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Subcommittee on the Assassination of John F. Kennedy of the Select Committee on Assassinations,

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The Subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 4:25 p.m. in room 1310, Longworth House Office Building, Hon. Christopher Dodd presiding.

Present: Representatives Dodd, Fithian and Sawyer.

Also present: M. Goldsmith, C. Berk, L. Svendsen, S. Brady, C. Cooper, E. Berning, B. Genzman, W. Cross and H. Leap.

Mr. Dodd. The committee will come to order.

Mr. Jones, We will continue in Executive Session. We are in Executive Session. I am going to ask you to be sworn and then read you a section of our rules. Why do we not proceed in that order?

Will you stand and raise your right hand?

Do you swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

Mr. Jones. I do.

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1 Mr. Dodd. First of all, Mr. Jones, have you had an
2 opportunity to see the rules of this Committee and have you
3 had an opportunity to review and look at them?

4 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. I have seen the
5 rules, I have read them and I understand them.

6 Mr. Dodd. I appreciate that.

7 Pursuant to our rules, I would like to state, for you
8 and for the record, the purpose of this investigation. This
9 investigation comes about as a result of the passage of
10 House Resolution 222 which mandates this Committee to conduct
11 a full and complete investigation and study of the circum-
12 stances surrounding the assassination and death of President
13 John F. Kennedy, including determining whether the existing
14 laws of the United States concerning the protection of the
15 President and the investigative jurisdiction and capabilities
16 of agencies and departments are adequate in their provisions
17 and enforcement and whether there was full disclosure of
18 evidence and information among agencies and departments of
19 the United States government, and whether any evidence or
20 information not in the possession of an agency or department
21 would have been of assistance in investigating the assassina-
22 tion and why such information was not provided and collected
23 by such agency or department; and to make recommendations
24 to the House, if the Subcommittee deems it appropriate, to
25 the amendment of the existing legislation and enactment of

1 new legislation.

2 Mr. Jones, at this point, I am going to turn the
3 questioning over to our counsel, Mr. Genzman and then members
4 of the Committee may ask additional questions as well.

5 Counsel, would you proceed?
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1 TESTIMONY OF ROBERT E. JONES

2 Mr. Genzman. Thank you.

3 Colonel Jones, would you state your full name ~~and~~
4 ~~address~~ for the record?

5 Mr. Jones. Robert E. Jones, United States Army Colonel,
6 retired.

7 Mr. Genzman. At this time, Colonel Jones, I would like
8 to show you a copy of a document labelled JFK Exhibit No.
9 94.

10 Would the clerk please show Colonel Jones a copy of this
11 document?

12 (Pause)

13 Mr. Jones, have you had a chance to review this document
14 previously?

15 Mr. Jones. Yes, previous to this hearing I have seen
16 and read it and completely understand it.

17 Mr. Genzman. Thank you.

18 Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Colonel Jones questions
19 pertaining to the following areas: military intelligence
20 operations related to Lee Harvey Oswald; liaison operations
21 between military intelligence and the Secret Service; and
22 military intelligence activities ^{and} ~~in~~ communications following
23 the assassination of President Kennedy.

24 Colonel Jones, what is your present occupation?

25 Mr. Jones. I am presently retired, United States Army

1 Mr. Genzman. When did you retire?

2 Mr. Jones. 1 February 1971.

3 Mr. Genzman. Before your retirement, how long were
4 you with the United States Army?

5 Mr. Jones. I was with the United States Army for
6 thirty years.

7 Mr. Genzman. What was your position with the United
8 States Army?

9 Mr. Jones. At the time of my retirement, is that the
10 question?

11 Mr. Genzman. Yes.

12 Mr. Jones. At the time of my retirement, I was Group
13 Commander, Fort Worth, Texas.

14 Mr. Genzman. Throughout your career, what was your
15 occupational specialty?

16 Mr. Jones. During the war years, 1941 to January 1946,
17 I was field artillery officer, as a battalion commander.
18 With a break of service, 1946 to 1949, I continued my civilian
19 education. In April of 1949, I attended special agent training
20 ing, military intelligence, Fort Holabird, Maryland.

21 Upon completion, I was assigned to the European theatre
22 of operation in Germany. In this capacity, I served as a
23 special agent in western Germany, in various cities. Chief
24 of Security Division, Chief of Visa Screening, as a special
25 agent, U.S. Army Headquarters.

1 I returned from overseas operations in 1953 and worked
2 for a year in Kentucky as operations officer for regional
3 headquarters. I was responsible for background investiga-
4 tions in counterintelligence operations for the state.

5 After one year, I was assigned, in a covert assignment
6 in an undercover assignment which I worked for one year and
7 special operations. At this time, I was assigned to the 902nd
8 military intelligence crew.

9 After a one-year assignment, I was assigned Security
10 Division Office, Secretary of Defense, and worked on security
11 and intelligence investigations for five years, from 1955 to
12 1960.

13 From 1960, I attended and completed the advanced intelli-
14 gence course at Fort Holabird, Maryland. Upon completion, I
15 was assigned to Nuremberg, Germany. I was the operations
16 officer for my group for approximately one year, and then I
17 was the commander of the 511 MI company in Nuremberg, 66 MI
18 group.

19 Upon completing this tour of duty, I returned to the
20 United States and was assigned to Fort Sam Houston, Texas
21 as operations officer for the 112 MI group and I served as
22 the operations officer from June, 1963 until 1 January 1965

23 I was reassigned to Fort Holabird, Maryland, and was
24 Chief of Operations Center for the newly evacuated, activated
25 intelligence command.

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1 I served there for approximately 18 months and returned
2 to the 112th and served approximately seven months as an
3 executive officer and was promoted to full Colonel, was
4 assigned as a group commander for the 108 military intelli-
5 gence group and upon completion of my tour there, two years
6 I was reassigned as a commander, Fort Houston, Texas, which
7 I retired as Group Commander, February, 1971.

8 Mr. Genzman. Could you tell us how many years in total
9 you served as a military intelligence officer?

10 Mr. Jones. 22 years, 1949 to February, 1971.

11 Mr. Genzman. Colonel Jones, I would like to focus
12 specifically on your duties in June, 1963. Could you tell us
13 your position at that time and tell us a little bit about your
14 duties and responsibilities?

15 Mr. Jones. Yes.

16 Upon my assignment to 112, I was appointed the operations
17 officer for the entire group. The 112 MI group had seven
18 regions under its operational control which encompassed a
19 five-state area: Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico and
20 Oklahoma.

21 I was directly responsible for all counterintelligence
22 operations, background investigations, domestic intelligence and
23 any special operations in this area.

24 I directed the operations for seven regions and reported,
25 through my Group Commander, to the Security Division of Fourth

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1 Army, Deputy Chief of Staff Intelligence.

2 Mr. Genzman. Did your jurisdiction include any Mexican
3 operations?

4 Mr. Jones. We had a domestic intelligence function there
5 that we collected information from various local, state and
6 county law enforcement agencies or intelligence divisions.
7 We maintained filings and built an index card file on
8 individuals who may have been going into Mexico and coming
9 back.

10 Mr. Genzman. When did the name Lee Harvey Oswald first
11 come to your attention?

12 Mr. Jones. I would estimate the middle of 1963. I
13 cannot be specific, though, Mr. Chairman, because I spent
14 too many years, but I would believe it was the middle of
15 1963 when he was arrested in New Orleans, and I had liaison
16 with the New Orleans police and through our regional office
17 in New Orleans, they provided me with his arrest, his
18 activities and we carded him under both the name of A. J.
19 Hidell and Lee Harvey Oswald.

20 Mr. Genzman. Based on this information, what ^{actions} ~~else~~ did
21 you take?

22 Mr. Jones. Well, he was of interest to us because of
23 the anti-U.S. government position he was taking, his pro-Cuba
24 activities as far as passing out literature and making
25 speeches on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, and I think we

1 also had an interest in local agencies to get any informa-
2 tion we could develop, to get information on a place of
3 residence.

4 Additionally, we requested a file, or availability of
5 a file, from the Central Records facility. This file was
6 forwarded to us and we completed our dossier from information
7 from the Central Records facility and from the local agency
8 check and from the activities of his while he was in New
9 Orleans.

10 Mr. Genzman. Are you saying that you maintained a file
11 on Lee Harvey Oswald?

12 Mr. Jones. Yes, I did have a file on Lee Harvey Oswald.

13 Mr. Genzman. Did this file contain a personality pro-
14 file on Oswald?

15 Mr. Jones. The personality profile, as I call it, is
16 as much information as we have to develop on an individual,
17 or without doing a comprehensive background investigation,
18 and from this Central Records facility file, local agency
19 check and from his activities, we considered that the person-
20 ality profile.

21 Mr. Genzman. Were you personally responsible for the
22 maintenance of the file, or were you personally involved in
23 collecting any of this information?

24 Mr. Jones. My position, as Chief of Operations, or
25 Operations Officer for the Group, all reports would come over

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1 my desk and I would read them and indicate disposition of
2 the documents.

3 Under my supervision, we had a domestic intelligence
4 officer who would continue to screen the files and prepare
5 the dossiers and the necessary cards and file them in his
6 section, which was called domestic intelligence, or DI.

7 Mr. Genzman. Did the file on Oswald ever contain a
8 summary report?

9 Mr. Jones. The file only contained information that
10 I just have given you. His activities in New Orleans --

11 Mr. Genzman. Let me rephrase the question, Colonel Jones:
12 Did you, at any time, ever write a summary report or an "after
13 action" report on Lee Harvey Oswald?

14 Mr. Jones. Yes. I do not refer to a summary report.
15 After the assassination of President Kennedy, I did write an
16 after action report which covered all of the report, the
17 actions that I took, the people that I notified, the time and
18 so forth, and it was prepared as an after action report, and
19 maintained in the Lee Harvey Oswald file.

20 Mr. Genzman. Based upon the information that you
21 gathered on Lee Harvey Oswald, what conclusions did you reach
22 as to this individual?

23 Mr. Jones. As to the individual's character, as to his
24 trustworthiness? I considered the man as a possible security
25 risk or as a person that we should have an interest in,

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1 from the review of his dossier. The fact that he had
2 defected, gone to Russia, had travelled in Russia, and
3 according to the file, had married a Russian national and
4 was permitted to return to the United States. That was
5 sufficient enough for him to be of interest to any intelli-
6 gence operating agency.

7 Mr. Genzman. Would you characterize Oswald as a possible
8 counterintelligence threat?

9 Mr. Jones. I considered him to be a counterintelligence
10 threat at any time that he would have been in the area that
11 I was responsible for operations.

12 Mr. Genzman. On the basis of your expertise and knowledge
13 of the Lee Oswald file, would you say that the other American
14 intelligence agencies would have had an interest in Oswald
15 and would have characterized him as a possible security or
16 counterintelligence ^{threat} ~~threat~~?

17 Mr. Jones. I would not speak for any intelligence
18 agency as a factual report to this committee, but if I were
19 assigned an operation in any intelligence agency, I would
20 think that a man who had travelled to Russia would certainly
21 be debriefed and be a potential source of information and
22 based upon an investigation that we might conduct on the
23 findings of this and the people considered reliable or
24 targets in areas that we had an interest, he would be a
25 potential source.

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1 Mr. Genzman. Based on your expertise and intelligence,
2 could you tell us which agency would have debriefed Oswald
3 upon his return from the Soviet Union, if, in fact, that
4 were ever done?

5 Mr. Jones. From my experience, the CIA would have
6 debriefed him at one time and, upon return to the United
7 States, the internal security division of the FBI would
8 probably debrief him.

9 Mr. Genzman. To your knowledge, did the CIA ever debrief
10 Lee Harvey Oswald?

11 Mr. Jones. I have no personal knowledge of it.

12 Mr. Genzman. To your knowledge, did Military Intelligence
13 ever debrief Lee Harvey Oswald?

14 Mr. Jones. The Military Intelligence of my group did
15 not debrief him.

16 Mr. Genzman. Based upon the information which you
17 gathered upon Oswald and also based on your experience, would
18 you say that Lee Oswald's file was the type of file which
19 should have been destroyed at some point in time?

20 Mr. Jones. The Oswald file, since it pertained to the
21 ~~assassination~~ of the President of the United States, in my
22 opinion, should have been retained for reference or for
23 historical purposes.

24 Mr. Genzman. If you were still Operations Officer in
25 charge of the Oswald file at a time when destruction of these

1 types of files was being considered, under what circumstances
2 would the file have been destroyed?

3 Mr. Jones. I think I would have made a strong case to
4 retain the file with my superiors and then if I were directed
5 to destroy the file, I would have asked them to direct me to
6 do so in writing so that it would be a matter of record.

7 Mr. Genzman. Colonel Jones, I next would like to ask you
8 about the liaison operations between military intelligence
9 and the Secret Service.

10 Mr. Jones. At any time that the President, or Vice
11 President, or anyone at the Secret Service had responsibility
12 for physical protection, would be scheduled to arrive in the
13 area, they would contact our Group Headquarters or our Regional
14 Headquarters and we would augment their force, if necessary,
15 to provide some type of physical coverage, that is, a man on
16 the street, or an observation of people, vehicles, communica-
17 tions, or any other information or support that we could
18 provide.

19 But in every case, to my knowledge, our people were
20 under the control and supervision of Secret Service. We
21 never assumed responsibility for the President's protection.

22 Mr. Genzman. Would you characterize these operations as
23 supplementing the manpower of the Secret Service?

24 Mr. Jones. Yes, I would.

25 Mr. Genzman. With specific reference to President

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1 Kennedy's trip to Texas, would you relate to the committee
2 your connection with liaison operations with the Secret
3 Service?

4 Mr. Jones. We provided a small force -- I do not recall
5 how many, but I would estimate between 8 and 12 -- during
6 the President's visit to San Antonio, Texas; and then the
7 following day, on his visit to Dallas, the regions also
8 provided additional people to assist, that is additional
9 people from Region 2.

10 Mr. Genzman. Did these people which you provided
11 include sources who were in contact with the various local
12 law enforcement agencies?

13 Mr. Jones. The people who were in contact with either
14 the intelligence division or the State Police or the Police
15 Department or the FBI or Secret Service, were reporting
16 either directly to me or to the Regional Operational Officer.

17 The information would be provided to the Secret Service
18 if necessary, or to the FBI, but it was normally channelled
19 through the region or to the group headquarters. This
20 information would then be made available to the requesting
21 investigative agency.

22 Mr. Genzman. Do you recall the names of any of the
23 military intelligence personnel who performed liaison
24 activities with the Secret Service in Dallas at the time of
25 the President's visit there?

How many in
Dealey Plaza vs other
places? Any hint
of foreknowledge?

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1 Mr. Jones. Any of the names of the Military Intelli-
2 gence Group?

3 Mr. Genzman. Yes.

4 Mr. Jones. I believe Coyle.

5 Mr. Genzman. Would that be Ed Coyle?

6 Mr. Jones. Yes.

7 Mr. Genzman. Would you describe his position and
8 duties?

9 Mr. Jones. He was Special Agent assigned to Region 2
10 of the group in Dallas and was a special agent and had
11 previous contacts and liaisons with these agencies and was
12 considered a liaison officer for the region.

13 Mr. Genzman. Was he an investigator?

14 Mr. Jones. He was a trained investigator and had the
15 badge and credentials.

16 Mr. Genzman. Would he have worked in plain clothes,
17 civilian clothes?

18 Mr. Jones. Yes, he would have.

19 Mr. Genzman. I have several other names I would like
20 to ask you about.

21 Was James W. Powell one of these liaison personnel?

22 Mr. Jones. Yes, he was a Captain and also wore civilian
23 clothes and was assigned to Region 2 of the 112 MI Group.

24 Mr. Genzman. Was he, in fact, on duty the day of the
25 assassination?

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1 Mr. Jones. Yes, he was.

2 Mr. Genzman. Was Coyle on duty the day of the
3 assassination?

4 Mr. Jones. Yes, he was.

5 Mr. Genzman. The next name I have is Secret Service
6 Agent Winston Lawson. Do you recall that name?

7 Mr. Jones. I just recall the name; I do not know him.

8 Mr. Genzman. ^{was} ~~Would he have been~~ with the 112 Military
9 Intelligence Group?

10 Mr. Jones. No, not to my knowledge.

11 Mr. Genzman. I would like to ask the same question
12 about Captain W. ~~ca~~ ^{no} P. Gangway, who is with the Dallas,
13 Police Special Service Bureau.

14 Mr. Jones. Was he a Captain in the Police Department
15 or a Captain in the military Service.

16 Mr. Genzman. I believe he was a Captain in the Police
17 Department, subject to correction.

18 Mr. Jones. He was not assigned to the 112, not on an
19 active duty status. He could have been a reserve.

20 Mr. Genzman. How about George Wittmayer?

21 Mr. Jones. I do not know the name.

22 Mr. Genzman. I would like to ask you about several other
23 names of persons who were not necessarily in Dallas. I would
24 just like to ask you if you have ever heard of the names, or
25 know of these people. The first is Richard Case ^{Nazell} ~~Angel~~?

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1 Mr. Jones. I know the name of Arthur. He was assigned
2 to the Security Division of the fourth Army, but I do not
3 know Richard.

4 Mr. Genzman. Guy Bannister?

5 Mr. Jones. I know the name, but I do not know who
6 he was associated with.

7 Mr. Genzman. Guy Johnson?

8 Mr. Jones. I do not know him.

9 Mr. Genzman. Peer deSilva?

10 Mr. Jones. I do not know him.

11 Mr. Genzman. On the day of the assassination, did you
12 know that Lee Harvey Oswald was located in Dallas?

13 Mr. Jones. No, I did not.

14 Mr. Genzman. Would that have influenced your liaison
15 operations with the Secret Service in Dallas if you had known
16 that Oswald was in Dallas?

17 Mr. Jones. I would have had the Secret Service asked me
18 for possible security risks or people whom I thought might be
19 of interest to them, I believe I would have reported his
20 name to them.

21 Mr. Genzman. Could you describe for the Committee your
22 activities on the day of the assassination?

23 Mr. Jones. I learned of the assassination while at
24 my quarters at post, at Fort Sam Houston. I returned
25 immediately to my office and was in contact with the Region 2

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1 personnel in Dallas. I instructed them to intensify liaison
2 with all Federal and State and local agencies, to include
3 the FBI, the Secret Service, the Police Department and
4 anybody else that they might be able to contact to provide
5 some information to my headquarters.

6 Shortly in the afternoon -- I do not know the exact
7 time, but I would say in the early afternoon -- I received a
8 telephone call from Region 2 advising me that an A. J. Hidell
9 had either been arrested or come to their attention.

10 Mr. Genzman. Did they say how this name had come to
11 their attention?

12 Mr. Jones. I believe -- I am not sure of this, and I
13 am not perjuring myself by saying I am absolutely sure -- but
14 I am of the opinion to say that he had been arrested, to the
15 best of my recollection.

16 Mr. Genzman. Did your people in Dallas mention a draft
17 card with the name A.J. Hidell?

18 Mr. Jones. I do not recall this. I would like to see
19 my file to refresh my memory. I just cannot recall whether
20 they said this or not.

21 Mr. Genzman. Did they possibly mention a mail order
22 form for a rifle with the name A. J. Hidell?

23 Mr. Jones. Yes, I heard that from Dallas.

24 Mr. Genzman. Upon learning of the name A. J. Hidell,
25 what did you then do?

1 Mr. Jones. I then went through my card index and
2 checked the name A. J. Hidell and found that it had also a
3 name of Lee Harvey Oswald, aka -- which is "also known as."
4 And I pulled the file for Lee Harvey Oswald, and it was at
5 that time that I learned the information of Oswald's
6 defection to Russia, his travel in Russia and his return
7 along with his pro-Cuba activities in New Orleans.

8 I opened the file and notified San Antonio FBI office
9 that I had some information.

10 Mr. Genzman. Are you saying that you made a phone call
11 to the San Antonio FBI office?

12 Mr. Jones. Yes, I did. And I do not know whether I
13 was called by the Dallas FBI office or whether I was called
14 by them, but I know I did talk to the FBI office in Dallas
15 and gave them this information that I mentioned of Oswald's
16 defection, trip to Russia, his return, his marriage to a
17 Russian national, his activity with Fair Play for Cuba.

18 Mr. Genzman. Did you give this information in general
19 terms or were you quite specific, referring to the various
20 documents in the file?

21 Mr. Jones. I read quite a bit of it from the dossier
22 and some of it I paraphrased, particularly his travel in
23 Russia and his return. I did not read verbatim, word for
24 word, from the dossier.

25 Mr. Genzman. Did the Dallas FBI office, or any other

1 law enforcement agency or office, ever ask for a copy of the
2 file?

3 Mr. Jones. It is possible that they asked the 112 MI
4 group or personnel assigned to it a copy of it. They did
5 not ask me. But I had an Assistant Operations Officer who
6 worked for me and I had a field grade officer in charge of
7 domestic intelligence files, so it is possible that they
8 could have contacted someone in the office.

9 Mr. Genzman. You, yourself, have no personal recollec-
10 tion of any contact? --

11 Mr. Jones. No, I do not.

12 --with regard to providing
13 Mr. Genzman. ~~Regarding~~ ~~providing~~ a copy of the file to
14 any government agency?

15 Mr. Jones. No.

16 Mr. Genzman. Did you speak with the Dallas FBI people
17 more than once?

18 Mr. Jones. I spoke to them, as I related this informa-
19 tion from the files and then I spoke to them maybe once or
20 twice that afternoon regarding questions and follow-up infor-
21 mation from the file.

22 Mr. Genzman. Did you contact, or were you contacted by
23 any other law enforcement agencies or intelligence agencies
24 concerning any information that you could provide on Lee
25 Harvey Oswald?

Mr. Jones. I personally was not.

1 Mr. Genzman. What was your last activity with regard
2 to Lee Harvey Oswald and the assassination of President
3 Kennedy?

4 Mr. Jones. Operations under my responsibility at that
5 time, we would write an after action report that would be
6 similar to a memorandum for the record and in the after
7 action report, we would include what actions we had taken,
8 the persons whom we had reported the information to and
9 the disposition of it.

10 Mr. Genzman. Did the FBI or the Secret Service or the
11 CIA or the Warren Commission or any other government agency
12 or body ever talk to you personally concerning your investiga-
13 tion of Lee Harvey Oswald?

14 Mr. Jones. No, sir.

15 Mr. Genzman. Before your contact with staff members of
16 this Committee, has anyone ever contacted you concerning your
17 knowledge of Lee Harvey Oswald?

18 Mr. Jones. Not any official.

19 Mr. Genzman. Does it surprise you?

20 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir.

21 Mr. Genzman. Would you care to explain how that surprised
22 you?

23 Mr. Jones. I fully expected to be contacted by someone,
24 maybe from the Warren Commission or someone responsible for
25 determining and developing information and determining the

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1 facts, because I had reported immediately this information
2 to the FBI and I thought that it was a matter of public
3 records, that somewhere that they would be able to determine
4 that there was a file existent and that I had reported the
5 information.

6 Mr. Genzman. Did anyone in the military or in the
7 Army specifically ever direct you one way or the other as
8 to the giving of information to any government agency?

9 Mr. Jones. No one has ever directed me to withhold
10 information, just the contrary. The Department of the Army
11 and the people that I have talked to have always instructed
12 me and advised me to cooperate fully with anyone conducting
13 an official investigation into this matter.

14 Mr. Genzman. Mr. Chairman, I have no further questions
15 on this particular phase of Colonel Jones' testimony.

16 Mr. Dodd. Colonel, I wonder if you might -- first of
17 all, Mr. Fithian, do you have any questions that you want to
18 ask?

19 Mr. Fithian. Not at this time.

20 Mr. Dodd. Mr. Sawyer?

21 Mr. Sawyer. No.

22 Mr. Dodd. I am just curious on one point, Colonel. You
23 again, responding to Counsel's questions initially, you
24 mentioned that you had a file on Hidell, A. J.

25 Mr. Jones. A. J. Hidell, yes, sir.

1 Mr. Dodd. Aka Oswald. I am curious if you can tell
2 us, tell the Committee how it was that you did not have
3 two files, given the fact that this seemed to be information
4 pointing to two individuals.

5 Mr. Jones. We do not, ~~or we did not~~, I should clarify
6 that, keep two files on an alias. We would have two cards
7 but one file. And in the cross reference, the Hidell card
8 would refer to the Oswald card, and there we would look at
9 the Oswald card and file and pull the Oswald file.

10 Mr. Dodd. How did you establish that it was an alias?

11 Mr. Jones. Because we had him listed -- I do not know
12 what you have available here. There is a piece of paper,
13 the literature that he was passing out, that had his name
14 at the bottom of it as A. J. Hidell and he was arrested as
15 Lee Harvey Oswald.

16 Mr. Dodd. Can I ask you one further question. In
17 response to counsel's questions, you said you were surprised
18 that you were never contacted by any agency or individual
19 attached officially to the Warren Commission. Did you ever
20 specifically come forward and offer to testify or did you
21 contact anyone within the responsible agencies of government
22 as to any specific information that you felt might be helpful
23 to them in that investigation at the time?

24 Mr. Jones. No, sir, I did not.

25 Mr. Dodd. Would you care to explain to the Committee why

1 not?

2 Mr. Jones. I felt that the information that I had pro-
3 vided was sufficient and maybe they did not care to talk to
4 me, because I thought ~~it was a matter~~ of record when I
5 reported to the FBI.

6 Mr. Dodd. By your own admission, you were surprised.

7 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir.

8 Mr. Dodd. Did you ever mention that to any of your
9 superiors within the Department of Defense or the Department
10 of the Army?

11 Mr. Jones. Oh, yes, we have mentioned it several times
12 in discussing it with my superiors, the role that we played
13 in it.

14 Mr. Dodd. I am talking specifically about your surprise
15 over the fact that you had not been called forward.

16 Mr. Jones. No, sir.

17 Mr. Dodd. You never made mention of the fact that you
18 thought you might be someone they should be talking to?

19 Mr. Jones. Not that the Warren Commission would be
20 talking to, no, sir.

21 Mr. Dodd. I have no further questions.

22 Mr. Genzman. Colonel Jones, I would like to clarify
23 several points.

24 How many people did the Department of Defense Intelligence
25 have on duty assisting the Secret Service in Dallas on the

1 day of the assassination?

2 Mr. Jones. I would estimate between eight and twelve

3 Mr. Genzman. How many of these people would have been
4 in plain clothes?

5 Mr. Jones. All of them.

6 Mr. Genzman. Would any of these military intelligence
7 personnel have been carrying Secret Service credentials as
8 a part of their liaison work with the Secret Service?

9 Mr. Jones. They would not have been carrying Secret
10 Service credentials. They would have been identified with
11 some type of sign, or something on their lapel, or some
12 code or communication that could be identified in the crowd.

13 This was handled by the Secret Servicemen and they would
14 always advise our people on the type of signal or sign to
15 wear, but they did not have Secret Service credentials.

16 Mr. Genzman. Thank you.

17 At what approximate time after the assassination did
18 you first learn of the name Hidell?

19 Mr. Jones. I cannot be specific. I would say early
20 afternoon, 1:30, 2:00. I do not know.

21 Mr. Genzman. Besides the file on Lee Harvey Oswald, how
22 many files were there under your jurisdiction?

23 Mr. Jones. In domestic intelligence?

24 Mr. Genzman. Yes.

25 Mr. Jones. Thousands.

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1 Mr. Genzman. Did you have a recollection of the file
2 on Hidell or Oswald independently of the fact that you were
3 given the name Hidell over the phone?

4 Let me rephrase that. On the day of the assassination,
5 when you heard the name ^{Hidell,} ~~xxxxxx~~ did you know that you_x in
6 fact_x had a file on Hidell or Oswald?

7 Mr. Jones. I would not like to state that I knew exactly
8 that we had a file on him, but it is just automatic procedure
9 to have the card when you get a name. But I would not state
10 that I recalled the name A.J. Hidell.

11 Mr. Genzman. Mr. Chairman, I would like to enter into
12 the record a document to be labelled JFK Exhibit No. 101. I
13 would ask the clerk to present the documents to the witness.

14 Mr. Dodd. What document is that?

15 Mr. Genzman. The document is an FBI communication dated
16 11-22-63 ~~from the Director of the FBI~~ ~~examine me,~~ to the
17 Director of the FBI and Special Agent in Charge in Dallas,
18 from Special Agent in Charge, San Antonio.

19 Mr. Dodd. Without objection, so ordered.

20 (The document referred to,
21 having been previously
22 marked for identification
23 as JFK Exhibit No. 101, was
24 received in evidence.)

25 Mr. Genzman. Colonel Jones, have you seen a copy of this

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1 document previous to your testimony here today?

2 Mr. Jones. Yes, I have.

3 Mr. Genzman. Would you read through the document and make
4 any comments that you would feel would be appropriate as to
5 its accuracy?

6 Mr. Jones. The second line after San Antonio, advised
7 the news broadcasts that he learned Lee Harvey Oswald had
8 been arrested, that should be changed. I was advised through
9 a source in the police department.

10 Mr. Genzman. Was it common for you to have sources
11 working with the various law enforcement agencies locally?

12 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir.

13 Mr. Genzman. Are there any other items that you would
14 like to comment on?

15 Mr. Jones. I do not recall at this time stating that
16 Oswald was carrying a Selective Service card, unless I was
17 told by the source in the police department that he had one
18 I had no other way of obtaining that information.

19 It reads, "According to information he has received,
20 Oswald was carrying a Selective Service card having the
21 name Alex Hidell." If I had made that statement, I received
22 it from the source in the police department.

23 The next sentence is, "Jones stated intelligence records
24 here reflect a reference to Anna J. Hidell." I believe that
25 is a typographical error on the name. I think that should be

1 "Aka" and not "Ana."

2 Mr. Genzman. Colonel Jones, could you identify your source
3 with the Dallas Police Department?

4 Mr. Jones. Without my records, I cannot, but I would
5 state that he was a member of the 112 military intelligence,
6 he was an agent.

7 Mr. Dodd. Can I interrupt here, counsel, for a second?
8 Is it possible, Colonel, that Anna J. Hidell could be "an
9 A. J. Hidell"?

10 Mr. Jones. I do not remember the name, Mr. Chairman,
11 as Ann.

12 Mr. Dodd. I mean ^{a-n}~~Ann~~.

13 Mr. Jones. Oh, I see. It is possible. It is possible
14 The name ^{Anna}~~Ann~~ is completely foreign to me.

15 Mr. Genzman. Colonel Jones, I would like to clarify
16 one point which you made concerning sources with the local
17 law enforcement agencies.

18 Are you saying that these sources, which were military
19 intelligence personnel, actually worked as law enforcement
20 officers for these local agencies, or that they worked along-
21 side these law enforcement agencies?

22 Mr. Jones. Our special agents assigned to a military
23 intelligence group were military personnel in most cases, and
24 they would have sources within the police department that
25 would be on the payroll of the police department and report

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1 to them. And the source that I received this information
2 from came through a source in the police department through
3 my agent that I considered a source to me.

4 Mr. Genzman. Just to clarify further, are you aware
5 ^{whether} ~~if~~ any military intelligence agents ever representing them-
6 selves to be agents, ~~or officers~~, or employees of local
7 law enforcement agencies?

8 Mr. Jones. No, sir.

9 Mr. Genzman. Mr. Chairman, at this time I would like
10 to enter into the record a document to be labelled JFK
11 Exhibit No. 102. This document is an FBI memorandum headed
12 San Antonio, Texas, November 22, 1963, "Death of President
13 Kennedy."

14 Mr. Dodd. Without objection, so ordered.

15 (The document referred to,
16 having previously been
17 marked for identification
18 as JFK Exhibit No. 102,
19 was received in evidence.)

20 Mr. Fithian. Colonel, in that first communication that
21 we have here, I suppose it must be obvious, but I cannot quite
22 pull out the translation of "INCT."

23 Mr. Jones. That is Intelligence Corps. At that time,
24 in 1963, it was known as Intelligence Corps, int for intelli-
25 gence, c for corps.

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1 Mr. Fithian. This is just a juxtaposition of letters,
2 then. It has all caps INCT.

3 Mr. Jones. That is right. It should be INTC.

4 Mr. Genzman. That is the way it appears twice in the
5 communique.

6 Mr. Jones. That is their abbreviation of it. The
7 official abbreviation at that time was INTC.

8 Mr. Fithian. Thank you.

9 Mr. Genzman. Colonel Jones, just to follow up on that
10 first Exhibit labelled JFK Exhibit No. 101, would you say
11 besides the several exceptions you have taken, that that
12 document is basically accurate? Again, I am speaking of
13 the first Exhibit which we showed you today, JFK Exhibit No.
14 101.

15 Mr. Jones. Yes. To the best of my knowledge, this
16 was the information that was contained in our files.

17 Mr. Genzman. Thank you.

18 Has the clerk provided you with a copy of the document
19 labelled JFK Exhibit No. 102?

20 Mr. Jones. I have it.

21 Mr. Genzman. Have you previously reviewed this document?

22 Mr. Jones. I have.

23 Mr. Genzman. Would you review this document at this
24 time and comment on any items which you do not feel are
25 accurate?

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1 (Pause)

2 Let me point out to you, Colonel Jones, that this is a
3 three-page document.

4 Mr. Jones. Yes. It is incorrect to state that the
5 Corpus Christi intelligence group, that should be the records
6 of the Corpus Christi resident agent.

7 (Pause)

8 Mr. Genzman. Colonel Jones, could I ask you to comment
9 on the phrase on the first page stating that Oswald was
10 carrying a Selective Service card bearing the name of Alex
11 Hidell? This phrase appears about one third of the way down
12 on the first page.

13 Mr. Jones. Yes, I see it. Again, this information would
14 come from the Police Department, from Dallas.

15 Mr. Genzman. Is it your position that you were given
16 this information, or that you might have been given this
17 information?

18 Mr. Jones. I might have been given this information.
19 I did not have any type of information other than what was
20 coming from Dallas.

21 Mr. Genzman. Colonel Jones, are there any other items
22 in this document which you would like to comment on?

23 Mr. Jones. No, not at this point.

24 Mr. Genzman. Aside from the exceptions that you have
25 just stated, would you characterize the document as being

1 accurate?

2 Mr. Jones. I would characterize that portion coming
3 from the intelligence file as being developed in the file,
4 but as to what was in the newspaper, I would not testify
5 to.

6 Mr. Genzman. Thank you.

7 Are there any questions from the Committee members?

8 Mr. Dodd. Mr. Fithian.

9 Mr. Fithian. I would just like to make a comment. I
10 think the Colonel has been really very helpful, and I must
11 say, very articulate. As one member of the Committee, I would
12 very much appreciate your efforts to think back and remember
13 this and your professionalism in handling the questions, and
14 I would want to underscore here that I, too, have been
15 surprised, given this information that you had forwarded to
16 the agencies, that the Colonel was not, in fact, asked to
17 attest to this before the Warren Commission.

18 Mr. Dodd. Mr. Sawyer?

19 Mr. Sawyer. Yes.

20 Would your agents that were assigned to work with the
21 Secret Service have other security identification on them
22 other than Secret Service?

23 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir. They would have their official
24 badge and credentials that they would carry. The credential
25 would identify them by picture and would be authenticated

1 through an official in the military intelligence.

2 *7* Mr. Sawyer. If some police officer or someone were
3 to ask them who they were when they were working in that
4 category, would they be apt to say that they were Secret
5 Service agents?

6 Mr. Jones. I cannot speak for them, but they were
7 never directed to do so. They would identify themselves
8 as a military intelligence agent and tell them that they
9 were working in conjunction with the Secret Service, as an
10 augment to their force.

11 Mr. Sawyer. The reason I am asking that question, you
12 may also be aware of this, that it has been reported that
13 right after the shooting of the President and in an area
14 near or on the grassy knoll that we have all heard about,
15 that I believe it was a Dallas police officer who was back
16 in there and asked these one or two individuals who they were
17 and they said they were Secret Service.

18 The Secret Service says none of their agents were there.
19 They had all followed with the President, and you apparently
20 had one or two men in the ~~plaza~~ at that time. I am just
21 wondering if that is where some confusion may have arisen

22 Mr. Jones. Congressman, I am sorry. I cannot state
23 specifically what an agent might have told them, but they
24 were not under any direction or operational guidelines from
25 my office to identify themselves or state at any time that

* One or two?
Jones said 2-12. M.H.

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1 they were a part of Secret Service because we have had a
2 policy in intelligence where people misrepresented themselves.
3 But I cannot state factually or emphatically how they did
4 identify themselves.

5 Mr. Sawyer. I was just thinking, since they were sort
6 of working under and sort of attached to the Secret Service
7 temporarily at that point that that might have been a normal
8 way to identify themselves, and that has always been some
9 point of confusion.

10 I presume that your men did not proceed out to the
11 hospital but stayed in the ~~Deary~~ ^{Deary} Plaza area following the
12 shooting?

13 Mr. Jones. Again, I cannot state where all of them
14 went at the time. Some of them may have accompanied the
15 motorcade and some of them may have stayed there. Some of
16 them may have been with Secret Service. Some of our agents
17 may have been with the FBI.

18 Mr. Sawyer. I see. Thank you very much, Colonel.

19 Mr. Fithian. Mr. Chairman, may I ask one more addi-
20 tional question?

21 Mr. Dodd. Certainly.

22 Mr. Fithian. Colonel, would it be the practice of your
23 unit that your men in Dallas would write up a report of the
24 event and report back to you, or to your office?

25 Mr. Jones. They would report in a lead sheet form, a

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1 vehicle we call the lead sheet, to our headquarters. They
2 did not have the responsibility nor the function to write
3 the after action report. The Office of Control, which was
4 my office, had that responsibility. They would provide
5 written material to my office, though.

6 Mr. Fithian. I understand this. I was just wondering
7 if by any chance that you could help us out with any additional
8 information that may have come in through your agents in the
9 area that would shed any light, either on the assassination
10 of the President, or upon Lee Harvey Oswald's arrest.

11 Mr. Jones. There is one other file that I have not
12 mentioned at this hearing that you might check and that is
13 called Intelligence Records and Reports at Fort George Meade,
14 Maryland. You have two files, or two types of investigative
15 reports in the United States Army Intelligence operations.
16 You have one that was called the Central Records facility that
17 contained mostly background investigations on personnel
18 investigations with the personnel security histories and
19 so forth.

20 This type of information would be used today in the
21 Defense Investigative Services in making their file checks
22 and conducting background investigations, operational plans
23 and operations per se.

24 These type of reports and records should be in that file
25 at Fort George Meade, Maryland.

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1 Mr. Fithian. Do you recall or would it have been a
2 practice for you or your immediate juniors to debrief or
3 interview the returning agents after the fact, after they
4 came back from Dallas?

5 Mr. Jones. If so, they would have been debriefed by
6 the Regional Commander and I believe at that time the
7 Regional Commander was Lt. Col. Roy Pate.

8 Mr. Fithian. Would that debriefing data or information
9 that was recorded be included in the file that you just cited?

10 Mr. Jones. It would be included in the file of Lee
11 Harvey Oswald along with the after action report.

12 Mr. Fithian. Would that whole after action report, that
13 is, that entire, if there were interviews with your men in the
14 debriefing and so on, would that entire file have been
15 forwarded to the agencies at the time of the Warren Commis-
16 sion's hearings?

17 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir, it should have been. Whether it
18 was, I do not know.

19 Mr. Fithian. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

20 Mr. Dodd. Let me just follow up on that a little bit
21 if I can, Colonel, so I understand it correctly.

22 As a normal operating procedure -- maybe we should not
23 talk about normal operating procedures. This was the assassina-
24 tion of the President; I presume there may have been some
25 things done here that were not normally done. But, if I

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1 understand the drift of Mr. Fithian's inquiry, it is whether
2 or not, to your knowledge, the agents who had been specifically
3 assigned to cover the President in Dallas were either on or
4 immediately after November 22, 1963, requested to file
5 written reports as to their observations, conduct, et cetera
6 to your particular unit or to some superior officer?

7 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir.

8 I am of the opinion, and, cannot substantiate it without
9 review of the records, that these type of reports would have
10 been submitted by the agents to their regional commander and
11 would have been forwarded to our headquarters at Fort Sam
12 Houston, which would have assisted us in preparing the after
13 action report.

14 Mr. Dodd. Did you ever see those individual reports
15 filed by the field agents?

16 Mr. Jones. I have seen some of the reports. Whether
17 all of them, or not, I remember seeing the lead sheet and
18 the agent report and the name of it is Agent Report D Form
19 341, I believe is the number for it. I do remember seeing
20 some of those because I wrote the after action report.

21 Mr. Dodd. Do you recall anything specifically appearing
22 on those reports that would point to or lead to a conclusion
23 other than what is considered the judgment today of the
24 conclusion of the Warren Commission Report? Was there anything
25 else in these reports --

How could he
write a
report without
reviewing
all reports?

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1 What I am trying to get at, was there anything else
2 there that you saw that kind of stuck out in your mind that
3 has not shown up, or did not show up, in the Warren Commis-
4 sion Report?

5 That is kind of a broad question, but you understand
6 what I am getting at.

7 Mr. Jones. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate your position.
8 I also appreciate the question you are trying to ask me.
9 I did not see anything in those reports that would indicate
10 any kind of a conspiracy or any wrongdoings on any one
11 agency or individual at that time, Mr. Chairman.

12 I have had some apprehensions and some questions that
13 I would have liked to have asked as a professional intelli-
14 gence officer, and without the answer to a number of questions
15 that I had after the assassination, and not having the answers,
16 and not being able to have access to all of the information,
17 most all of my remarks concerning what did happen or what
18 could have happened would be speculative.

19 Mr. Dodd. Colonel, I am not normally the Chairman of
20 this Subcommittee, but I am going to exercise the limited
21 power given to me, sitting in this Chair this afternoon. I am
22 going to ask you to submit some of those questions to us.

23 Mr. Jones. Some of the questions?

24 Mr. Dodd. All of them. If you have some questions that
25 you think we ought to be taking a look at -- maybe we already

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1 are, but if we are not, this has been your professional
2 career, and we would certainly appreciate your assistance.

3 I will ask -- in fact, I will make that a motion here
4 and ask my colleagues to join me in this sin that I am about
5 to commit, I suppose. Would any of you care to comment on
6 that?

7 Mr. Fithian. I strongly endorse that. As someone in
8 the Colonel's profession at that time, and particularly the
9 position, is in an infinitely better position to ask questions
10 than I am, and yet there is this really gnawing concern that
11 obviously the people have which got translated into the
12 creation of this Committee; and I do not believe that there
13 is any rule that would at all prevent us from doing second
14 guessing.

15 This is not a court of law. We are simply trying to get
16 at all the possible aspects of this.

17 I strongly support it.

18 Mr. Dodd. Mr. Sawyer?

19 Mr. Sawyer. I think it is an excellent idea. As a matter
20 of fact, when he mentioned this earlier, I was going to ask
21 him to tell us what they were. I think that is excellent.

22 Mr. Dodd. If you would, Colonel, maybe you would
23 submit those to the Committee, some of your own questions and
24 some of your suggestions. We are all ears on this stuff.

25 Mr. Jones. Mr. Chairman, I should preface this by stating

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1 just before I returned from Europe, I would say less than 12
2 months, I was the commander of a 511 MI Company with respon-
3 sibility for debriefing people along the Czechoslovakian
4 border, illegal crossings across the German border.

5 In addition, we ran both counterespionage offensive
6 cases and counterespionage defensive cases. In addition, we
7 conducted positive intelligence penetrations into Czecho-
8 slovakia, East Germany and the Soviet Union.

9 During this time, one member of my command was unfortu-
10 nate enough to go to sleep on a train and was asleep as it
11 went through the checkpoint and this is an American agent that
12 I am referring to. He was apprehended in East Germany and
13 taken to Czechoslovakia and interrogated by a Soviet KGB
14 major.

15 This individual was returned to my command and advised
16 me that they had information pertaining to me as an individual
17 personality report and all information about my unit. They
18 turned this man, or thought they did, and requested that he
19 serve as a double agent.

20 I personally worked the case and tried to make the
21 contact for apprehension and somehow or another, we might
22 have compromised the case, but they did specifically give
23 him a mission as an American individual, just by crossing
24 the checkpoint into East Germany and later going into Czech-
25 oslovakia.

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1 We followed up on this and were unable to make contact
2 and later we were able to transport the man out of the area.

3 So, with this experience and knowledge only a few months
4 before, I was assigned to Texas and then later hearing, or
5 reading, that Oswald had defected to Russia, and that he had
6 married a Russian national, was permitted to return, I would
7 think I would have some questions as an intelligence officer,
8 whether it be CIA or FBI, that I would want a complete
9 debriefing of Oswald upon his return from the Soviet Union.

10 I would want a complete, comprehensive background
11 investigation of Oswald when he was assigned to the Marine
12 Corps, all of his assignments that he had on all overseas
13 stations, the access that he had and the manner in which he
14 conducted himself, all of his political leanings or tendencies
15 to make any kind of remarks to his fellow soldiers; and then
16 when he returned to the United States, I believe that some
17 intelligence agency here should have again contacted him and
18 gone through the same steps and processes that we did in
19 Europe to recruit and to train, if necessary, dispatch a
20 turnaround person to become an agent for this intelligence
21 organization.

22 I am of the opinion that he had some worthwhile informa-
23 tion, as any tourist or anybody else who travels in Russia,
24 and certainly, if he had been permitted to marry a Russian
25 national and be returned. Again, I am of the personal opinion

1 that he probably had a mission.

2 Mr. Dodd. Your suspicions are shared by many people.

3 We are looking into many aspects of the things you just
4 raised. It would be helpful, I think, to the staff and the
5 Committee members if possibly you might prepare a memorandum
6 with some specific points on there that you think that we
7 should look into.

8 I appreciate what you are saying.

9 Mr. Jones. All right, sir.

10 Mr. Dodd. I have two other questions.

11 You mentioned when you would receive information through
12 your source on the police department about the apprehension
13 the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald, in search of your files that
14 you then called the FBI office, the FBI office in Dallas or
15 San Antonio.

16 Mr. Jones. I called the FBI office in San Antonio.

17 Mr. Dodd. Did you then call the FBI office in Dallas?

18 Mr. Jones. I either called them or they contacted me.

19 I do not know who got to them first, but I know within just
20 a few minutes, I was talking to the people in Dallas, the FBI
21 people.

22 Mr. Dodd. Do you recall specifically who you spoke to?

23 Mr. Jones. I knew Mr. Gordon Shankin, the FBI agent
24 in charge of Dallas. I would have asked for him. Whether I
25 spoke to him, or whether he took down all of the information,

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1 I am not sure. But I am sure that I would have asked for
2 Mr. Gordon Shankin when I called to give him the information
3 because I knew him personally and met with him and talked
4 to him and would have called the person in charge.

5 Mr. Dodd. Did you have any reason, or were you contac-
6 ted on that day or the next day, by any other agency of the
7 government, CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency, regarding
8 this information that you had in your files?

9 Mr. Jones. No, sir. I personally was not contacted
10 again. They may have contacted an assistant. I had a
11 military assistant and civilian assistant.

12 Mr. Dodd. Are you aware of any other contact?

13 Mr. Jones. No, sir, I am not.

14 Mr. Dodd. My last point is in response to Mr. Sawyer's
15 questions regarding general operating procedure of agents
16 in the field.

17 Did I understand you correctly to say that the agents
18 who were assigned to Dallas on that day were in civilian
19 attire?

20 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir.

21 Mr. Dodd. Were they dressed in any specific way so as
22 to hide their identity, or was it just coat and tie? Had they
23 work clothes, or were they purposefully attired in such a way
24 as to look as though they came from one strata^{um} of society
25 rather than another?

1 Mr. Jones. They were dressed to blend in with the man
2 on the street, the normal coat and tie. Some of them may
3 have had on a sport coat without a tie with an open collar.
4 But they were not dressed in such an attire that they would
5 be covertly coding as an electrician, a plumber, or something
6 of this nature.

7 Mr. Dodd. You anticipated my next question, just to
8 look like the man on the street without taking on any speci-
9 fic identity?

10 Mr. Jones. That is correct.

11 Mr. Dodd. In regard to that, is it normal operating
12 procedure, or was it normal operating procedure at that time
13 for one of your agents, if approached by a civilian, as to
14 who they were, to immediately identify themselves as to their
15 real professional responsibilities, or were they to avoid
16 responding to that question in a truthful way?

17 Mr. Jones. Mr. Chairman, our people were placed in
18 civilian clothes in order not to bring attention to themselves
19 and to conduct their business, whether it be background
20 investigation or anything else. We also had civilian auto-
21 mobiles with civilian coloring, and so forth. So, in the
22 event that we were conducting an investigation, the neighbor-
23 hood was not alarmed to see an enormous staff car, a person
24 in uniform, to be conducting some kind of an official business

25 So they did wear civilian clothes and would not identify

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1 themselves. Only to an official, on official business. If
2 they were interviewing someone or conducting an investiga-
3 tion, they were to identify themselves as special agent John
4 Doe and present their credentials.

5 But if someone from the street walked up to them and
6 asked them who they were, I am sure that they would not
7 identify themselves as special agent anyone. But if an
8 official or a police officer or someone in an official
9 capacity asked them to identify themselves, I am of the
10 opinion they would identify themselves as Special Agent John
11 Doe from the 112 Intelligence Group as they were so directed.

12 Mr. Dodd. You anticipated my question again. I was
13 going to ask about officials, a police officer or of a lower
14 rank, as long as they were identifiable as an officer.

15 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir. I am sure the two would identify
16 themselves very quickly in time of an arrest.

17 Mr. Dodd. Those are all the questions I have.

18 Mr. Sawyer?

19 Mr. Sawyer. I have one more, Mr. Chairman.

20 Just to satisfy my own curiosity here, and my ignorance,
21 is the ASA, or Army Security Agency, a separate organization
22 within the Army from the one you were with?

23 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir. The group that I was assigned to
24 at the time was military intelligence and investigated persons
25 for positions and also special operations, counterintelligence.

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1 ASA was completely separate. It is known as the Army Security
2 Agency.

3 I do not want to go too much into this, Mr. Chairman,
4 but they were involved in communications intelligence and
5 security and not involved in personnel investigations.

6 Mr. Sawyer. The reason I asked the question, my son
7 served in the Army Security Agency. I was just curious.

8 Mr. Jones. It is a very fine organization, and very
9 sensitive operations, and I have the highest regard for them.
10 I would not care to expand, unless so directed, on what they
11 were doing.

12 Mr. Sawyer. Thank you.

13 Mr. Dodd. Counsel.

14 Mr. Genzman. Colonel Jones, before we proceed, I have
15 some follow-up questions.

16 Before you mentioned the intelligence records and reports
17 located at Fort George Meade, Maryland. Are you saying that,
18 aside from the files on Lee Harvey Oswald, that there may have
19 been other files or other records generated by your operations
20 concerning Oswald or concerning the Kennedy assassination
21 which may be in other locations?

22 Mr. Jones. If the file that I am referring to, the
23 after action report, along with the allied papers of the
24 Lee Harvey Oswald file are not available at Fort Sam Houston,
25 there are only two places, *Central Records Facility and*
Records and Reports,

1 Mr. Genzman. How would these records be filed in
2 other facilities which you just mentioned?

3 Mr. Jones. There is a file which was known in the days
4 of the 60's, 1960's, called the vault files.

5 Mr. Genzman. Would you repeat that?

6 Mr. Jones. Vault files.

7 They contained the most sensitive operations files of
8 the intelligence corps, on VIP's, high-level national security
9 cases would be a part of the central records facility, but
10 they were known as the vault files.

11 Mr. Genzman. Are you suggesting that files concerning
12 the Oswald case or the Kennedy assassination may have been
13 located in the vault files?

14 Mr. Jones. I am suggesting that is another place to
15 look for themX .

16 Mr. Genzman. Would they have been filed in this loca-
17 tion under Oswald's name?

18 Mr. Jones. Yes, they would have been filed under
19 personality, Oswald.

20 Mr. Genzman. Besides personality files, were there also
21 subject files, such as possibly a file on the Kennedy
22 assassination?

23 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir. It is very likely that they would
24 be filed under the assassination of President Kennedy.

25 Mr. Fithian. If I may interrupt at that point, I was not

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1 clear awhile ago as to whether or not the file is under
2 Oswald or under the alias.

3 Mr. Jones. The file is under Oswald, Lee Harvey. The
4 card is Oswald and also under Hidell. There are two cards,
5 one file.

6 Mr. Fithian. And each search to be made of the Fort
7 Meade records would be made under Oswald?

8 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir.

9 Mr. Genzman. Just to clarify, Colonel Jones, assuming
10 that the file on Lee Harvey Oswald which you were concerned
11 with is no longer ^{available} ~~available~~ would you then direct us to look
12 in several other locations, namely the vault files and the
13 intelligence records and reports files for possible informa-
14 tion concerning Oswald and the Kennedy assassination?

15 Mr. Jones. I would recommend that you check those
16 agencies, those files.

17 Mr. Genzman. Are there any other locations, other than
18 the ones that you and I have just been talking about?

19 Mr. Jones. No, sir, not to my knowledge.

20 Mr. Genzman. I would like to direct your attention back
21 to the name of James W. Powell. I believe earlier that you
22 stated that he was a member of the 112 Military Intelligence
23 Group?

24 Mr. Jones. He was a Captain on active duty.

25 Mr. Genzman. Was he on duty in Dallas on the day of the

1 assassination?

2 Mr. Jones. Yes.

3 Mr. Genzman. Do you recall a specific incident involv-
4 ing Mr. Powell, namely that he was caught in the Dallas
5 School Book Depository after it had been sealed off by the
6 local authorities?

7 Mr. Jones. Yes.

8 Mr. Genzman. Could you tell us something about that?

9 Mr. Jones. It was reported to me that one of our agents
10 was apprehended in a sealed off area and I directed the
11 region to establish contact with him and to identify himself
12 and to obtain his release. Release

13 Mr. Genzman. Was this case ever investigated to deter-
14 mine whether Powell may have had some involvement in the
15 assassination?

16 Mr. Jones. There was not a case opened up on Captain
17 Powell as a suspect or as an alleged connection with the
18 assassination.

19 Mr. Genzman. Was this incident reported and filed.

20 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir.

21 Mr. Genzman. Would that file --

22 Mr. Jones. That would have been a part of the informa-
23 tion which would have been submitted from the Dallas Military
24 Intelligence Office.

25 Mr. Genzman. Where would this information have been filed?

How often
does M.I. film
a motorcade or
surrounding area?

Was M.I. near Truck

Mar 7 Why film TBDB?

What else filmed? other things?

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1 Mr. Jones. It would have been sent to my office.

2 Mr. Genzman. Would it have been a part of the file on
3 Oswald?

4 Mr. Jones. It would have been a part of the after
5 action report.

6 Mr. Genzman. As you stated earlier, the after action
7 report was included in the file on Oswald?

8 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir.

9 Mr. Genzman. Were you aware of a picture that Mr. Powell
10 had taken of the Texas School Book Depository, specifically
11 of the sixth floor window of the depository?

12 Mr. Jones. No, sir. I have only been aware of that in
13 the last year or so. I received some phone calls from people
14 who have asked me about that, but I had no knowledge of it.

15 Mr. Genzman. Were there any other incidents that day
16 involving agents of Military Intelligence which you are aware
17 of aside from the incident where Powell was caught in the
18 building after it had been sealed off?

19 Mr. Jones. No, sir.

20 Mr. Genzman. Did you state earlier that the picture that
21 Powell took was not reported to you at the time of the
22 assassination?

23 Mr. Jones. I had no knowledge of the picture being
24 taken by Captain Powell until a few months ago.

25 Mr. Genzman. If you had been aware of that picture,

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1 what action would you have taken?

2 Mr. Jones. Well, Captain Powell would have been ordered
3 to report to headquarters where he would be completely
4 debriefed.

5 Mr. Genzman. Would that picture have been sent along
6 to any government agencies?

7 Mr. Jones. If I had received it, it would have. As
8 I say, I do not have any knowledge of this photo.

9 Mr. Genzman. Would you say that Mr. Powell violated
10 his duty by not making you aware of this picture?

11 Mr. Jones. I would have to assume that there was a
12 photo. Is there a photo that Captain Powell did take and
13 has it been established that he did have one and on what day
14 he took it, and so forth?

15 I would state that if he did take a photo and he did
16 not bring it to my attention that he would have been negligent.

17 Mr. Genzman. That answer is responsive.

18 Mr. Chairman, at this time, I would like to introduce
19 into the record a document to be marked JFK Exhibit No. 103
20 which is a communication dated 11-22-63 to the Special Agents
21 in Charge of New Orleans and Dallas from Director of the FBI.

22 Mr. Dodd. Without objection, so ordered.

23 (The document referred to,
24 having been previously
25 marked for identification

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1 as JFK Exhibit No. 103,
2 was received in evidence.)

3 Mr. Genzman. Would the Clerk give Colonel Jones a copy
4 of this document?

5 Colonel Jones, have you had a chance to review this
6 document previously?

7 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir.

8 Mr. Genzman. Would you characterize this document as
9 containing information on an FBI investigative follow-up
10 based on the information that you had provided to the FBI?

11 Mr. Jones. I will comment on the second line, beginning
12 of the sentence of the second paragraph, where it states,
13 "Oswald stated Hidell had contacted him." This is confusing
14 to me, because we were of the opinion that Oswald and Hidell
15 were one and the same.

16 Mr. Genzman. Did you ever question at any time whether
17 Oswald and Hidell were one and the same persons?

18 Mr. Jones. No, I never questioned -- the literature
19 that he was distributing, in fact, it had his name on it, and
20 identified himself when the police arrested him as Oswald,
21 was sufficient enough for me to believe that they were the
22 same.

23 Mr. Genzman. Mr. Chairman, at this time, I would like
24 to have introduced into the record a document to be labelled
25 JFK Exhibit No. 104 which is a copy of a leaflet or throwaway

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1 dealing with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

2 Mr. Dodd. Without objection, so ordered.

3 (The document referred
4 to, having been previously
5 marked for identification
6 as JFK Exhibit No. 104,
7 was received in evidence.)

8 Mr. Genzman. Would the clerk please give Mr. Jones a
9 copy of the Exhibit?

10 (Pause)

11 Have you have a chance to review this document before?

12 Mr. Jones. Yes, I have seen it.

13 Mr. Genzman. Can you tell us whether this document would
14 have been included in your file on Lee Harvey Oswald?

15 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir, I believe it was. I will state
16 that it is, or was.

17 Mr. Genzman. Can you tell us where you would have
18 obtained this document?

19 Mr. Jones. From our Regional Office in New Orleans,
20 Regional Headquarters. This, along with an agent report.

21 Mr. Genzman. Would this document, along with the agent
22 report, have led you to believe that Oswald and A.J. Hidell
23 were one and the same person?

24 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir.

25 Mr. Genzman. Is it your recollection that there was

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1 other evidence besides this document establishing that
2 Oswald and Hidell were one and the same person?

3 Mr. Jones. I believe a local agency check established
4 that.

5 Mr. Genzman. Mr. Chairman, I have no further questions
6 on these documents. I will have very few additional ques-
7 tions.

8 Mr. Dodd. Why do you not complete your questioning?

9 Mr. Genzman. Colonel Jones, aside from your writing an
10 after action report, were you involved in any other activities
11 relating to the assassination investigation, or relating
12 to the investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald, and I am referring
13 to the period following the assassination?

14 Mr. Jones. No. The after action report ^{concluded} ~~included~~ our
15 reporting and the investigative process.

16 Mr. Genzman. Were you aware of a secret cable which was
17 sent on the night of the assassination from the ^{4th} ~~Fourth~~ Army
18 Command in Texas to the U.S. Strike Command at ^{MacDill} ~~MacDill~~ Air
19 Force Base in Florida?

20 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir, I was aware of it. This communica-
21 tion was not forwarded ~~to~~ by a military intelligence group.

22 Mr. Genzman. Please repeat that.

23 Mr. Jones. The communication, the telegram to the
24 ^{EO} ~~Strike~~ ^{EO} Command at ^{MacDill} ~~MacDill~~ Air Force Base, was not prepared
25 by the 112th Military Intelligence Group.

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1 Mr. Genzman. Who did prepare this communication?

2 Mr. Jones. I do not know the individual who prepared
3 it, but it was sent from the Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
4 Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and someone on the staff prepared
5 it. I believe the man's name is Mr. Arthur Nagel.

6 Mr. Genzman. Did you know whether this communication
7 contained information indicating that Oswald had defected to
8 Cuba in 1959?

9 Mr. Jones. I believe I read the cable after it was
10 prepared. We were not part of the preparation. I take no
11 pride of authorship of it.

12 Mr. Genzman. Did you know whether this communication
13 contained information stating that Oswald was a card carrying
14 member of the Communist Party?

15 Mr. Jones. Only after I read it?

16 Mr. Genzman. Would you characterize either of these
17 items of information as being accurate or inaccurate?

18 Mr. Jones. I do not know. The agency that supplied
19 anyone with information that Oswald was a card carrying
20 Communist, I certainly had no information in regard to him
21 being a Communist, factual information.

22 Mr. Genzman. How about the information stating that
23 Oswald had defected to Cuba in 1959?

24 Mr. Jones. That information was in our file.

25 Mr. Genzman. You may have misunderstood me. I am

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1 referring to information that Oswald had defected to Cuba
2 in 1959, not to the Soviet Union in 1959.

3 Mr. Jones. I was not aware of that.

4 Mr. Genzman. Can you possibly speculate as to why such
5 a communication would have been sent to the U.S. Strike
6 Command in Florida?

7 Mr. Jones. It would only be speculation on my part. I
8 would assume that they would fear a national emergency and
9 they would want to apprise this organization that was kind of
10 the nerve center for activation and deployment of troops in
11 case of emergency. This is the only reason that I can give
12 as to why they would send such a cable.

13 Mr. Genzman. Do you know whether such a communication
14 was sent to any other U.S. strike command base, other than
15 ~~Magill~~ ^{MacDill} Air Force Base in Florida?

16 Mr. Jones. I am only aware of its being sent to ^{MacDill} Magill
17 Air Force Base.

18 Mr. Genzman. Would that lead you to the conclusion that
19 from the location of the Air Force Base in Florida, ~~that~~
20 possible activities involving Cuba were contemplated?

21 Mr. Jones. I would not assume that, no, sir. I think
22 that this happened to be one of the strike command headquarters
23 that they would send it to, without any reference, or particu-
24 lar reason, to referring to Cuba.

25 Mr. Genzman. Colonel Jones, did you ever receive any

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1 information implying in any way that Oswald was employed as
2 an operative or a source for the CIA or the Department of
3 Defense Intelligence or any domestic intelligence agencies?

4 Mr. Jones. Before the assassination?

5 Mr. Genzman. At any time.

6 Mr. Jones. A matter of speculation among intelligence
7 personnel would be all.

8 Mr. Genzman. Could you go into more detail as to this
9 speculation?

10 Mr. Jones. I think that probably in discussing Oswald's
11 past history and his trip to Russia that he would probably
12 be a potential source. I would think that some intelligence
13 agency has contacted Oswald, that there should be some
14 source contact reports regarding these contacts. We discussed
15 that, yes.

16 Mr. Genzman. If Oswald's CIA file and Oswald's military
17 intelligence files did not indicate that he had been debriefed
18 by either of those agencies upon his return to the United
19 States, would that indicate to you that he may have been
20 involved in some covert activity which was being kept out of
21 his file, specifically --

22 Mr. Jones. At least suspect.

23 Mr. Genzman. Covert activities involving domestic
24 intelligence operations?

25 Mr. Jones. As I believe, as a matter of cover, that he

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1 would have been debriefed, even if he were a source.

2 Mr. Genzman: Assuming that such information was not
3 included in his personal files by either the CIA or Military
4 Intelligence, would that possibly indicate that he had had
5 a contact with intelligence agencies and this information
6 was purposefully excluded from files?

7 Mr. Jones. I cannot reconcile in my own mind why he
8 would not be debriefed, even if he were a source, as a
9 matter of security. As a matter of cover, they would debrief
10 him and put some type of information in his files. If not,
11 it would draw attention to the fact that he was a possible
12 source.

13 Mr. Genzman. Are you saying, then, that it would have
14 been more logical to have some record of Oswald's being
15 debriefed in his files so as not to cause suspicion^{or} bring
16 attention?

17 Mr. Jones. That is correct. That is my assumption.

18 Mr. Genzman. If neither Oswald's CIA file or Military
19 Intelligence files indicate that Oswald was ever debriefed,
20 would you characterize that as being unusual?

21 Mr. Jones. Yes, I would consider it unusual.

22 Mr. Genzman. Could you explain why?

23 Mr. Jones. Because my experience in intelligence is that
24 you debrief everyone who is going and returning from an Iron
25 Curtain country, whether he is defecting or whether he is going

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1 on pleasure or business, they are of interest to the intelli-
2 gence community. The mere fact that they can verify or
3 attest to some information that you would like to confirm.

4 We have always, in the past, tried to debrief everyone
5 who has had access to certain areas in the Soviet Union.

6 Mr. Genzman. Which agencies, then, should have debriefed
7 Oswald upon his return to the United States?

8 Mr. Jones. Both Central Intelligence Agency and the
9 Federal Bureau of Investigation.

10 Mr. Genzman. How about Military Intelligence?

11 Mr. Jones. He was not military. Had he been on active
12 duty and still have been considered military personnel, he
13 would have been debriefed by military intelligence.

14 Mr. Genzman. Are you saying, then, that it was a
15 general policy for military intelligence not to debrief
16 civilians, but only to debrief military personnel who were
17 returning from an unfriendly country?

18 Mr. Jones. We would debrief anyone returning to our
19 area of operations overseas; our intelligence operations over-
20 seas are completely different from our intelligence operations
21 stateside because we do not have permission ~~of a charter~~ to
22 operate in the United States as we do in foreign countries.

23 Mr. Genzman. What if Oswald had stopped along his way
24 back to the United States ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ Europe, if Military Intelligence
25 had a chance to debrief him in Europe, ~~and back~~ ^{back} on his way, to

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1 the United States, ^{do} you think they should have done so?

2 Mr. Jones. This intelligence officer would have made
3 contact with him

4 Mr. Genzman. If Oswald had been an operative, ~~or~~ an agent
5 or an employee of any domestic intelligence agency, would
6 you necessarily have known about it?

7 Mr. Jones. Would you rephrase the question again with
8 particular reference to domestic intelligence? I do not
9 understand.

10 Mr. Genzman. If Oswald had been an agent, ~~or~~ operative,
11 or an employee of the Department of Defense or CIA in some
12 intelligence capacity, would you have known about that?

13 Mr. Jones. Not all the time. I would have known about
14 it if I had shown more interest in trying to recruit him as
15 a source, because sources of this nature are protected and
16 coded and they are under centralized control. And had he
17 been a coded source and I had an interest in him as a source,
18 we would conduct what is called a name trace, and the name
19 trace would then show the fact that he was the source of
20 some Federal intelligence agency.

21 Mr. Genzman. If Oswald had been an asset, source, ~~or~~
22 agent, ~~or~~ an employee of any domestic intelligence agency,
23 with extremely deep cover, would you have known about it?

24 By this question, I am referring to the possibility that
25 Oswald may not have been a coded source, but may have had a

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1 cover so deep that his identity would not have been known.

2 Mr. Jones. In the past, they have protected their
3 sources and they do not identify them or reveal those sources
4 to us unless we have an interest and we are trying to get
5 their source.

*214 would like
it from them*

6 Mr. Genzman. Colonel Jones, did your file on Oswald
7 include any information on his trip to Mexico City in 1963.

8 Mr. Jones. I cannot state specifically. I know of
9 the Mexican operation, the covers of the Soviet Embassy
10 in Mexico City, and I would not state for the record
11 that I knew of his trips prior to the assassination, but if
12 I reported this in my reports, then we did have the informa-
13 tion, but I do not recall reading this, that he had made
14 trips to Mexico.

15 Mr. Genzman. Colonel Jones, do you know the name
16 Maurice Bishop?

17 Mr. Jones. I do not believe so.

18 Mr. Genzman. Mr. Chairman, this concludes my question-
19 ing.

20 Mr. Dodd. Thank you, counsel.

21 Mr. Fithian?

22 Mr. Fithian. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

23 Counsel has asked one of the questions that I wanted to
24 ask, but this is a little bit broader.

25 Colonel, do you have any recollection or do any of your

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1 records indicate, that Oswald had travelled abroad to any
2 country other than the U.S.S.R.?

3 Mr. Jones. I believe my records indicate that he had
4 travelled through Finland.

5 Mr. Fithian. Not to Cuba?

6 Mr. Jones. Not to my knowledge.

7 Mr. Fithian. Would you refer back to that 11-22-63
8 urgent message? Do you have a copy of that? And I know
9 before I start this line of questioning what your best
10 belief is, but I want to test out something with you to see
11 if, perhaps, in a hypothetical situation, there might be
12 another construction that we could put on this.

13 Mr. Jones. Which exhibit are you referring to?

14 Mr. Fithian. It starts out with the top line, Urgent,
15 11-22-63, 10-2. That is Exhibit 103.

16 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir, I have it in my hand. From the
17 Director.

18 Mr. Fithian. Now, just a quick reference to the hands
19 off Cuba^{"H"} document, do you have that also?

20 Mr. Jones. I have seen it, I am familiar with it.

21 Mr. Fithian. First, let me tell you, for example, when
22 we pass out campaign literature, as the other members can
23 tell, we have to put a name down at the bottom of our
24 campaign treasurer, so let us suppose that A. J. Hidell is,
25 in fact, not Lee Harvey Oswald and he is, in fact, someone

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1 who is putting together the operation in the hands off
2 Cuba, or Fair Play for Cuba, Committee.

3 Now, assuming that, that that is a bona fide piece of
4 literature, and disregarding the phony box number for a
5 moment, back to the communique where it says: "The Bureau
6 of Records indicate membership card of Lee Oswald in the
7 Fair Play for Cuba was signed by A.J. Hidell." That is a
8 reflection to this other piece of literature, and then the
9 second statement that Hidell, that Oswald had said Hidell
10 had contacted him on August 7th and we have already touched
11 upon the rest of that phrase, asking Oswald to distribute
12 literature.

13 On down to the bottom of that message, it is directing
14 people in the New Orleans area to make every effort to develop
15 further information concerning any of these Hidells, Alex,
16 Ana or A.J.

17 Is it conceivable that, just as a college student
18 sometimes loans his identification card to someone else, that
19 Oswald could have been carrying a Selective Service card used
20 an identification card that was given to him by his friend
21 Hidell, if they were both in this Fair Play for Cuba Commit-
22 tee operation?

23 I guess what I am asking you is your professional judgment
24 of whether or not there would be a wholly different construc-
25 tion placed on this alias?

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1 Mr. Jones. I would have to agree with you, that that
2 is possible, that there could be a card, A. J. Hidell and
3 he could have had it in his possession and posing as A. J.
4 Hidell. But I believe our local agency checks on the fact
5 that he was arrested and that he was arrested as A. J. Hidell
6 or carrying this identification, and he identified himself,
7 and our local agent revealed it was Oswald.

8 Mr. Fithian. Are you saying that the normal procedure
9 would have been to have arrested this man for violating some
10 rule about passing out literature, they said as they booked
11 him, who are you; and he said, I am A. J. Hidell or whatever
12 and he pulls out this A. J. Hidell identification card,
13 Selective Service card.

14 They know he is not, or they discover he is not A. J.
15 Hidell?

16 Mr. Jones. I think they discovered, I think we discovered
17 that he is not.

18 Mr. Fithian. That he is, in fact, Lee Oswald?

19 Mr. Jones. Lee Harvey Oswald.

20 Mr. Fithian. Now that establishes the rationale for
21 identifying the alias, the "also known as" entry, so I am not
22 in any way faulting that. I guess what I am saying is that
23 it does appear that there could be an altogether different
24 construction based on this and that, in fact, that there did
25 exist an A. J. Hidell still yet to be located.

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1 Mr. Jones. I think that is a possibility, but only a
2 possibility. I am of the opinion that A. J. Hidell and Lee
3 Harvey Oswald are one and the same.

4 Mr. Fithian. I understand that. I just wanted to
5 go through that scenario, as a not-too-far-fetched possibil-
6 ity.

7 Mr. Jones. That is right.

8 Mr. Fithian. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

9 Mr. Dodd. Mr. Sawyer?

10 Mr. Sawyer. I have no questions.

11 Mr. Dodd. Let me just follow up, if I can briefly on
12 that point, Colonel.

13 You seem pretty convinced that these two names are
14 identifying one and the same person, and I wonder if you might
15 give us a bit more information on how that contact, how that
16 relationship developed as a result of your contacts in New
17 Orleans in undercover work?

18 Mr. Jones. Could I have a minute to look at this?

19 Mr. Dodd. Certainly.

20 (Pause)

21 Mr. Jones. I think I read in either the agents report
22 or in the message here that he has been identified as being
23 arrested as Lee Harvey Oswald in New Orleans. Yes. I am
24 referring to Exhibit 101. The intelligence records here reveal
25 a reference to A. J. Hidell, who reportedly is distributing

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1 Hands Off Cuba literature, referencing New Orleans, that
2 Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested in New Orleans, date unknown,
3 for distributing pro-Cuban literature.

4 I think that our conclusion is based upon the fact that
5 our office in New Orleans reported him as having the litera-
6 ture of A. J. Hidell and the literature as Lee Harvey
7 Oswald being one and the same, from the Police Department
8 in New Orleans and then, of course, our local agent check
9 would substantiate that.

10 Mr. Dodd. I do not really expect you to come off the
11 top of your head and answer this, but do you know who, in
12 New Orleans, would have been the person who would have
13 developed that information?

14 Mr. Jones. No, sir. The only way I could refresh my
15 memory would be to look at the agent report; the agent report
16 that followed the Hands Off Cuba would have identified the
17 man who was at the Police Department and conducted the local
18 agency check, which would be the Police Department file
19 check.

20 Mr. Dodd. Let me go back a step to Captain Powell.

21 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir.

22 Mr. Dodd. Did you know Captain Powell personally?

23 Mr. Jones. No, sir, I did not.

24 Mr. Dodd. You knew him by face, you could identify him
25 if you saw his photograph?

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1 Mr. Jones. Captain Powell probably has been at our
2 Group Headquarters. I know the name. Probably the face,
3 I might know the face. I do not know that I could pick
4 him out but I know the name from Dallas and seeing agent
5 reports and so forth.

6 Mr. Dodd. You never had any personal contact with him?

7 Mr. Jones. No, sir, not physically.

8 Mr. Dodd. I would like to go back a little bit further
9 and I would like you to be as brief as you could here, and
10 I will tell you why I am asking the question so you can
11 appreciate what I am trying to get at.

12 I was rather impressed by your concern that the FBI and
13 the CIA, to name two agencies specifically, that those two
14 agencies had not conducted a more thorough debriefing of
15 Lee Harvey Oswald on his return to the United States.

16 Mr. Jones. To my knowledge, Mr. Chairman -- as I saw
17 I hope that I am not making an accusation, but if the files,
18 records, and reports do exist, I have not seen it. I will
19 try to preface that by saying I have not seen such a report,
20 debriefing reports, nor have I seen source contact reports

21 Mr. Dodd. I should have stated it in proper terms. If,
22 in fact, these two agencies did not conduct debriefing ses-
23 sions, you would find that surprising?

24 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir, I would.

25 Mr. Dodd. I do not want to appear argumentative with

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1 this line of questioning but, in order to provide at least
2 a record with that assumption on your part, I would like
3 you to explain to this Committee what your specific[#] knowledge is
4 of the activities of the CIA and the FBI with regard to
5 debriefing sessions, as you have known it to exist in your
6 professional responsibilities as an intelligence officer.

7 Mr. Jones. I have worked with the FBI and the CIA, both
8 in overseas operations where the FBI would brief you on some
9 of the cases with their liaison officer. I provided them
10 with information upon request.

11 I have worked personally with CIA's liaison officer,
12 special agent in the Texas area. I have five years in the
13 Office of the Secretary of Defense and I have personally
14 briefed CIA agents myself on activities that pertained to the
15 Department of Defense and any information that might assist
16 them.

17 I have assisted them on their cover stories. I am
18 knowledgeable of CIA operations from Europe in connection
19 with positive intelligence operations and counterintelligence
20 operations where we both have interest in the same sources.
21 We have coordinated some of our operations as pertaining to
22 debriefing.

23 Mr. Dodd. Would you characterize yourself as an expert
24 as procedures within the CIA, FBI with regard to this whole
25 area of briefing and debriefing people, of people who come

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1 from behind the Iron Curtain?

2 Mr. Jones. No, sir, I would not consider myself an
3 expert on the procedures with the FBI or CIA, Mr. Chairman.

4 Mr. Dodd. I am trying to narrow it down as it relates
5 specifically to people who come from behind the Iron Curtain
6 as to the normal operating procedure of those two agencies
7 of people coming back to the United States. I am trying to
8 narrow it down to the Lee Harvey Oswald case.

9 Mr. Jones. Mr. Chairman, I will state that I recall
10 many times that the CIA's interest in people that are going
11 to visit the Soviet Union and also their interest when they
12 return.

13 Mr. Dodd. Getting to characterizations is always a
14 treacherous area, and the word "expert" -- when I go skiing
15 I am always leery of the signs novice, intermediate and
16 expert. I am trying to get at the sense of your, by your
17 mere explanation of what your background has been with
18 regard to these agencies, I am impressed that you would have
19 pretty good working knowledge of how the CIA and FBI do
20 conduct ^{their} ~~the~~ operations with regard to the debriefing.

21 How about answering this. In your professional experience
22 in dealing with these two agencies, would it be a rare
23 occurrence when both of these agencies would not conduct
24 debriefing sessions of people who would come out from behind
25 the iron curtain?

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1 Mr. Jones. In my experience, it would be a rare occur-
2 rence if they do not have an interest in debriefing.

3 Mr. Dodd. That is as a result of your professional
4 knowledge in dealing with these agencies?

5 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir.

6 Mr. Dodd. All right.

7 Mr. Genzman. Mr. Chairman, I have two follow-up
8 questions.

9 Mr. Dodd. Go ahead.

10 Mr. Genzman. Colonel Jones, assuming that the FBI did
11 debrief Oswald or did interview Oswald upon his return to the
12 United States and assuming that the FBI files reflect this
13 fact, would it still surprise you that the CIA did not perform
14 such a debriefing and that the CIA files do not reflect that
15 fact?

16 Mr. Jones. It would surprise me if they did not
17 debrief him, if they were unaware of the FBI debriefing.
18 Now, if they were satisfied and if there was an exchange of
19 information, or the debriefing made available to the CIA and
20 they were satisfied with it, then they had copies of it,
21 I would suspect that they would have no further interest
22 in debriefing.

23 Mr. Genzman. Were you ever aware that Oswald was either
24 a source or informant or some other asset for the FBI?

25 Mr. Jones. No, sir.

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1 Mr. Genzman. If Oswald did, in fact, have a source
2 ^{relationship with} informant ~~agent for~~ the FBI, would you have necessarily
3 known about it?

4 Mr. Jones. Not necessarily. As I stated earlier, they
5 had many sources, we had many sources, that each agency is
6 unaware of the other sources. Only when we would try to
7 recruit sources would we get into the name and identity of
8 sources.

9 Even at that time, they would say, we have an interest
10 in him and may not identify him, but they would state, we
11 have a prior interest in him.

12 Mr. Genzman. If you had been in charge of debriefing
13 persons who had travelled in the Soviet Union or who had
14 defected in the Soviet Union and were now returning and you
15 were aware that the FBI had interviewed ^{Such} ~~an individual~~ an
16 individual, would you have also wanted to interview this
17 individual and debrief him, or do you think you would have
18 been satisfied with the FBI's job of debriefing the individual?

19 Mr. Jones. The procedure there, if we had an interest
20 in debriefing someone that the FBI has debriefed, first we
21 determine whether or not they are going to utilize this man
22 as a source, if they have a continuing interest in him. If
23 they no longer have an interest in him, then we can use him
24 as a possible source, then we would also debrief and possibly
25 recruit.

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1 Mr. Fithian. Would you, prior to making a decision
2 on whether you debrief, would you request that the FBI
3 there debrief him?

4 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir. We would ask him to make available
5 their reports. If they did make it available, then, of
6 course, we would then make a determination on what actually
7 would follow.

8 Mr. Fithian. Assuming that an individual who had been
9 serving overseas in the United States military who had access
10 to classified information, assuming that this individual
11 defected to the Soviet Union, married a Soviet national, then
12 returned to the United States, would you have been satisfied
13 by an FBI debriefing of such an individual, or would you,
14 had you been in that position, would you have wanted to speak
15 with this individual yourself?

16 Mr. Jones. We are now in a different ballpark. We are
17 talking about a man now assigned to the military. If it is
18 the Army, we have priority and we have probably an opportunity
19 to debrief first.

20 Mr. Fithian. Let's assume, for purposes of this hypo-
21 thetical, that you were a CIA officer in charge of counter-
22 intelligence, that is, that section of the CIA which would
23 normally debrief these types of people. Would you have been
24 satisfied with an FBI interview or debriefing?

25 Mr. Jones. No, we would also talk to him.

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1 Mr. Genzman. I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

2 Mr. Dodd. Are there any further questions?

3 Mr. Fithian. Colonel, do you have any knowledge,
4 other than the one person we have already spoken of, of the
5 location, the physical location of the ^eman in Dallas at the
6 time of the assassination?

7 Mr. Jones. No, sir, I do not. I was not in Dallas and
8 I did not direct them to go to any particular place at any
9 particular time, or to work with any particular individual.

10 Mr. Fithian. In any reports or sheets that they would
11 have supplied to you, you would not know, then, if any of
12 your personnel were located in what is now referred to as
13 the Grassy Knoll area?

14 Mr. Jones. The agent reports submitted by personnel who
15 participated in this indicate their location at the time,
16 the Secret Service and the FBI they were working with, the
17 time and their actions.

18 Mr. Fithian. That would be on the report?

19 Mr. Jones. That would be on the agent reports that
20 they would submit to their region and would be submitted to
21 my office.

22 Mr. Fithian. So if we were to look up these records,
23 is it your judgment that, in fact, if you had any men in that
24 grassy knoll area and there were a shot coming from that
25 area, that that would be significant enough that they would

1 put that into their report?

2 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir.

3 Mr. Fithian. If they were not certain that there was
4 a shot fired but they heard what they thought, would they
5 report that in a less certain fashion, perhaps?

6 Mr. Jones. I have enough confidence in their conscientiousness and their ability, their eagerness to present their
7 ations on that day, I am of the opinion that it would have
8 been in an agent report form.

10 Mr. Fithian. If there were any area, if there were any
11 individual or individuals in the crowd that they suspected as
12 having participated in this, that would surely be in the
13 report?

14 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir.

15 Mr. Fithian. Now, the report, the reports of these
16 agents are the ones that you referred to earlier that would
17 be in the Fort George Meade file?

18 Mr. Jones. Would possibly be in the ^Iintelligence
19 ^Rrecords and ^Rreports file located at Fort George Meade. I do
20 not know whether they are there or not.

21 Mr. Fithian. That would be the logical repository?

22 Mr. Jones. Yes, sir.

23 Mr. Fithian. I have no further questions, unless counsel
24 would like to pursue it.

25 Mr. Goldsmith. Under what subject heading would those

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1 reports be filed?

2 Mr. Jones. There would be one Oswald file that would
3 be personality to check. The other would be a subject file,
4 the Assassination of President Kennedy.

5 I would recommend you check IRR, ^I Intelligence ^R records
6 ^R reports, and also the vault file.

7 Mr. Dodd. Mr. Sawyer?

8 Mr. Sawyer. No.

9 Mr. Dodd. Colonel, before I conclude, I want to
10 personally thank you for your time here. It has been a
11 couple of hours, anyway, but you have been an extremely
12 responsive witness, extremely helpful, and allow me to
13 editorialize a little bit. I wish that all of the witnesses
14 we had were as competent, concise, detailed and as willing
15 as you have been.

16 I know I speak for the three of us sitting here today
17 of how grateful we are, as well as for counsel. You have
18 been an excellent witness.

19 Mr. Jones. I have enjoyed my association with the
20 staff.

21 Mr. Dodd. We look forward to your specific questions that
22 you think we might want to pursue; and counsel, I would ask
23 you to stay in touch with the Colonel. It sounds like, to me,
24 he has some darned good ideas as to how to proceed and bring
25 some specific knowledge that might be of assistance to us in

1 this effort.

2 Mr. Genzman. Certainly.

3 Mr. Dodd. Colonel, the last point we have is our rules
4 provide for each and every witness to take five minutes, if
5 you so desire, to add any of your own thoughts or additions
6 to questions that you have already responded to expand upon
7 whatever you want. So the time is yours, if you would like
8 to use it for the next five minutes or so.

9 Mr. Jones. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

10 I am hopeful that the information that I have provided at
11 this hearing along with the actions that I took on the 22nd
12 of November when President Kennedy was assassinated and also
13 the actions before then and all of this information may be, or
14 will be, of value to this Committee.

15 I must apologize for my lack of memory, and I certainly
16 have not had total recall of all of the events and people's
17 names that came to my mind, and I believe that I recorded
18 somewhere in written form -- I apologize that I cannot give
19 to this Committee more detailed information. I do feel that
20 it is my patriotic duty to work in any way that I can and
21 be of assistance to this committee and as to your staff
22 members, I have enjoyed working with them. They have been
23 most cordial and have been very kind to me.

24 If I can be of any assistance in the future, it will be
25 my pleasure. Thank you.

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1 Mr. Dodd. Thank you very much, Colonel. I would ask
2 you that for whatever reason, if you come across any additional
3 information and have some recall of some more specific data,
4 we would be grateful to have you come forward. We may want
5 to ask you to come back at some point. We will certainly
6 give you adequate notice if that is necessary.

7 But, on behalf of the Committee, I want to thank you
8 again for being here with us today and being as cooperative
9 as you have been.

10 I would inform the other members of the Committee that
11 we will be meeting again next week for a rather long week
12 of sessions, but in the meantime, this Committee will
13 stand in adjournment, subject to the call of the chair.

14 (Thereupon, at 6:30 p.m., the Subcommittee recessed,
15 to reconvene at the call of the Chair.)

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