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Frank A. Levy
12/21/78 9:30 a.m.

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REASON

DC - SR9: 1956-1960

Levy stated that he never heard of CHTO until 1963. He says that SR 9 was a small office & had CHTO's name arisen, he would have known about it.

SR 9 was a special operations office involved in running clandestine operations in Soviet Union. During those years, SR 9 had only [redacted] w/ the Soviet Union. These individuals were Soviets.

SR 10 - designed to utilize non-Soviet foreign travelers w/ USSR to try to recruit Soviet or support clandestine activities. (generally)

Levy stated that SR 9 knew everything that SR 10 was doing, & ∴ he would've known about Oswald if Oswald worked for SR 9. Only exception to this was when SR 10 was doing something directly w/ which was not at all important. Anything important SR 10 would contact SR 9 for assistance. Levy gave example of when SR 10 was trying to locate people in Soviet Union for a long time.

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Levy reviewed the 11/05/63 Casbin memo, & said he had never seen it before. He added that Agency could not possibly have debriefed everyone of the thousands of people who traveled w/ USSR. Levy stated that CHT would've had to talk to CHTO because it was apparent that he

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could not be trusted. Cassin
Levy never talked to Cassin about
the memo on LHO.

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George Kisevalter 12/21/78 10:00.

- was w/ SR 9 from 1953-63. ¹⁹⁶⁰
Deputy chief from SR 9 from ~~1959~~ 1959-62.

- general function of SR 9 was to run clandestine operations in Soviet Union. He ran the Penkovsky case.

Kisevalter has known Alexis Davison for many years. He assisted the agency in that case, but "absolutely had no contact w/ LHO on behalf of CIA."

Davison's role in Penkovsky was very limited. He was virtually a single occasion asset.

Kisevalter said that, as deputy chief of SR 9, he definitely would've known about LHO if he had been connected with CIA. It would've been impossible for any clandestine ops to have been run in Soviet Union w/ he (Kisevalter) having known about it.

In 1963, as assistant to Howard Osborne, chief of SR, he conducted a review of every clandestine operation ever run in Soviet Union. LHO was never involved.

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He saw Casarin memo many years ago, but there was never any follow-up. He never talked to Casarin about this.

* initials OI in memo indicate that only concern Casarin had re LHO was to obtain operational intelligence.

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Miss Betty Stacey

12/21/78 10:30

Worked in SR 6 from 1956-61

[redacted] LHO would have been in this card file.

SR was not particularly interested in defectors to the East.

She has no knowledge of LHO ever being connected w/ CIA. She

left SR 6 in '61 & in any way would have no knowledge about whether LHO was ever debriefed by CIA.

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David Chauhanade

12/21/78

11:00 am.

DC of SR10 from approx 1959-61

DC " SAs under Richardson ^{until} in Spring of 61.

- never discussed LHO w/ him.

He never heard LHO's name mentioned anywhere prior to assassination.

LHO was not an agent, asset, or source of info for CIA.

LHO would not have been used by SR10 because they were looking for clean cut Americans who spoke Russian. Helms had to sign off on any of these.

He pointed out that SR9's usually involved clandestine ops involving the use of foreigners.

If LHO had been used by SR10, D.C. would've known about it. When D.C. heard that LHO killed JFK, the name "rang no bells."

He had never seen the Casper memo before.

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Robert Sawicki

11:30 12/21/78

Was in SR 10 from 1959-61.
Was deputy chief ~~from 1960-61~~ during this
period initially & then became chief in 1960-61.

He has no knowledge of LHO ever
being connected w/ CIA in any capacity.
First heard name after assassination.

If LHO was sent overseas from US
to work in American Legal Traveler
program, Sawicki would've known about it.
Sawicki says he interviewed every
person who was involved in the
program.

He never saw Casarin memo before
& never discussed LHO with him.

SR 10 was primarily interested
in personalities - people who were
potentially spies for U.S.

He never spoke to Priscilla J.
Merrillman & she was not in American
traveler program.

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Alexander Logolow

12/31/78 12:08

Forwarded
SR 10
in
1954

Chief of SR 10 from 1954 - May 1959
From 1954-69, he did SR 10 work from
[redacted]

Logolow says he is an extremely
inquisitive guy. He made all sorts
of inquiries concerning SR affairs.
If LHO was connected w/ CIA,
he thinks that he would've known
about it.

He never spoke to Casper about
LHO & never saw the memo
before today.

Says SR 10 never would've used
LHO bec he did not meet high
requirements - college grads, Ivy League,
Russian speaking.

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