180-10144-10229

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Doc. 1

10144-10229

RETURN TO CIA
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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
- CIA pp 943-944 HT LINGUA cables on Oswald 19 June or 15 May Wolf request (Misc docs)

get copy of release letter

p32 of KRII — 689-298 — Did you prepare it
what new questions are raised
Was it written 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~~ no written of thinking (machine writing)

Helms pp vol 2 179-181 — 7-2
Henry
phys description
pusakova
~~why~~ what is CI/SPG

788 — 1-1B — AG
Henry
CI/SIG ✓
date of opening
restricted
as of ~~Aug~~ 1960

785 — 6-3 — wrong description

943-944 — HTLINGUAL — project RE, WATCHLIST
N/R - RI
CI/PROJ/7H
what about funny ### FF's

Helms
p 787 2-524 - why the ★
as of 60

2105-2108 1188-1000 - go over tomorrow

How does he remember the date of his orders.

2a ~~the~~ written or oral instruction

and all details & reports & no written record

b. - why did you check main index

what was integrated in

did you check HTLANGUAL

c. - what's division D
why'd you check it
fake cover

had a Misc file - newspaper clippings, notes

e. there was a security file

Didn't check DDI

f. what's CRS

g. what about Lee or Lee Henry or Alik Hidell

K - brief informal notes (where is it filed) how does he know it was Dec 4

was your search basis for McCone's first name when he reversed tape

3. who told him

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

what was selectivity + specific target applicability standard

what type of info was CIA's DCD seeking

(Did he check Inter Agency Source Register) did he check other Agency's

8. when told about interceptS?

5. How would this show up

Did he just check CIA files

6. why 201 opened so late

why 1st sent to FBI before filed.

~~MISC FILE - there's there is no file, there copies show HTLANGUAL~~

6. Supposedly opened on basis of State Dept request for info on defectors.

Opened by [redacted] A/Eg.

She testified to this

How does he know what he is saying

whose did he get this info.

1350-173A + 173-615 - ever see this

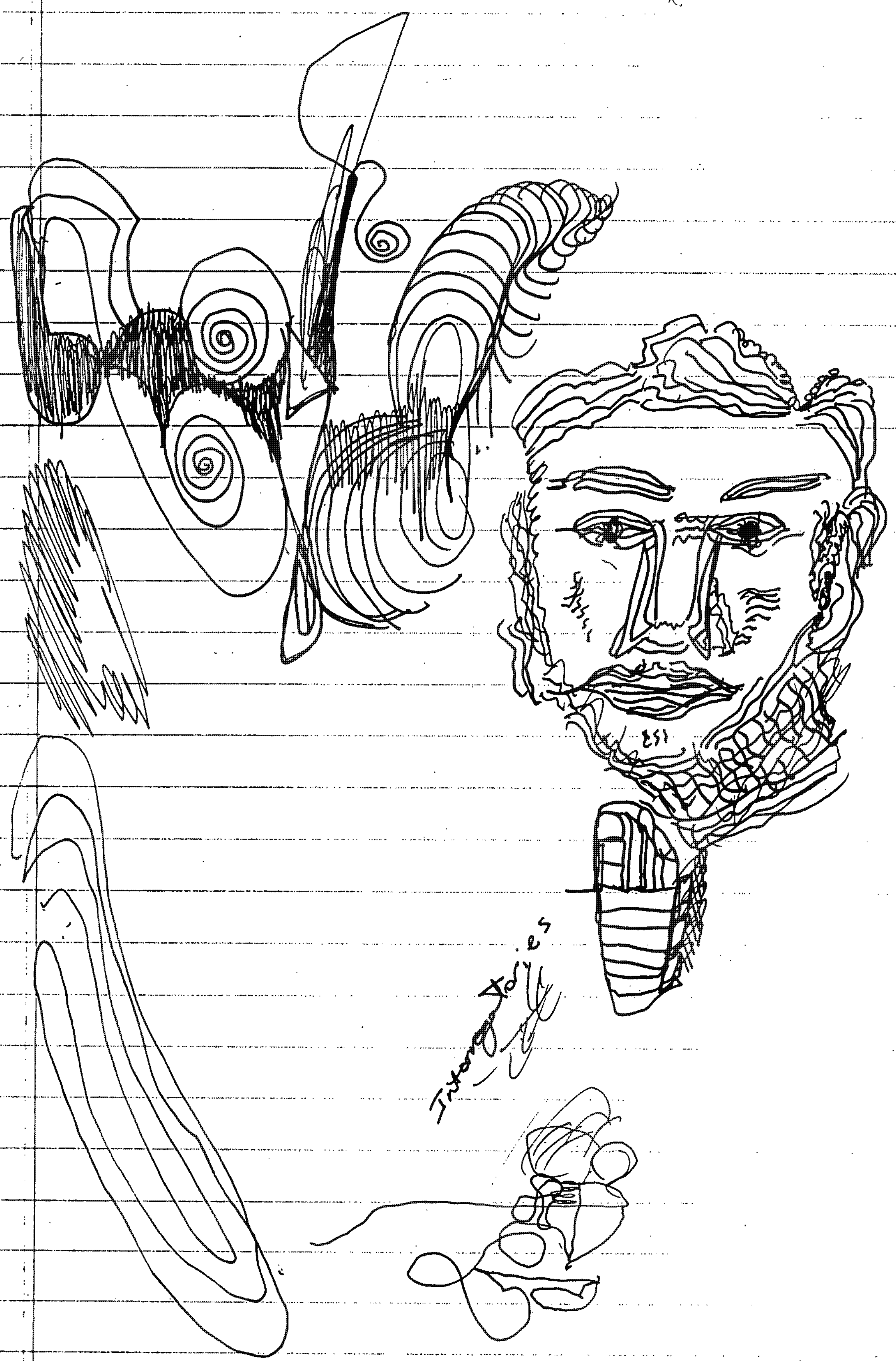
Helms 3369

435-173 - was he aware of [redacted] this memo

Did he check w/ the

was it reported to him ever

Did he check w/ the C or DC [redacted] + Research Section of SR/6


Interrogatories

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Hartman Interview
946-5241

1. 1951 – 1976 – operations office
retired in 1976.

2. 1963-1964 – member of Rocca group
in CI/R+A –

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

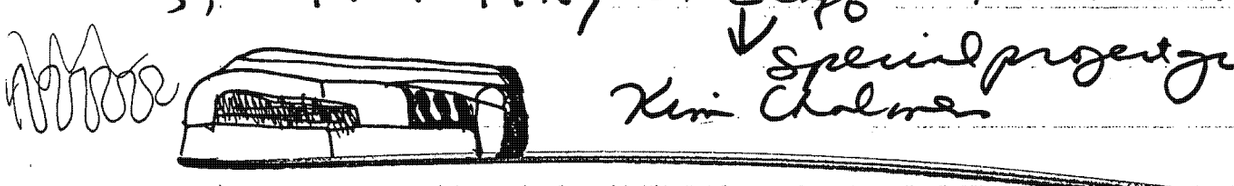
maintained file created based on assassination –

all paper in records system went into LHO 201

3. Austin Dooley + Tom Hall - deceased

4. CI/SIG – worked closely with office of security

5. 1974-1975) CI Staff HTLINGUAL
↓ Special project group
Kim Chalmers



permanent duty – to maintain LHO file
de Mohrenschildt + Ruby

10/31/59 - familiar with the

S/G - American involved with Russians goes to S/G — had no U.S. desk - it would be a special investigation

would liaise w/ other gov't agency

I-IB - (Betty Ky) opened file on presumption that Oswald was a spy - w/ KGB

nothing in CIA rules (Records Handbook) covers people defecting to Soviet Union

[redacted]

don't open file on guy because 1 1 cable

don't know whether

- [redacted] S/G file restricted quite often - might have been restricted out of habit

would have wanted to know if anyone checking on LHO

So that person opens file under Jones who wanted info on the restricted file

(3)

American defector to Soviet

He did total name check on Rudy) and took 4-5 months to do Rudy report because he had multiple contacts

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

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HTLINGUAL cards

special project unit — PROJECT/RE → used to be man who translated Russian materials 3 named [illegible]

PROJECT/PH - [redacted] believes was a translator

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

W/R-R1 - No record - stands Intelligence System

1/MC

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

release from prison - notwithstanding release in cable may not have set forth a period of time

6-3 - need time - doesn't mean anything because cables are handled according to work load of people

Can't explain disparity in physical description

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

* routing sheets would help to show where the cable went

the correct description -

J. C King - authenticate yes no doing sufficient authority to release at 7 pm

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

(5)

138-598 – doesn't know why interest in Caldera

Dooley may have know something about it

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

why waste time on LHO – a creep

(KUJUMP–) DCD or OS

prob'ly Dave Murphy had Wagner as Surveillance to talk to these people

Believe [redacted] in Dick Ova

[after WC ceased to function] { monitoring tapes of LHO when sent to HQ – not sure if before or after death – by a Dispatch

a few years after assassination 65-70 → sent to WH/3

it was sent to Houtman – definitely did not tape of Oswald sent to Records agency + included in 201 file

Got it from Mexican desk

(6)

563-810 - think he wrote it

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

were not [illegible] in [illegible] { were available but not physically available in the file at the time

docs were recorded in record system

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

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

689-298 - never saw it -

695-302A - doesn't know of [illegible]

Rocca + Dooley + Hall prob'ly wrote it

remembers the affidavit

[redacted] P. Hartman was Rocca's expert on the Records System

1188-1000 – CI Staff handled any Agency problem in US.

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

2b. checked main index at non volition

[redacted] items integrated in – FBI/Locs

[redacted] cable traffic

[redacted] didn't check HTLINGUAL – had no knowledge – ROCCA didn't either

2d. checked Division D because has sensitive holdings – dealt w/ NSA

always had to check Division D separately

2e. didn't check Security himself – relied on their representation

OS was mechanizing records might have fallen through the cracks

[redacted]

2f. Central Reference Service

DDI – no records at present

may check by [illegible]

may be that in the DDI

(5)

2 g. never checked under Alek Heide

2 K – reconstructed date of note from memory – doesn't know where note is now

believes this note was ~~based on statement~~ LHO ~~not of CIA agent~~

Rocca told Hartman were power to Helms

presumed

Hartman check was no part of usual on which Mr Cue based statement – also would have been info from Helms where Helms got from Duran chiefs made abroad

necessary? →

3. Rocca told him + possibly Burk O'Neal

in DCD

Bob Travis, Jim Murphy, Joe Devanin

4. LHO had nothing compared to prominent doctors etc who visited S.U – staff was undermanned – couldn't handle the load

check 201 + get no card out only no 201 means no other out interest

check on ISR system

(doesn't have to check Dnt Agency Source Register separately

+ in I

if file not in registry

(9)

IBR is part of Central Index
↓ no separate index

didn't check w/ military Services

5. did check on basis of check in the IBR & through the Central Index

FBI is exempt from ISR because operate domestically

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

Earlier statement re opening does not jive with Hartman's recollection maybe he's wrong

not supposed to be the 201 because of [illegible]

RYBAT called Kell at DSK - not [redacted] in 201 - put into 201 by a form

CS [illegible] WC [illegible] [illegible]

wasn't present when WC saw 201 file of LHO

when C1/SIG had 201
file after ~~access~~ —
[redacted] could have
kept sensitive
subs in file
because closed
holding file —

but wasn't put
sensitive material
in file at Regnstr
because would have
exposed the sensitive
system to people w/
no need to know

My name is Robert Genzman. 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 subpena 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 ~~[illegible] telegram~~ discussing Oswald's desire to defect.

10-31-59 Cable

JFK EX. F 534

Would you read this cable.

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

Why.

201 Opening Form for LHO.
CIA page number 788.

Would you read this page?

Why CI/SIG opened?

Why Rune Egerter opened?

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

Why file marked restricted?

Why the form contains wrong middle name "Henry"?

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

CIA page 787

What does star after Oswald's 201 number indicate.

HT LINGUAL cards

943 + 944

What was HT LINGUAL?

Which 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 - RI mean?

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

Why would Ogarto's name be on the card?

What does "deleted 28 May 62" mean?

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

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

[redacted]

Why Lee Henry Oswald?

Does phys. descrip. fit Oswald?
Yes.
Does cable reflect cable sent to MC at 9 zed time?

Dissemination Cable, 10-10-63
HQ to various agencies. DIR 64673
JFK EX. F 517

Description correspond to F516, HQ cable to MC dated 10-10-63?
No.
If not, who does description fit?
MMM

2nd para., [redacted] 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 in M.C.? What kinds of surveillance.

Manuscript

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

Have you ever seen ~~about~~ this document before?

Does this accurately reflect the CIA's photographic surveillance with regard to ~~the~~ HO?

Were photos of LHO taken?

~~If not, to~~

Where are they?

If not, why not?

~~Graphics~~

Tapes

~~When there 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 ≅ 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 pointed your gun from file to building 64-76
Why took so long - cleaned out a safe
FBI memo, Nov. 23, 63, from J. Edgar Hoover to James J. Rowley
JFK # F ——.

Please read

Do-par. accurate?

Were tapes sent to Dallas?

197, [redacted]

p. 197 - Nov. 23 cable, MC Stat to HQ
[redacted] 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 S to HQ re surveill. ops

Ever seen cable?

Par. 8, does it appear accurate
that 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 zed time, contains correct description.

Was cable actually sent at later time?

Memorandum from [redacted] dated Dec. 25, 1963

pp. 3368 – 3369

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?

Ever spoken with [redacted] re documents or with other persons referred to in documents

JFK Ex. # F-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 pp. 2105-2108

Your memo of 18 Sept. 1975
Subj. allegations of
Lee Harvey Oswald's
connection with the Agency?

Recognize it?
Read it?

Par. 2a, how remember exact date?

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

Who instructed you to recheck Main Index?

What items integrated in record system ~~since~~ after assassination?

Did you check with those running HT LINGUAL 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.

~~Betty~~ Par. 2e, how did you determine that not OS file on LHO?
Personally check.
Told by Chief of OS.
~~Since the time that~~
Par 2 F, what is "CRS"?
Was it in DDI?
Why checked?
Ever checked DDI?
Ever check variations of name
Lee Harvey Oswald;

Lee Henry Oswald?
Alias Alek Hidell? A J. Hidell;

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

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

What happened to "brief informal note" sent to Rocca, ~~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 defectors + KGB contacts?]
life in Minsk, not often visited by westerners.

Par. 5, What is ~~[illegible]~~ Inter-Agency Source Register? ~~in~~ DDO.
~~[illegible]~~
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 of 5 documents, 2 FBI, 2 DOS, 1 Navy. Why ~~take~~ 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~~ [redacted] disseminated before inclusion in 201 file?

How do you know MC cables made available to WC?

Manuscript

Par. 7

Read para. in document

How ~~do~~ can you reconcile you 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 name(s) of anyone [other than Mr. Willie] who Jack Ruby saw and/or talked with in Cuba?

~~Subsequent to~~ after the CIA responded to Mr. C. inquiry, did the CIA learn anything else about Jack Ruby from CIA files, sources, or otherwise?

Does CIA have any information linking Jack Ruby or his associates (specifically ask re: Lewis McWillie) 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 - specifically - Cubella - McWillie?

—OVER—

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

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

If not, why not?

When

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

[redacted]

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 (only)
HSCA offices

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