alik Hidell

g. brief in form notes (who is it for)
how does he know it was Beck

4. he was known
worked in S.O for 2 yrs

what was selectivity
+ specific target
applicability
standard

what type of info was

(Did he check ^{CRS} DED seeking
Inter Agency Source Register)
did he check for other things

5. How would this
show up <sup>Did he just
check CIA
files</sup>

6. Why 2/1 opened 5/1 at

why 15th sent to FBI ^{before}
filed

~~W.I.F. that's the case~~
intercepts of HT LANGUAG

Didn't
check
DDI

was your
search basis
for McConis
+ when
+ who
+ who
+ who
3. what
him

8. when
told about
intercepts?

6. Supposedly opened
on basis of state
dept request for
info on defectors -

opened ~~by~~ by ~~██████████~~ A/Eg. -
Ghe testified to this

How does he know
what he is saying
where did he get the info.

1386-173A + 173-615 - ever
set

this

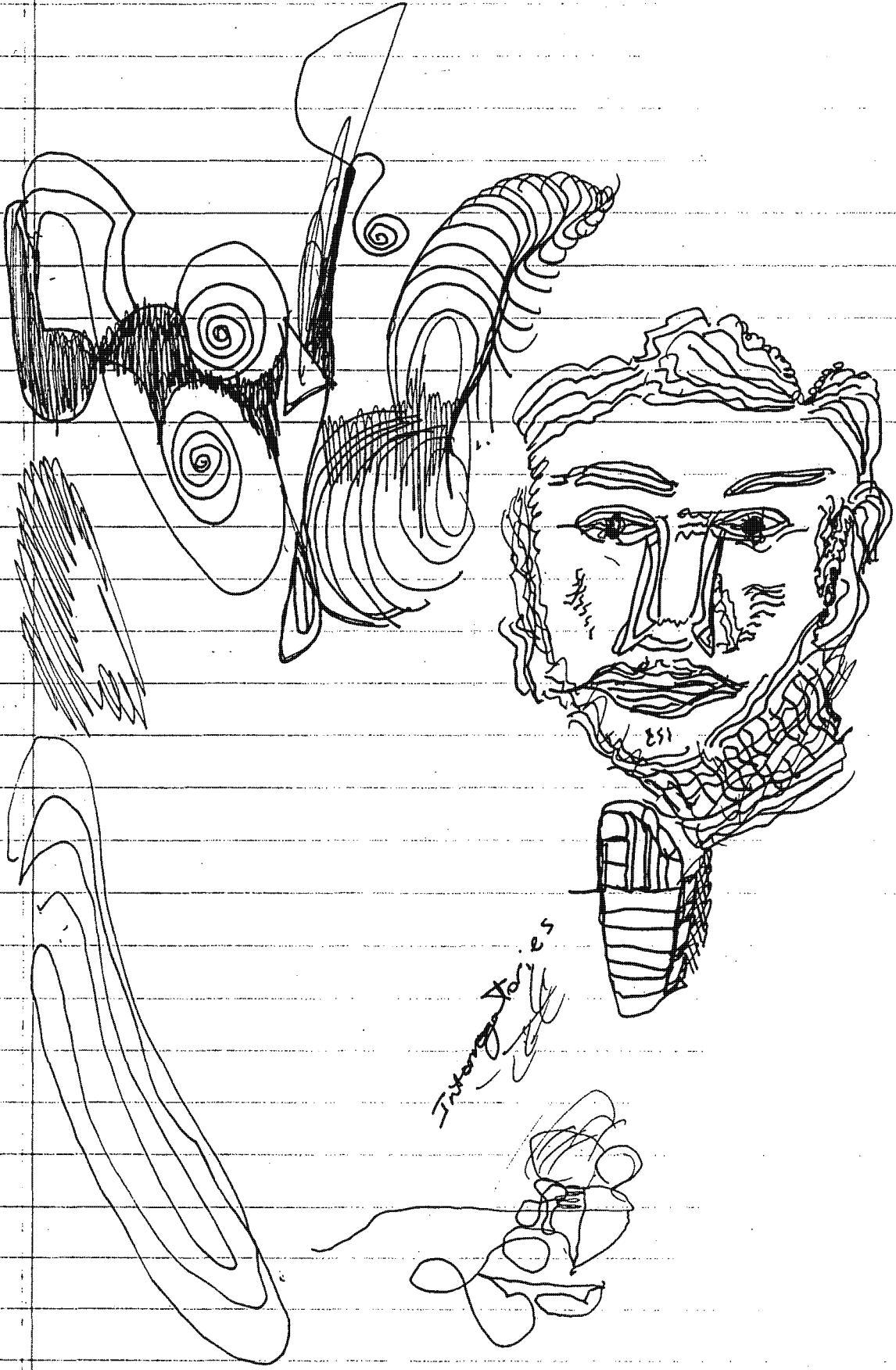
Helm's
3369

435-173 -

was he aware
of ~~██████████~~ this
memo

Did he check w/ the
was it reported
to him ever

Did he check
w/ the Corde
~~██████████~~
~~██████████~~
of Research
Section
of SR/L



Hartman Interview

946-5241

- 1. 1951-1976 - operations officer retired in 1976.
- 2. 1963-1964 - member of Kocou group in CI/R+A -

assignments regarding investigation of Kennedy assassination
 ad hoc assignment to work on investigation

unmaintained file created based on assassination -

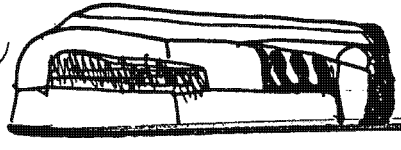
all paper in records system went into LHO 201

3. Arthur Dooley + Tom Hall - deceased

4. CI/SIB - worked closely with office of security

5. 1974-1975) CI Staff HTLINGUAL
 ↓ special project group
 Kim Chalover

Handwritten scribble



permanent duty - to maintain LHO file de Mohrenschildt + Rudy

10/31/59 - familiar with the

S16 - American involved with Russians goes to S16 - had no U.S. desk - it would be a special investigation
would have w/ other got agency

1-1B - (Beth, Ed) opened file on presumption that Oswald was cross - w/ KGB
nothing in CIA rules (Records Handbook) covered people defecting to Soviet Union

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

don't open file on guy because of 1 cable

didn't know waker

Do that person opens file could have wanted info on the restricted info 201 - what the source

S16 file restricted part often - might have been restricted out of habit
would have wanted to know if anyone checking on HHO

3

American
reflected
to Communist
Bloc

★ He did total
name check on
Ruly) says took
4-5 months to
do Ruly report because
he has multiple work tabs

AG is a code in the records handbook
two letter code for occupation
computerized

2-524 - ★ - means LHO
subject of the
201

if no star - means
subject mentioned
in 201 - doc #
will follow
when person
mentioned

HTLINGUAL cards

Special
Project
Unit

PROJECT/RE → used to be man
who translated
Russian material
named (Lubov Egorov)

PROJECT/PH - believes
sees a translator

doesn't know what
watch list is - but believes it was
a State Dept list

W/R-R1 - No record - leads
Integration
System

V/MC

7-2 - Henry odd point
(mistake in 201 opening -
doesn't think (Beats)
drew info on LHO
out of 201 opening
as opposed to cables
w/ correct name

release
of
James
Kavanaugh
release
of
cables
have not
in a few days

6-3 - neg'd thro - doesn't
mean anything
because cables
are handled
according to
work load of
people

Can't explain discrepancy in
physical description

says cables may have not
been written on 10th of Oct
might have been written
earlier -

* routing sheets would help to
show where the cable went

all The correct description -

J. C. King - authorized you no doing sufficient
authority to release at 7/25

Kavanaugh - he was above King - had to
release because above J. C. King

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138-598 - doesn't know why interest in Calderon

Daddy may have known something about it

435-173A doesn't remember you it - think he might have



why waste time on H0 - a creep

~~THE~~ (KOBUMP) DCD or OS
prob'ly Dave Murray had Weyer a ^{supervisor} to talk to these people

Believe [] i Dick Obe

After WC ceased to function } monitoring types of H0 who sent to H0 - not sure if before or after death - by a Dispatch

a few years after Weyer 65-70

→ sent to WH/3
it was sent to ~~Northman~~ definitely which is types of Oswald - sent to records + included in 201 file

got it from [] / desk

6

563-810 - think he wrote it

was written in connection w/ impending visit of Rankin to CR records - to be followed by W members

were not missing ~~is~~ were available but not physically available in the file at the time because recorded in record system

"was to be kept loosely because had no bearing on memo" - a handwritten memo to be used for reference only

doesn't know what happened to attachment - Posen might have kept it

689-298 - never saw it -

695-302A - doesn't know if used

Rosen + Hoover + Hall probably remember the affidavit wrote it

P. Hartman was Rocco's expert
on the Records System

1188-1000 - CI staff handled
any Agency problem in US.

2 a. reconstructed memo on basis
of memory + not written
record

2 b. checked main index at our
volition

items integrated in - FBI (w/)
cable traffic

didn't check HTKINSUAL -
had no knowledge -
ROCA didn't either

2 d. checked Dwan because
has sensitive holdings -
dealt w/ NSA
always had to check Dwan's
separates

2 e. didn't check Securus
himself - used in their
representation
OS was mechanizing records
might have fallen thru the
cracks

2 f.

~~Central Reference Service~~
Central Reference Service
DDI - no records on memo
can only check by nationality

only that
in the
DDI

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2j, never checked under Alek Heide

2k - reconstructed date of note from memory - doesn't know where note is now

Rosen told Hartman with Wm passed to Helms presumed

~~Believes this note was brought straight to~~
~~not a CIA agent~~

necessary? →

Hartman died was my part of info on which the line goes statement - also would have been info from Helms when Helms got from diversion chips made abroad

3, Rosen told him + probably Bush O'neal

4. LHO had nothing compared to professors doctors etc who visit S.U - staff was understaffed - couldn't handle the load

if dead 201 + get no card out any no 201 means no other but ^{interested} didn't have to check South Agency / Source Registry Separately

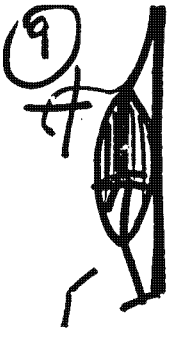
INDCD

Boles
Travis
Jim Murphy
Joe Devanin

ISP section

4111

not in register



FSR is part of Central Index
↓ no separate index

didn't check w/ military services

5. did so on basis of what
in the IBS & through
the Central Index

FBI is exempt from FSR
because operate domestically

6. opening is an assumption
made on basis of his review
always used 1st document
as document of reference

Egner's statement re opening
does not give with
Hartman's recollection
maybe he's wrong

not supposed
to be with
201 because
of sensitivity

RYBAT cable held at
Disk - not ~~held~~ in 201 -
put into 201 by a
form

CS - all on
no all on
we men
+ some stuff

wasn't present when
we saw 201 file of HHO

when 01/5/15 had 201
file after access -
~~could have~~
kept sensitive
tab in file
because closed
holding file -

but didn't put
sensitive material
in file at Request
because would have
exposed the sensitive
operator to people w/
no need to know

My name is Robert Gengman.
I am Staff Counsel to the
House Select Committee on
Assassinations. I have been
designated counsel empowered
to take statements under oath
pursuant to House Resolution
222 and Select Committee
Rule 4.

Mr. Hartman, would you state
your full name for the
record.

Mr. Hartman, have you been given
a copy of the the Select
Committee Rules and pertinent
House Resolutions?

Have you read Committee Rule 4?

Do you understand it?

Is it true that you are not under subpoena for this deposition?

Are you testifying voluntarily?

Do you understand that you have the right to have counsel present?

Do you desire to have counsel present?

Mr. Hartman, a copy of the transcript of this deposition will be sent to you to sign and verify. If, when you receive a copy to sign and verify, you desire to make any changes for any reasons, you should contact me and I will make the necessary arrangements to have you ~~initial~~ make any changes you desire to make.

According to the Select Committee Rules, a witness is entitled to a copy of the corrected transcript;

however, because this deposition will involve classified information, it has been ~~the~~ our policy to ask the witness to waive his right to a copy.

Mr. Hartman, have you worked for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Dates. 51-76

In connection with your employment with the CIA, have you ever executed a secrecy oath or a secrecy agreement with the CIA?

At this time I would like to give you a copy of a document marked as JFK Exhibit 94, which is a letter from Mr. Frank Carlucci, Acting Director of the CIA, to the Chairman of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, dated March 23,

1978 , and dealing with
secrecy arrangements with
the Agency. Have you read
this letter?

Do you understand it?

Mr. Hartman, what was your position
in 1963 and 1964?

Did you have any expertise in records
and filing?

Moscow Embassy telegram to DCS
~~and telegram~~ discussing
Oswald's desire to
defect.

10-31-59 Cable

JFK EX. F 534

Would you read the cable.

What component at HQ would have
received this information and
where?

Why.

201 Opening Forme ~~Q~~ for LHO.
CIA page number 788.

Would you read this page?

Why CI/SIG opened?

Why Anne Carter opened?

Why lengthy time period between receipt of DOS cable & file opening?

Why ^{file marked} restricted?

Why ^{the form contains} wrong middle name "Hentry"?

What does ^{the notation} "AG" mean?

✓ Did CIA regulations cover record-keeping for Americans defecting to S.U.

AG

additions pointed out to WC.

Index cards

① CIA page 787

what does star after Oswald's
201 numbers indicate?

HT LINGUAL cards

943 & 944

What was HT LINGUAL?

what CIA component ran it.

What was component referred to?
Special Projects

On top card ^{on 943} what does CI/PROJECT/
RE mean?

What ^{does} N/R ① - RI mean?

On middle card ^{on 943,} what does WATCH
LIST mean.

Why would Egerton's name be on ^{this} card?

What does "deleted 28 May 62" mean?

Card on p. 944, CI/PROJECT/PH?

HQ to MC, dated 10-10-63, DIR 74830
Cables F-516

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Why see Henry Oswald?

Does phys. descrip. ~~of~~ fit Oswald?

Yes.

Does cable reflect ^{cable} sent to MC
at 9 zed time?

Dissemination Cable, 10-10-63

HQ to various agencies. DIR 69673
JFK EX. F 517

Description correspond to F56, HQ
cable to MC dated 10-10-63?

No.

If not, who does description fit?
M M M

2nd para., ~~who~~ does this also
give middle name as Henry?

Does this cable indicate sent at 12 zed time?

In 1963, Did CIA's MC station engage in surveillance operations against Sov. + Cuban embassies? What kinds of surveillance in M.C.?
Manuscript

→ Please refer to a document ^{which discusses} ~~written~~ by a former CIA employee's recollection of LHO's trip to MC?

Have you ever seen ^{this document before?} about

Does this accurately reflect ^{the} CIA's photographic surveillance with ^{regard to} ~~the~~ H.O.?

Were photos of LHO taken?
~~of LHO~~

Where are they?

If not, why not?

~~Answers~~

Tapes
~~Whether Did CIA MC station engage~~

Do you know whether LHO's voice was recorded during his stay in Mexico ^{by} CIA?

How do you know? ^{packet of tapes - 3-4" thick.}
Possession ^{of} ~~is~~ 65-67?

How did you get tapes?

Where from?

Where sent to?

Ever listened to recordings?

How know recordings?

How know LHO's voice?

Who else would have seen or had control of them?

Where located from file to Billy 64-176
Why look so long - cleared out a wife

FBI memo, Nov. 23, 63, from J. Edgar Hoover to James J. Rowley

JFK # F _____

Please read

As far as accurate?

Were tapes sent to Dallas?

197, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

p. 177 - Nov. 23 cable, MC stat to HQ

~~XXXX~~ Ever seen it?

Directing your second para., was voice comparison done?
Do you know whether any tapes of LHO were destroyed.
Was either of tapes ever recovered.

p. 201 - Cable dated Nov. 23, 1963,
MC 5 to HQ re surveill. ops

Q Ever seen cable?

Par. 8, does it appear accurate
that ~~the~~ tapes were erased?
Accurate

Any subsequent tapes found?

If ~~so~~ by whom?

From Win Scott's safe?

How do you explain fact that
this cable records incorrect
description of LHO, when cable
JFK 516, sent 3 hrs. earlier, at
9:20 time, contains correct
description.

[Was cable actually sent at later time?

Memorandum from (

pp. 3368 - 3369

dated Dec 25, 1963

Have you ever seen previously?
No.

Doesn't it contemplate debriefing of LHO?
By CIA?

Did debriefing occur.

Bottom line refers to "Harvey story"
What is Harvey story?

Even ^{with} ~~you~~ ~~refer~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~document~~
or with other persons referred
to in document

JFK ^{Ex.}# F-~~524~~ 524

Memo 20 Feb. 64, discussing
documents available in
LHO's file?

Ever seen? Yes

Author? Himself

At whose instruction, written?

~~Were~~ ³⁷ documents described as not
available in 201 file missing?

No, at various desks.

Why were they not in the file?

Lower left hand corner, ^{handwritten} words
"please keep loosely in the
last volume of Oswald's 201."

Who wrote? Him

Why?

~~Why loosely?~~

Par. 1, What happened to attachment which
was "machine listing of documents
officially recorded as being
in Oswald's 201 files"

CIA op. 2105-2108 18 Sept.



Your memo of 11/19/75

subj. allegations of
Lee Harvey Oswald's
connection with the Agency.

Recognize it?
Read it?

Par. 2a, how remember exact date?

Par. 2b, Why ~~check~~ did you check the Main
Index [ⓐ] on night of assass?

Who instructed you to recheck
Main Index?

What items integrated in record
system ^{after} ~~was~~ assassination?

Did you check with those running
HT LINCOLN program?

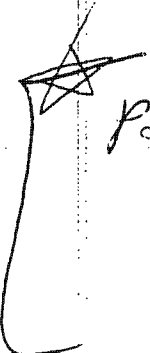
Did it bother you
any other instances

Par. 2d, why did you check with
Division P?

What is Division P?

What is an "informal desk record"
as referred [ⓐ] in par. 2d.

~~Per 2c~~



Per. 2c, how did you determine that not OS file on LHO?

Personally check.

Told by Chief of OS.

by the time that

Per 2 F, what is "CR 5"?

was it in PDI?

Why checked?

Ever checked PDI?

Ever check variations of name

Lee Harvey Oswald;

Lee Henry Oswald;

Alias Alek Hidell? A. J. Hidell;

~~Per~~

Per 2j, what was purpose of checking with J staff's operational approval group?

Per. 2k, how were you able to determine that you completed your checks on 4 Dec. 63.

What happened to "brief informal note" sent to Rocco, ~~reading~~ to inform him ~~discussing~~ results of your checks.

Last sentence, how do you know results communicated to WC, was your note the basis?

Par. 3, ~~who~~ told you similar checks made with foreign divisions?

~~How~~ do you know results were ~~on what basis~~ negative?

Who told you?

Par. 4. Why LHO not debriefed?

[What about ^{defectionist} KGB contacts?] life in Minsk, not often visited by westerners.

Par. 5, ~~what is~~ ~~Inter-Agency~~ Source Register? in DDO.

~~Inter-Agency~~

Ever check?

If not, why not?

Ever check other agency's re LHO as agent?

Par. 6 - 201 file opened on basis of receipt of first 75 documents, 2 FBI, 2 DOS, 1 Navy. Way ~~to~~ 13 months after receipt of first document, which was 10-31-59 cable.

Why had MC info not been included
in LHO's 201 before day of
assass.?

Why ~~data~~ disseminated
before inclusion in 201 file?

How do you know MC cables
made available to WC?

Par. 7

Manuscript

Read para. in document

How do you reconcile your statement
~~Do you still feel~~
in par. 7 with document,
regarding importance & urgency
of Oswald case?

Par. 8.

Present when WC reviewed
LHO's 201.

Who present.

Re: Ruby

(to the extent deemed appropriate)

Did the CIA obtain

the names of anyone
[other than ^{source} Mr. Willie]

who Jack Ruby saw or
talked with in Cuba?

after
Subsequent to the CIA

response to W. C. inquiry,
did the CIA learn

anything else about
Jack Ruby from CIA
files, sources, or otherwise?

Does CIA have any -p. 2-
information linking
Jade Ruby or his
associates (specifically
ask re: Lewis McWallie)
to CIA - Mafia plots
against Castro or any other
plots against Castro?

Pursuant to W.C. inquiry
did you review CIA
info. for possible link
between Ruby +/or associates
with CIA - Mafia plots -

— OVEK — specifically — Cuba - McWallie?

Any problems associated
with responding to W.C.
inquiry re: Ruby?

investigative
Any ~~and~~ reports of checks on
allegations of connection
between LHO & CIA?

If not, why not?

where

What was relied upon for Mr. Con's
affidavit to WC on
CIA agent allegation?

~~anyone who has used the name~~
anyone who has used the name
Maurice Bishop?

Talked with anyone at CIA concerning your testimony.
5 minutes to expand, clarify,
etc.

For the record,
I want to state that I was not trying
to make the inference that you were
coached concerning your testimony today.
I am that you

On behalf of HSCA, thank you.

For: Chuck Berk
HSCPA offices

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