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Dear Jeremy,

Some months ago, when I read the CIA Box 57 as I recall what it sent to the Archives that had been sent me, I made this copy of a page of it, perhaps to illustrate what I have been trying to get your people to understand. This is one of innumerable instances of it. What it says about me ranges from deliberate distortion to lies. And the source, quite obviously, was a federal agency, probably the FBI.

My testimony before the New Orleans grand jury was no more secret than any other and I had no secrets to give it. Actually I was asked to appear before it to answer questions. I knew nothing about Shaw that I had not used in Oswald in New Orleans.

The House committee before which I testified in 1940 and which to the best of my knowledge never printed that testimony was the Dies committee. Those documents were not used to "smear" that committee. Exposure is not smearing. And the committee itself had them forged. I was able to prove that before the DC grand jury and it indicted that Dies agent. The Senate Internal Security Committee never spoke to me for an obvious reason: The committee for which I worked had no secrets, no classified information, and I was its editor. All I ever distributed, and that was not leaking in even the most extreme sense, was what I had published for the committee. My first book does not "claim" that Oswald was "framed by an impersonator." I had no ^{facts} ~~contacts~~, long-time or other in the CIA and I was myself one of those transferred to ^{State} ~~Sate~~ from the OSS

Under our system of government it is wrong for any agency to gather and disseminate libels and slanders when there is no investigation of any crime. It is no less wrong for that to be done to a writer whose writing those agencies do not like.

There were government campaigns to destroy the credibility of writing critical of its assassination investigation. That it was done and how it was done and by whom and why is information the people should have to the degree possible.

Aside from my belief that this is well within the Congressional intent in the Act that created ARRB, I believe also that in its refusing to see to it that all information of this sort is made public ARRB makes it self party to the abuses or our system and of people like me and in that party to the corruption of our history.

This is no less assassination information than the great volume of records that are disclosed and have nothing at all to do with the crime itself. In addition to which

the CIA treats it as and makes its assassination information. Which also defames me with immunity, and in *perpetuity*. I "bought" nothing and I did not testify that I did.

Sincerely,

Harold
Harold Weisberg

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James HICKS - early contact ?

THE NEWS - GARRISON subpoenas 4th Man - ... GARRISON subpoenaed a federal civil service employee he said "may have special knowledge of the assassination..." James HICKS, a civilian employee at Vance Air Force Base in Blvd, OKLA, HICKS was at the scene the day Kennedy was shot, and may have special knowledge concerning details of the assassination with respect to its planning and execution as well as personnel employed in the assassination... HICKS said, "I saw everything."

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Jack M HELM - early contact ?

THE NEWS - GARRISON Begins to Attract Attention - by Paul Scott - ... Attention of these congressional probers centers around GARRISON's interest in and handling of (1) an official of the Ku Klux Klan and (2) a former congressional committee employee, who has given secret testimony before the New Orleans Grand Jury... The KKK official involved in GARRISON's investigation is Jack M. HELM, former exalted cyclops of the New Orleans unit of the United Klans of America, and now head of an independent KKK group which he organized. Summoned before the House Un-American Activities Committee in Jan 66 during the committee's probe of the KKK, he was an uncooperative witness... GARRISON began his probe of HELM on a tip from Jules Rocco KIMBLE, a self-avowed member of the KKK, who also claimed he once worked special assignments for the CIA. The CIA denies and GARRISON claims he will prove. KIMBLE reported that on the day after the death of David FERRELL, he drove HELM to FERRELL's apartment. HELM then came out with a satchel full of papers which, KIMBLE says, the KKK official then placed in a bank safe deposit box. KIMBLE said that Walter SHERIDAN, former Justice Department trouble shooter for the then Attorney General Robert Kennedy, once counseled him not to talk to anyone and to go to Canada. // The former congressional employee whose furnishing of information to GARRISON has interested congressional probers is Harold WEISBERG, author of books on the assassination, attacking the Warren Comm, the FBI and CIA... WEISBERG is the same man who testified in 1940 before a House committee that he bought forged documents in an attempt to link the Dies committee to the Silver Shirts. (At that time the Silver Shirts was a militant right-wing organization on the attorney general's subversive list. The documents were used in an abortive attempt by a Michigan congressman to smear the Dies committee, fore-runner of the present House Committee on Un-American Activities.) Records of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee also show that WEISBERG was dropped from the staff of the late Senator LaFollette's Special Investigating Subcommittee for leaking subcommittee confidential information. // In WEISBERG's book on the assassination, he contends that OSWALD was framed by an impersonator. Congressional probers are now checking WEISBERG's long-time contacts in the CIA and State Dept, including several persons who transferred to those agencies from the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) after World War II.

Harold WEISBERG - early contact ?

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Perhaps we should query Jeane DIXON ?????

THE NEWS - NEWS Pearl Gets Letter on GARRISON - by Pearl Gonzalez - "... GARRISON will be proven accurate in his plot charges," predicted Jeane Dixon, noted Wash., D.C. seeress who predicted the assassination... I pick up periodically is... Mrs. Dixon further enlarged on her GARRISON prediction by saying that a woman was a key figure in the assassination. She might be revealed by the investigation going on in New Orleans some time this year. She PAGE also said GARRISON will be awarded in his probe by "a lot of power and money from outside the US, ..."

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