

Notes - Charles Berk

Box 30
Filer 56
Doc. 1

10144-10229
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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
- C/A pp 943-944 HTLINGBOM's cards on Oswald
19 June or 15 May Wolf request (misc docs)

get copy of release letter

P320F
KR II

689-298 -

Did you prepare it
when ^{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~~ memo written of
this item (machine listing)

Helm's

PP Vol 2
179-181

7-2

Henry
phys description
pursakov

~~what~~ what is CI/SPB

788

1-1B

- AG

Henry

CI/SPB ✓

date of opening

restricted

as of Aug 1960

785

6-3

wrong description

943-944

HTLINGUAL

PN ^{entry}

- RE, WATCHLIST

N/R - RI

CI/KROJ/PH

} what
about
furny
11/11/60
FF's

Helm
p 787

2-524 - why the
ns of 60

2105-
2108

1188-1000 - go over tomorrow

and
old data
is no longer
relevant

2a. ~~who~~ How does he remember the date of ~~the~~
written or oral instruction

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
same cover

had a misc file - newspaper clippings,
noted

(e. there was a security file

f. what CRS

g. what about Lee or Lee Henry
of Alik Hiddell

k - brief, informal note (what is it, noted)
How does he know it was Dec 4

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 ~~DDP seeking~~
Inter Agency Source Register)
did he check other agencies

5. How would this
show up Did he just
check CIA
files

6. Why 210 opened so late

why 15th sent to FBI before
filed

~~W. E. F. H. A. S. the same information~~
this is the same information

was your
search basis
for McConell's
testimony
that he
reverted to
him

8. when
told about
interests?

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

opened ~~by~~ by ~~██████████~~ A/E.g. -
Ghe testifies to this

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

1386-173A + 173-615 - ever
set

this

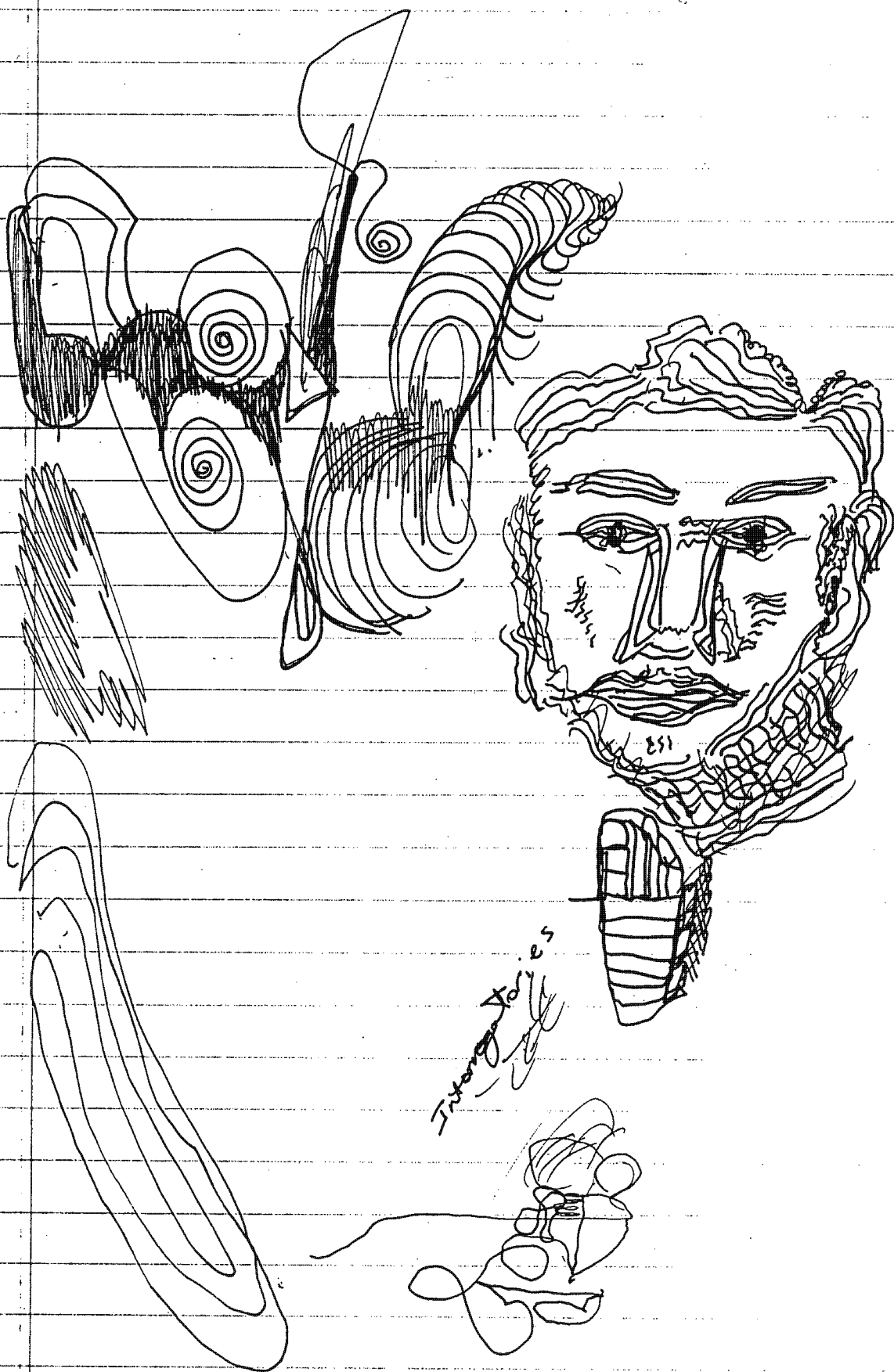
Helm
3369

435-173 -

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

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

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



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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 investi-
gation

maintained file created based
on assassination -

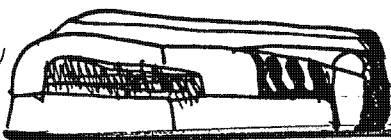
all paper in records system went into
LHO 201

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 Chalmer

Notes



permanent dug - to maintain LHO file
de Mohrenschilte + Rudy

10/31/59 - familiar with
the

S15 - American involved with
Russians goes to S15 -
had no U.S. desk - it would
be a special investigation

would have w/ other got agency

1-1B - (Beth E.)
opened file on presumption
that Oswald was a spy -
w/ KGB

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

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

don't open file on guy because
1 cable

didn't know what

Do that
person opens file
could have
who wanted info
in the restricted
201 - what
the source
S15 file restricted & not
often - might have been restricted
out of habit
would have wanted to know if anyone
checking on LHO

(3)

American
reflected
to communists
BLOC

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

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
where person
mentioned

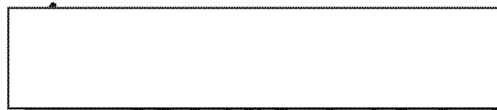
HTLINGUAL cards

Special
Project
Unit

PROJECT/RE →

used to be man
who translated
Russian materials
named (Rubin E. F. 3)

PROJECT/PH -



believes
sees a translator

doesn't know what

Watch list - but believes it was
a State Dept list

W/R-R1 -

The record - kinds
Integration
System

V/mc

7-2

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

release
office
James Brown
not in
release
cable
have sat on for
a few days

6-3

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

Can't explain discrepancy 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

~~all~~ The correct description -

J.C. King - authentic you no else of sufficient
authority to release at your

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

(5)

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

Dorley may have know something
about it

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



why waste time on LHO -
a creep

~~THE~~ (KUGUMP-) DCD or OS
prob'ly Dave Murphy had
Wagner a ^{supervisor} to talk to
these people

Believe [] Dick
Obe

After WC
ceased
to function { monitoring types of LHO were
sent to Ho - not sure if
before or after death -
by a Dispatch

a few years
after the
between
65-70

got it from
may have
dash

→ sent to WH/3
it was sent to
Hartman -
definitely it's
a type of Oswald
sent to records section
+ included in 201 file

⑥

563-810 - think he wrote
it

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

~~was~~ { were available but
not physically available
in the file at the time
because recorded in record
system

were
not missing
in fact

"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 - Poccia
might have kept it

689-298 - never saw it -

695-302A - doesn't know
if used

Poccia +
Booley +
Hall probably
wrote it

remembers The affidavit

P. Hartman was Roccia'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/docs
cable traffic

didn't check HTK INSUAL -
had no knowledge -
ROCA didn't either

2 d. checked Duane D because
has sensitive holdings -
dealt w/ NSA
always had to check Duane D
separately

2 e. didn't check Securus
himself - relied on their
representation

OS was mechanizing records
might have fallen thru the
cracks

only what
in the PDI 2 f.

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

⑤

2j. never checked under Alek Hede

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

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

Rosen told
Hartman wife
was passed to
Helms
presumably

necessary? →

← Hartman died was
my part of info on
which the one brief
statement - also would
have been info from Helms
where Helms got from
diversion chiefs made
abroad

3. Rosen told him + probably
Buck O'Neil

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

if checked 201 + get no card that says no 201 means
no other but other

(didn't have to check South Agency /
Source Registry Separately

INDEX

Bob
Travis
Jim
Murphy
Joe Devanin

also in
ISP
section

4111

not in file
not in registry

⑨

1

IBR is part of Central Index
↓ no separate index

didn't check w/ military services

5. did the on basis of check
in the IBR 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 jive with
Hartman's recollection
maybe he's wrong

not supposed
to be in
201 because
of sensitivity

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

CS - all
not all
WC member
+ some staff

wasn't present when
WC saw 201 file of LHO

when C1/515 had 201
file after access -
~~could have~~
kept sensitive
info 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
~~was~~ telegram discussing
JFK'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
where?

Why.

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

Would you read this page?

Why CI/SIS opened?

Why Anne Egerton 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 ^{translation} "AG" mean?

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

AG

Additions pointed out to WC.

Index cards

~~Q~~ CIA page 787

What does star after Oswald's
201 number indicate?

HT LINGUAL cards

943 & 944

What was HT LINGUAL?

What ~~was~~ 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 ~~Q~~ - 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
Cable 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 64673
JFK EX. F 517

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

No.

If not, ~~who~~ does description fit?
MMM

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 describes} ~~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?
~~about~~

Where are they?

If not, why not?

~~Before~~

Tapes

~~When this Did CIA MC station know~~

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
How got from file to Billy
Why took so long - cleared out a safe

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, ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 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 ~~any~~ 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~~, at
9:30 time, contains correct
description.

[Was cable actually sent at later time?

Memorandum from (Thomas B. Casasin,)
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" ~~at~~
What is Harvey story?

Even spoken ^{with} (Casasin) re document
or with other persons referred
to in document

JFK ^{Ex.}# F-~~52~~ 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?~~

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

CTA pp. 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} ~~some~~ assassination?

Did you check with those running
HT LINCOLN program?

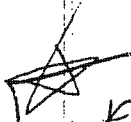
Did it bother you
any other instances

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

What is Division D?

What is an "informal desk record"
as referred to in par. 2d.

~~But~~



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

Personally check.

Told by Chief of OS.

Par. 2 F, what is "CR 5"?

Since the time that

was it in DDI?

Why checked?

Ever checked DDI?

Ever check variations of ~~D~~ name
Lee Harvey Oswald;

Lee Henry Oswald?

Alias Alek Hidell? A. J. Hill?

~~Ever~~

Par. 2j, what was purpose of checking with J 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 Roca, ~~regarding~~ 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 ^{defection +} 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 Mr. 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
Jack Ruby or his
associates (specifically
ask re: Lewis McWhirter)
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 -

—OVER— specifically — Cuba - McWhirter?

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?

When

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
HSCA (only)
offices

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SP

CB