

XIV. *The Harlotting Ghost and His Dirty Mind*

First we just turn pages and see what jumps from them elsewhere in his Volume One, Oswald in Minsk with Marina. *It is really dull boring, meaningless and ignorant. It is a pseudo-novel. It is not a work of non-fiction.*
 Not ~~that~~ that Mailer does not have in his Volume Two what belongs in Volume one the better to mix it all up. Not that he is not inconsistent. Or does not depend on conjectures, fabrications ~~and~~ saying what he has no ~~source~~ source for.

With sex every time Mailer ~~can~~ can find some means of interjecting it.

For xample, on page 184, out of nowhere and serving no purpose other than titillation, Mailer says:

"Alik's first experience with sex had not only been with a Japanese girl, but he also said that he'd never had an American girl, just Japanese and Russian girls."

To whom Oswald said this Mailer does not say, the better not to get caught in his writing a cheap novel he fraudulent misrepresents as nonfiction. Why he said it, what the occasion was—even where and when it was was—Mailer does not say. And it make it all even more persuasive he has no source. *Under which it is not true.*

"Well researched" one of those/hack reviewers wrote of this trash, sourcesless if not made-up trash.

This serves, more or less, for nothing really does serve to introduce what Mailer next does in his questioning of Marina, asking her if Oswald was homosexual. His paraphrase of her response that he had on tape is "she would say ~~that~~ she never had any sense with Lee that he'd be partial to a man, never."

Is it not to wonder if what she really ~~said~~ responded to their dirty questions was a vigorous denial.

There is a very good reason for Mailer having no source. It is not only that he had and could have had no such source. It is that this is a straightforward Mailer lie, one of ~~the~~ many he resorts to to build his phony case, the ^{nor a few} nonexistent cases that permeates his book and are indispensable to it.

This should not be misunderstood: I am saying that Mailer lies and unless he is carzy knows he is lying when he does it.

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I refer to these as dirty questions. They are that and they are from dirty minds.

Throughout the book Dr. Shrink Mailer has ^A these little hints that in addition to Oswald's believe ^{ANV} that killing JFK would make him ^A important and famous there as a ^e neyr never really spelled out, just hinted at sexual component in Oswald's mind as Mailer ^{in a number of interviews he says he got inside Oswald's head} pretends to be reading it. This alone required that Mailer scatter his nonsense and it alone is enough reason, of the very many reasons, as we shall see, for there to be no index.

One of the many points where Mailer gets a little closer to spelling ~~it~~ this out is way back in his ~~Volume Two~~ Volume Two. What follows is (from his Part III, with the Ominous and entirely warrantless title, Dark Days in Dallas." (It goes without saying that in reality there was not a thing any darker for Oswald in those days than in another other day) The title of ~~each~~ chapter 9 ^{also suggests the} It is ~~had another ominous title suggested~~ that Mailer uses to suggest what lies ahead as he continues his making it ~~all~~ all up: "Stoicism, ~~Majeti~~ Majestic in Purpose." In reading the paragraph with which this mishmash ~~of~~ Mailer's invention of a purpose the reader is encouraged to note the conjectures in it despite Mailer's ^writing of it to suggest that it is all real rather than something he found convenient for his ^onivelizing our history: *end 269*

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In the depths of Oswald's logic lies an equation: Any man who is possessed of enough political passion to reach murderous intensity in his deeds is entitled to a seat at the high table of world leaders. Such may have been Oswald's measure. The route to becoming a great political leader—given his own poor beginnings—might have to pass through acts of assassination. (Page 505)

In ~~add~~ addition ^{and like these senseless} to his baseless conjectures Mailer begins this rubbish with what also permeates in his book, ^{his} mind-~~near~~ reading. This kind of mumbojumbo writing is in Mailer's concoctions part of what he is suggesting with this sex stuff that is the exact opposite of what he says and is, man of intellectual and authorial integrity that he is, ^mMailer omits from the testimony he quotes.

Mailer's mind reading extends to the Warren ^A Commission, as we see in the kind of

source note to his writing his organization, if that is what it is, requires if it is to be placed in context, given anything other than a page number. ^{For example} In ~~this instance~~ ^{the first words on} what follows ~~that is~~ page 379. ~~It is~~ in his Volume ~~Two~~ ^{Two}, Part I, "Early Years, Soldier Years," ~~Chapter~~ Chapter 6, "Loose Ends."

As he makes this incredible stuff up "Mailer must have found some ^{reason} real not apparent, ~~unless~~ unless he liked the sound when he spoke this title, for referring to any part of Oswald's life as his years as a soldier because Mailer knows very well that Oswald was never a soldier. He was a marine.

There obviously was nothing that can be considered editing at Random House if ^{actual} this passed any ~~and~~ reading at all.

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There can be little doubt that the Warren Commission came to the unvoiced conclusion that it might be all for the best if Oswald turned out to be homosexual. That would have the advantage of explaining much even if it explained nothing at all. The Warren Commission did have, after all, a lone killer as their desired objective, but there was no evidence of particular animus by Oswald toward Kennedy, and more than a few key witnesses testified to Oswald's positive utterances concerning JFK. So, a history of homosexuality located in Oswald's closet would prove helpful to them. In 1964, homosexuality was still seen as one of those omnibus infections of the spirit that could lead to God knows what further aberration.

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Nonetheless, there is a real chance that Oswald had considerably more of a sexual career as a homosexual than as a heterosexual through his Marine Corps days and through his first year in Minsk.

As with the previous quotation, ^{This} there is more conjecture, more ~~condition~~ ^{condition} than is obvious, as a careful reading will ^{disclose} disclose, ^{and not a word of it is true,} and not a word of it is true,

Mailer must have been dyslexic when he read the Report, if he read it at all, and those 26 volumes, ^{as his own} if he read them rather than use the work of others, because much ^{of} as ^{the Commission} its lawyers tried they not only found no reason to or justification ^{for} reaching the "conclusion" that is obviously "unvoiced" because it was not made, that Oswald ^{was} ^{of} homosexual.

The lawyers tried and some of the marines tried to accommodate them, but not all did and where the evidence ^{of} was unequivocal, Mailer ^{only} does quote a few of the those Marines who were willing to play follow-the-leader for the Commission's counsel but it means

This is Mailer's problem: he

~~But~~ Mailer says Oswald arrived in the Soviet Union with \$1600 in his pockets, without any real source for his saying that.

It came up in his mother's Commission testimony, as I also brought to light in Whitewash. *(page 170)* She responded to Rankin on that, "you have mentioned about the \$1600. Now *end 271* I don't know if you know for a fact that Lee had \$1600." She said it had been in the papers but that ~~he~~ *she had* no knowledge of it. She also volunteered that Lee then gave her ~~\$100~~ \$100.

But as I pointed out on the next page, all the money the official records can attribute to Oswald as of the time of his discharge was \$422.20. ~~And~~ *From* that aside from this \$100 to his mother Oswald had to get from California to Texas and then to New Orleans, where he took ship for England, whence he flew to Helsinki, where he has to pay his hotel bill and other expenses before entraining for Moscow, having that fare to pay and all his Moscow and later ~~expenses~~ expenses in the Soviet Union. It was some time ~~before~~ before Oswald was sent to Minsk, where he was given a job and some assistance from the Soviet Red Cross. Thus the imagined ~~sum~~ sum of \$1600 helps explain ~~why~~ what has not ever been explained away, how Oswald financed himself. And despite Mailer's saying that Oswald worked in some way for the CIA, where his "handler" was George de Mohrenschildt, for some reason not apparent Mailer prefers *this* the invention of Oswald making money by practising homosexuality on a Marina base to suggesting that his funding could have come from some spookery he served, the CIA or any other.

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The Sigmund Freud Mailer imagines himself then emerges again, nothing omitted in quotation after the above:

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This question of whether he was or was not homosexual may hinder our understanding of Oswald more than it helps. Why not suppose instead that he had the kind of double nature which would leave him miserable after gay activities and more certain than ever that he was really heterosexual, whereas, conversely, when with a woman a year or two later, he might feel more powerful homosexual inclinations than when he was with men. It may have mattered less what he did than what he was tempted to do. In any event, we can be reasonably certain of one matter: By the age of seventeen and a half, he had not yet had a woman.

Don't look for any source for ~~this~~ gibberish of amateur shrinkery or for ~~that~~ what Mailer makes as a statement of fact, that "by the age of seventeen and a half ~~Oswald~~ he had never had a woman," because there not only is none ~~it~~ -there can be none.

What Mailer is really talking about is that some of the staff lawyers ~~from~~ ^{for} the Commission, not ~~that~~ the Commission ~~itself~~, toyed with the idea that Oswald may have ~~be~~ been homosexual not on the basis of any evidence of it at all but after one or more of the less-educated and less sophisticated of the Marines who ~~he~~ served with him and found ~~in~~ him offbeat made such a hint. I raised ~~the~~ question publicly in bringing to light the testimony of New Orleans Attorney Dean Andrews. (Whitewash, pp. 244-5, 150-1) In that I also brought to light the name of a man who had asked Andrews to represent Oswald after his arrest, Clay Bertrand. Garrison later charged that Clay Shaw was this mysterious Clay Bertrand. Although Andrews did correct what his testimony as published does indicate, that when Oswald first came to his office he "was accompanied by some gay kids" in saying that Oswald "was not in the ~~company~~ ^{of} of the gay kids," it lingered in the ~~many~~ ^{assassination} minds of those of both extremes who seek to explain the crime with theories.

Andrews and I later developed a friendly relationship. He then was ~~explicit~~ ^{first} in ~~too~~ telling me that when Oswald and another young man with him were ~~in~~ Andrews' office also there at the same time were three obvious homosexuals. They went to Andrews to represent them because he was willing to represent homosexuals. Six had come to see him the week before his ~~testimony~~. But Andrews was also explicit in stating

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the that the man with Oswald was a "Mexicano," not a homosexual.

(It happens that Orest Pena, owner of the Habana Bar & Grill at which a man said to have been Oswald staged a spectacular drunk, and his night barkeep and ^{night} waitress all told me that the man taken to be Oswald was ~~also~~ accompanied by a man they also described as a Mexican.)

But there never was any real reason to believe that Oswald ^{we} had homosexual ^{or had} ~~any such interests~~ and from the record that seems to have been impossible, as to a degree we soon see.

nothing despite Mailer's best and most valiant dishonesty. ^{As} ~~was~~ previously-quoted
Mailer-alleged on the streets of ~~the~~ Prevailing Winds noted, with Oswald practising his homosexuality/~~in~~ that southern
California Marine base he rarely left, there were very few street and none that were
private. *Little or no chance of making money that way, as Prevailing Winds reported.*

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~~To begin with~~ the end of ~~the~~ this quotation, Oswald's "career as a homosexual...
through his first year in ^{Minsk} ~~Minsk~~," can it be that Mailer's buddies in the KGB withheld
the proof of this from him? Would they really treat their good buddy Mailer, to say
to nothing of his moneybags, Schiller, this badly, hold all that back from him/ them,
a whole year of it?

It is easier to believe that when ~~he~~ ^{Mailer} gets ~~cranked~~ ^{cranked} up churning out his fabri-
cations ~~Mailer~~ ^{he} gets carried away with what he ~~images~~ ^{imagines}. Which he does throughout this
book.

So, that ~~Minsk~~ ^{alleged and non-existing Oswald} homosexual activity ^{may} can be more generously attributed to Mailer's
intensity in his manufacturing that ~~that~~ ^{intended} to deliberate dishonesty. Which it despite *(But it is dishonest. It is a end 272)*
~~generosity might well be, to put it as Mailer puts things.~~ *he that Mailer simply made up*

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On the very next page Mailer quotes a marine every bit as good at conjecturing
as Mailer himself, albeit ~~slightly~~ ^{slightly} less practised at ~~it~~ ^{it}. ^{albeit Jenner was} Questioned by Daniel Patrick
~~the~~ Powers ^{he} had taken his advanced radar training with Oswald at Keesler Field, near
^{Biloxi} biloxi, Mississippi. Here is what Mailer uses of Powers' testimony:

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MR. POWERS. . . he had a large homosexual tendency, as far as I
was concerned, and . . . a lot of feminine characteristics as far as
the other individuals of the group were concerned, and I think
possibly he was an individual that would come to a point in his
life that he would have to decide one way or the other.

MR. JENNER. On what?

MR. POWERS. On a homosexual or leading a normal life, and
again, now, this is a personal opinion.

And I think this, more than any other factor, was the reason
that he was on the outside of the group in Mississippi.

He was always an individual that was regarded as a meek per-
son, one that you wouldn't have to worry about as far as the lead-
ership was concerned

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(page 380)

Here Mailer prefers double conjecture, Powers' and his own, to the singular
conjecture of one of his few sources, Gerald Posner, fellow Randon Mouse stable jock

publishing in
in its heavily-promoted supports of the official ^{assassination} mythology, Posner's mistitled Case
~~of~~ Closed of two years earlier. Posner ~~sa~~ had it that when Os^{wald} spent no time with the
other Marines at Biloxi he was in New Orleans getting trained for some kind of mission
that ended in the assassination.

~~But what difference does it make when Oswald had his first sexual experience?~~

But what difference does it make when Oswald had his first sexual experience?

And why does Mailer find it necessary to fabricate once again about this

without even pretending there is or can be a source for any of it?

Referring to Oswald as in boot camp, if that is where he was after ~~his~~ both his
basic and advanced training, Mailer manages still again to flaunt his ignorance of the
actual records published by the Commission on his next and even sicker page. He says of
Oswald and his ^{rifle capability} shooting,

~~"He had trouble managing to qualify with his rifle, and that was horrific~~

He had trouble managing to qualify
with his rifle, and that was horrific. The Marine Corps laid it out
for you: Your ability with an M-1 was equal to your virility—there
was no reason to be in the Marine Corps if virility was not the center
of your focus. (Page 381)

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~~That was the one time Oswald did well with his rifle shooting! The one and only~~

The military uses "adison ~~the~~ Avenue lingo for its shooting evaluations.

The very poorest shot is ^a "marksman." To most people that suggests pretty
good. The medium grade is "sharp sharpshooter." That suggests Daniel Boone or Annie Oakley.
But in fact it is but average. The highest rating is "expert rifleman." So, when Mailer
says, suggesting that the Marines made Oswald homosexual because his shooting was so
unmanly, so devoid of any manliness, "virility," in fact Oswald ^{was} a "sharpshooter."

So, if this Mailer concoction of the most juvenile nonsense had any meaning
at all, Oswald was robustly ~~was~~ "viril," in Mailer's ^{case} a real cocksman.

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Yet as Mailer sums it up, Oswald "had to be feminized by his failures" that did
not exist. Still ^{again,} what Mailer's gibberish requires he ^{shrinks} makes up and as soon as he make
it up it becomes real to him no matter how false it is or as in this case, ridiculous.

Thus Mailed tells us because when ~~Oswald~~ Oswald was "~~not~~ horrific" shooting the rifle that represented his "virility" and he was homosexual.

Aside from the utter irrationality of this effort ~~made~~ *made fabrication to make* Oswald out to be homosexual, the ^cfat is that was the one time Oswald did well with his shooting! The one and only time!

But oh, my! if Mailer as successor to Sigmund Freud were on the mark in his "analysis" how many ~~hundreds of thousands of~~ millions and millions of men who served in our military which to my knowledge had the ~~same~~ shooting standards back ^{at least} ~~at no later than~~ World War II ~~was~~ made into homosexuals by their losing their "virility" when they had trouble qualifying with a rifle. The rifle that, of course, ~~manifest~~ has Freudian symbolism! (No, Norman, there is no word "womanfest." But you have created a real need for a new word, "humbugfest.")

After several pages of meaningless accounts of the normal horseplay and hazing to which Mailer's amateur shrinkery give a meaning that ^{also} is ridiculous, he gets back to quoting ~~these~~ some of the Marines who ~~was~~ were deposed by the Warren Commission.

He has been using Epstein's angled and selective interpretations of what some who were not called to testify told him and he returns to Epstein later. But as we abandon this contrived nonsense about Oswald being homosexual there is what was also published long before Mailer saw how he could commercialize the assassination for fame and fortune that said the exact opposite of what Mailer here creates to serve several of his imagined purpose, including how ^{Oswald} he was financed and what impelled him to allegedly kill the President. -end 276

Mailer quotes the Commission testimony of Nelson Delgado, a Marine who, from what is known, spent more time with Oswald than any of the others. (pages 393-4) Now before we can check Mailer's claimed source on this, with the special obstructions Random House and Mailer place in our way of doing that, we ^{must first} ~~must~~ return to the table of contents if we do not remember what Part these pages are in to learn that, there being no mention of the chapters in it or atop the pages. We learn there that this is still Part I of Volume Two. ~~The~~ Then, remembering that we are in Chapter 6, "The Loose Ends," we can turn to Mailer's notes for his source, on page xxvii. There we learn that although Mailer quotes Delgado's Commission testimony as though from the Commission's own published volumes he claims to have studied and for which he was ~~so~~ so highly praised by so many reviewers he ⁱⁿ fact factuses this testimony as it was used by Epstein in his Legend. Immediately after pretending to quote Delgado's Commission testimony ^{when in fact he is quoting from Legend} and contriv-

to make it appear as though he is ~~quoting~~ quoting from the ~~Commission's~~ Commission's volumes
 Mailer quotes the testimony of the man who ~~was~~ ~~was~~ Oswald's superior in his radar work
 was Captain ~~John~~ John Donovan. (pages 395-6) And if we check Mailer's source we find as
 we did with Delgado that he in fact was ~~not~~ ^{only} quoting the Commission's volumes. He
 does quote them and he also
 took, that, too from Epstein's Legend, with that, too making it appear that this was
 from his own research, his own work. *in the Commission's published evidence.*

Kerry Thornley,

Next Next Mailer quotes the testimony of another former marine ^(with Santa Ana) who served
 with Oswald ^{shpt} only for the period before Oswald's ~~and~~ discharge, at the Santa
 Ana base in California. (pages 397-400) If we now make the ~~the~~ same check, and I did
 this because ⁱⁿ making the check I recognized immediately what follows, bearing
 on Mailer's independence in his work and his integrity in it, we find that with
^{thorngly} Mailer cites ~~on~~ Legend again as his source while again making appear *to come*
~~from~~ ^{own} from his ^{own} original research, his own work.

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 Mailer's source note on Donovan's testimony numbers 9 and 10 (page 396)
~~are respectively, to, "WC Testimony, Vol. VIII, p. 280" to to page 228 on the~~
 same volume. *pages 297-8 295*

Now it happens that I recall that volume rather well, having used it ex-
 tensively in my own writing, especially in Oswald in New Orleans. And I was quite
 certain Donovan's testimony over more than 50 pages. So, I checked Volume VIII
 and did I learn about Mailer's scholarship scholarship!

~~Page 228 is the first page of Delgado's testimony, not Donovan's. It
 ends on page 265.
 Page 280 also is not Donovan's testimony. Page 280 is the first
 page of testimony of Patrick Powers, cited frequently earlier by Mailer.~~

~~Now if we check back on that we find on page 380, where Mailer has half of that
 page appear to be direct and verbatim reproduction of Powers' Commission testimony
 we find that in Fact Mailer cites pages 270 of it. Whether or not that was his source
 source he claims it and thus once again claims to be familiar with the testimony in that
 volume.~~

~~(Donovan's testimony is in that volume but it is clear that Mailer could~~

not have qy quoted it from the volume because he does not even know where
as Donovans the testimony of
it is in that volume. He cites ~~it to~~ two other testimonies by two othe ^mMarines.

~~Donovan's testimony begins on page 289, following Powe's as published.)~~

Whether or not Mailer cribbed here, and all the indications arr that he did
both here and elsewhere, we shall come to what happens when one writer puts his integrity
ⁱⁿ ~~tirty rity~~ to bail when he uses the work of others.

We do that immediately with what Nelson ^Delgado really swore to about Oswald
and homosexuality that Mailer somehow manages not to mention although he claimed
fami- arity with the testimony in that volume and make a special ^{ve}ffort to tell the
reader that he quotes it verbatim, with the Commision's volume as his source *when mostly it is not.*

I refer to my Oswald in New Orleans above. It was published in 1967. That
was more than five years before, in 1973, I offered Mailer acces^s to all I had, in-
cluding official records that had not been published.

Then, too, one assumes^h that a responsible writer ddoes draw on all public
and known sources in other books. But armed with hus Pulitzers Mailer had no such
need, a ~~va~~ belief reinforced by what he knew Random House would ~~l~~ish on his book.
So^{off} as he is honest enough to make clear without saying it in his bibliography, a a *-end*
remarkably tiny bibliography for so ~~large~~ ^a *large* a book, of ^{a bibliography} but a single printed page,
he depends *278*
(xxxvi-xxxvii) ~~ge uses~~ instead, in additon to his own and another novel, Hitler's
Mein Kampf and Emerson's Essays, all the most authoritative sources on Oswald and the
assassination, obviously, ^{on} the thoroughly dishonest and completly disreputable book
of Jean Davison, Epstein and Priscilla McMillan. Of these we have seen a little and we
do ^{see} ~~se~~ more.

What^{ever} may account for it^o other than mere cribbing, it is a fact that Mailer
supresses the most probative ~~testim~~ testimony about Oswald and homosexual^{ity} and whether
it was even possible for Oswald to have made the money not otherwise accounted for,
Mailer's \$1600 he says came from ^{paid - for homozy activity on} the streets of the Sana Santa Ana Marine base. That
testimony was by the ^m Delgado to whom Mailer has given so much attention-using the
disreputable Legend and his source while pretending this source was the Commission's

publisher transcript of Delgado's testimony.

As I published it in Oswald in New Orleans, a book certainly Mailer should have read unless he intended complete and total dishonesty to begin with, here is page 95 in its entirety. Although the last paragraph does not relate to the misuses Mailer makes of Delgado's testimony, I include it because it relates to other Mailer's dishonesties in his book that I refer to, in the felicitous phrase of my friend Paul Haller, a retired reporter and publicist, as, changing the punctuation, as Oswald Stale.

Mailer is so ignorant, so crooked or both that he built a major part of his phony case by such suppressions that are essential for his effort to corrupt our history for his personal profit:

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[Commission Counsel]

Liebeler then asked, "Do you think he had any homosexual tendencies?"

Delgado replied, "No; never once," adding that "in fact, we had two fellows in our outfit that were caught at it, and he thought it was kind of disgusting ..."

For all its pretended interest in ferreting out every detail of Oswald's history there is indication a few secrets remain, at least in the official record. This is revealed in part of Delgado's testimony that will also interest us in another sense. Oswald had been in Tijuana, Mexico, before the weekend that he, Delgado and some of their companions had a fling. Oswald knew his way around. As Delgado put it:

We went down to Tijuana, hit the local spots, drinking and so on, and all of a sudden he says, "Let's go to the Flamingo." So it didn't register, and I didn't bother to ask him, "Where is this Flamingo? How did you know about this place?" I assumed he had been there before, because when we got on the highway he told me which turns to take to get to this place, you know. (8H253)

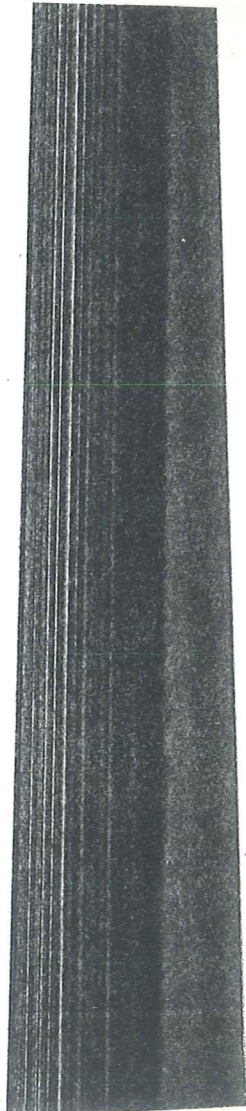
"The bartender was a homosexual." Liebeler wanted to be doubly sure. He asked, "Was that apparent to you?"

Delgado was positive. "Oh, yes; it was apparent to us ... " (8H253).

Oswald's interest was not in this homosexual. He "shacked up" across the street from the bar:

Mr. Delgado: Right across the street from the jai-alai games, there are some hotels, these houses, you know; and as far as I knew, Oswald had a girl. I wasn't paying too much attention, you know, but it seemed to me like he had one. (8H253)

Delgado did not help the official account of Oswald's alleged rifle skill. This part of the story is mixed in with Delgado's complaints about the unfaithfulness of the FBI reports of their repeated pre-deposition interrogations—there were four of them (8H236), lasting for hours (8H240).



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(So, Norman, Oswald knew only Oriental^a and Russian girls, huh? From the testimony you say you quote?)

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In my ~~the~~ verbatim quotation of Delgado's testimony I gave precise identification of its ~~Commission sources~~ ^{not Epstein's, not yet written.} It was readily available to Mailer. That he did not use it, that he in fact suppressed it and said the exact opposite by citing conjectures instead of this first-hand knowledge, can be attributed to Mailer's crookedness, to his ignorance, to ~~the~~ ^{the} prejudice with which he began and perhaps to other explanations. But the ~~one~~ ^{not} thing that can't be ignored is his consummate dishonesty in this, ~~one~~ of the claimed ^{end} and ~~entirely~~ ^{his} phony basis of ~~the~~ ^{201A} entire book. end 280

~~This doesn't stand alone throughout his book or at this very point in it.~~

Here he again mortgages his reputation to the work and interpretations of others as he repeats their ~~disgraces~~ ^{disgraces} of all authentic scholarship with the intended misuse of the death of PFC Martin Schrand. I quote Mailer in ~~full~~ ^{full} of this, ~~omitting his case~~ ^{only} end 281 conjectures at the end of this ~~page~~ ^{page} having to do with alleged homosexuality of American ~~soldiers~~ ^{Philippines} in the ~~Philippines~~ ^{he says} where they had only boys to "service" ~~them~~. That has no relevance except to those of ignorance and sufficient dishonesty to try to fabricate phony cases on ~~such~~ ^{these} dishonesties and irrelevancies. ~~It is what Mailer says on~~ ^{Here} pages 284-6:

midnight suicide phase

MR. JENNER. Now, was the same group . . . still together at Cubi Point when you rejoined the squadron?

MR. POWERS. [Of] the people in my particular group that originated in Jacksonville, the only [ones] left were Schrand, Oswald, and myself . . .

MR. JENNER. And did an incident occur with respect to Mr. Schrand?

MR. POWERS. [Schrand] was on guard duty one evening and he was shot to death. Now, I have never seen the official report or anything, but the scuttlebutt at that time was that he was shot underneath the right arm and it came up from underneath the left neck, and it was by a shotgun which we were authorized to carry while we were on guard duty . . . he was either leaning against the shotgun or was fooling with it, but he was shot anyway . . . we could never realize how a guy could have shot himself there other than he was leaning on it this way [indicating], and "boom," it went off.⁹

From an affidavit by Donald Peter Camarata: "I heard a rumor to the effect that Oswald had been in some way responsible for the death of Martin Schrand."¹⁰

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Schrand and Powers and Oswald had traveled in the same car from aviation school in Florida to radar school in Biloxi, Missis-

And remember, Mailer himself boasted, as the extract in the May 14 Parade also ~~boasts~~ ^{boasts} quoting him, that his "studies" of the Kennedy assassination ^{included} ~~was from~~ the books of "all sides."

~~This is~~ ghastly when the official source, that was readily available to Mailer is considered, and that ~~was~~ offered to him when in 1973 I offered him access to all ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~he~~ had. But before getting to that let let us again check Mailer's citations of his sources,

second source

His ~~first~~ ~~to~~ to "an affidavit ~~of~~ by Donald Camarata, a fellow Marine. Mailer cites it (page xxvii) to Volume VIII testimony, page 316. How much can Mailer know about what he is writing about when he says that an affidavit, ~~an~~ ex parte sworn statement, is "testimony," which is in-person and under questioning?

Does this not once more indicate that Mailer is using the work of others as his own? If he had looked at Page 316 he would have found it obvious that it is not a page of testimony.

His first source can be the testimony because he quotes it. But note that in the remote event Mailer, for all his experience, did not know there would be an "official report" was told about it by Powers and then did nothing to get it or ^e learn what it says.

Then with this indication that Mailer does have access to the Commission's published record, he cites it often enough, he next cites it not from those official records he supposedly had and uses in his book ^{but again} ~~by~~ from Epstein's Legend, Still again Mailer arranges for this to seem his direct quotation from the Commission's testimony. In fact the Marine he quotes was not a Commission witness.

There is what is not at all unusual for Mailer and his citations in the midst all of this a very big lie that he gets from Epstein and one ~~ass~~ ⁶² assumes Epstein got from Persons, "Suicide was ruled out." Epstein is as good at ^{parlaying} ~~parlaying~~ them as Mailer so he follows with another whopper that Mailer used, as usual, with no checking at all:

"the death was ruled ~~of~~ 'accidental' on the assumption that the weapon had gone off accidentally."

Epstein then ~~wa~~ says and Mailer repeats that, intending a very big hint, "Oswald was on guard duty that night." Whether or not he was is ~~first~~ immaterial and

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had he been he definitely would not have been where Schrand was when his ^{shift} left ended.

As those phonies as scholars and as investigators Epstein and Mailer should have known, Mailer in particular because he was a Marine ~~and~~ and he knows about Guard duty.

It is ~~conspiracense~~ conspicuous that neither of these mavens say where where a Schrand Schrand was on guard duty and what he was guarding.

Epstein was living it up and spending ^{great amounts of} money that came from Readers Digest hand over first, helped in ~~sped~~ spending that money by the staffers the Digest assigned Epstein's ~~was~~ to Epstein's so-called investigation, They all got their salaries and their expenses paid wherever they went. One of them told me it included the San Francisco area and Japan. ~~So~~ the costs were not slight. Much more, in any event, that the actual cost of getting the actual truth cost me, less than \$10.00!

The problem with ~~learning~~ learning truth is that it cannot be done if one is intending to validate ^{an} the ideology with which one begins. In this matter it was the ideology of Readers Digest, of Epstein, and at least of some of the Digest staffers working with him and wasting Digest money hand over first to ~~evolve~~ evolve what the Digest would like. As they ~~did~~ did. Not that it was at all true or real, ~~as~~ it was not.

Epstein was ~~launched~~ launched as a "scholar" by the major media because he was doing a master's thesis that then emerged as his Book Inquest. In it, among other things, he staked out a public claim to be endorsing the FBI's work while aiming his commission criticism at those he regarded as of the ~~the~~ "left," in which he had the guidance of and drew heavily on the ^a staff of the right. end
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This has been his road to success and acceptability ever since then. ^{mostly,} He writes what the major media prefer ^{when} ~~he~~ writes what the major media of the right likes.

In order to what he sets out to do he often ^h as to avoid primary sources. ~~What~~ Whatever Epstein learned or did not learn about that in college, ~~all~~ Mailer certainly learned it not later that at the beginning of his professional life as a reporter. So, knowing as he inadvertently told us ^{e/} ~~where~~ ^{what} the ~~at~~ primary sources, was, that "official report," Mailer instead goes for the Epstein hokus-pokus.

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As we have seen, "Oswald's sexual reputation" is entirely of ~~Mailer's~~ ^{Oswald} invention. He was "disgusted" by homosexuality. And as we see, there was not even a basis for suspecting fellatio- on guard duty and in the open spaces with men all around.

What Mailer does here is truly

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sippi, and all three had gone on together to Atsugi and then to Cubi Point. Epstein offers the account of another Marine, named Persons, who

... heard an explosion, which he instantly knew was a shotgun blast, and bloodcurdling screams from the area that Schrand was patrolling. "The screams were like some wild thing. . . . I knew I wasn't supposed to leave my post, no matter what happened, but I just said, 'Hell, the guy's in trouble,' and took off over there," he later recounted.

About 50 yards away he found Schrand in a pool of blood, mortally wounded. His shotgun was about six feet away on the ground behind him . . . It was determined that Schrand had been shot under the right arm by his own shotgun. Suicide was ruled out because the barrel of the gun was longer than Schrand's arm and no object with which he could have pulled the trigger was found at the scene.

At first . . . it was assumed that he had been attacked by a Filipino guerrilla and, in the scuffle, shot with his own weapon. But when no other evidence of infiltrators could be found, the death was ruled "accidental," on the assumption that the weapon had accidentally gone off when Schrand dropped it. The enlisted men, continuing to suspect that something more was involved in Schrand's death, grew increasingly nervous about guard duty.¹¹

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To this, Epstein adds the following note: "A number of Marines asserted that Oswald was on guard duty that night and was possibly involved in the Schrand incident," but adds, "After questioning nine officers and enlisted men who were at Cubi Point that night, I was unable to find any corroborating evidence . . ." ¹²

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There is an uneasy gap in scattered details. How can a man be in position to get killed by a shotgun blast that enters under his right arm and exits by his neck? An undeclared possibility is that someone was being forced to kneel and commit fellatio and so was in position to pick up the shotgun from where it had been placed on the ground at his feet.

There is no record whether Schrand, after all his travels with Oswald from Florida to Mississippi to California to Japan to Cubi Point in the Philippines, is to be characterized as his friend or his

tormentor, but given Oswald's sexual reputation, there is no wonder that his name became vaguely attached to this event.

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It was not at Cubic Bay. It was at ~~C~~ Cubi Point.

In this instance Mailer did not have to figure it out or heed what common sense had to tell him, ^{for} there was, as he uses that testimony, ^{reference to} the "official" report. ^{in support of the official mythology,} Mailer's other of his trilogy of old faithfuls, Gerald Posner's deliberately mistitled Case Closed was ^{of} scanty help. Posner did not ignore Schrand's death ~~in~~ entirely. He relegated ^{it} to a note at the bottom of pages 23 and 24. Mailer also uses ^{although} Tony Summers as a source ^{not} not with Schrand. ^{Posner's} footnote said so much less than Mailer wanted to say, regardless ^{of} of whether or not it was true, or even reasonable. So, he ~~or~~ without question used Epstein. Here is what ^{wrote} Posner ~~said~~:

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"On January 5, 1958, one of Oswald's fellow Marines, Martin Schrand, was killed at Subic Bay in an accident during guard duty when his gun dropped and discharged. Summers alleges that an unnamed Marine, after the assassination, "heard a rumor" that Oswald was involved in Schrand's death. According to Summers, if that hearsay is true it could have provided the CIA a "handle" to force Oswald into intelligence work. After extensive speculation, Summers finally concedes, "There is no hard evidence that Lee Oswald really was involved in the death of Marine Schrand..."

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Posner at least characterized all of the as speculation, which is to ~~not~~ give it a status it does not warrant. ^{But} Mailer did not do that. So, obviously, he could not cite Posner when Posner did say it. ^{is all speculation,} ~~But~~ Posner also says ^{it is} "hearsay" and that was even more unwelcome to Mailer, who was ~~was~~ presenting all this, to use his favorite ~~of~~ expression, "bullshit", ^{was} as the reality.

His intent to do that alone can explain why he avoided the ~~of~~ "official report" of which he knew.

~~His~~ The official report itself also explain's ^{of} Mailer's avoidance of it.

In response to my check in advance for \$9.65 the Department of the Navy sent me "the investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Private Martin D. Schrand... and the Judge Advocate General letter letter...to the Commandant of the "Marine Corps" after inquiry by the Commission.

The finding was suicide.

What Epstein does not say in quoting ~~Persons~~ he would have learned ^{only} if instead of squandering all those ^{many} thousands of Readers Digest's money he has spent the \$9.65

I did for the results of the official investigation. If he had he would have learned
 learned about Person what he does not report and so, naturally, Mailer does not. ~~is~~

It is the Person is the one who reported the suicide. which is Mailer's
subverted on information he felt is out.

Two investigating office, one in charge of that guard while ~~of~~ Persons was on it, the
 other one with him, "had just finished inspecting the guard, ~~by~~ ^{part} PERSONS in the crypto
 van in the MACS-1 storage area" ~~and~~ ^{and} "had just driven immediately beside the crypto *end 286*
 van when the crypto sentry, " who was this same Person, "came running over, whistling
 and shouting" that the sentry across the way shot somebody."

corporal Lieutenant Ronald L. Rose filed a statement ^{at} confirming ^{at} that quote that
 was filed by Lieutenant ~~to~~ Hubert B. S Cherrie II.

If all of this suggests, among other things, that Epstein had information that
 directed him to Persons, an obvious ~~source~~ ^{fruit} was the official report from which I
 quote.

But then if Epstein ~~had~~ done that he would ~~have~~ brought to light con-
 firmation of what I published in Oswald in New Orleans in 1967 that neither he nor
 Mailer nor Posner nor any of the other apologists for and supporters of the official
 mythology want understood and questions raised about .

Here I note also the the Commission kept it all secret.

As, along with Epstein and Posner, who quoted from this of my books only in
 his, so far as I can remember the FBI and all other ~~the~~ agencies whose files I examined
 when, as the FBI's, they were disclosed to me, or in the Commission's files beginning in
 early 1966.

Not to play detective games but for the reader's understand ^{sub} of what follows I
 note that ~~right before~~ after what I quote from a ~~name~~ number of Marine sources, including
 Three Mailer/Epstein use ~~what~~ ^{and} they ~~all suppress~~ suppress, that Oswald had a high security
 clearance in the Marines that was not included on his Marine ~~so~~ records examined by the
 FBI and later given to the Commission.

Oswald, remember, was branded a "Communist" by so many, beginning ^{with} is different

used to mean that and nothing else by J. Edgar Hoover, the Commission and those who supported that ^d and the other assassination mythologies. nor exempting Posner, Epstein, Davison and now Mailer. A Communist or "marxist" with ^{a very} high security clearance in the marines? And this is ^{suppressed in addition to PC} ~~suppressed other~~ ^e ~~the~~ the ingored testimony I quote^d in Oswald in New Orleans that even then continued to be ignored by all sycophantic writers up to and including Mailer?

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I quote from Oswald in New Orleans, pages 85-8:

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When men were being discharged from the armed services for real or imagined connections with Communist or those described as "Communist front" groups, it is stretching credulity to believe it was normal for Oswald, self-styled a "Marxist," who taught himself Russian and openly subscribed to Russian papers, to have enjoyed any kind of security clearance. This dichotomy did not trouble the Commission. It managed to avoid gathering evidence bearing on this.

My writings on the assassination and its official investigation have been restricted to what comes from the official information. Here I make a minor departure because I think it is important.

At one o'clock in the early morning of December 15, 1966, in the Oakland, California, studios of Radio Station KNEW, I had just finished appearing on Harvard-educated lawyer Joe Dolan's lengthy phone-in radio program on which listeners called with comments or questions about the assassination and its investigation.

There was a man on the line who had called toward the end of the program. He wanted to speak to me but not on the air. Further, he wanted the assurance that our conversation would be private. This was, of course, mysterious. I took the call.

The caller was disturbed by the "beep" on the line. He associated that with the required signal for recording. I assured him that the engineer was not on it, that it was not being taped, and that he could talk to the engineer to learn these things. Overhearing this, the engineer explained to me and I to the caller that, with phone-in programs, the beep is automatically built into the line so there can be no possibility of listeners not knowing the conversation is being broadcast. The stranger on the other end of the line was partly

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satisfied. He alluded to this beep several times in the next hour and a half. We talked that long.

It was part confessional, part shame mixed with self-pity and self-derogation, part fear, and all worry. This man had been in the Marine Corps with Oswald. From his personal experience, he did not believe a single word about the Oswald of this period that became public with the Report. He had agonized in silence for the three years between the issuance of the Report and our conversation because he knew things, he said, that had not been made public and were not in accord with what had been publicized—and he was certain what he knew was correct.

Following his military service, he had built a successful life, had a family, and was worried about the possible consequences of being associated with any account not in consonance with the official Oswald "line." He feared he or his business might be hurt or that his family might suffer. By no means could I assure him that nothing would happen; I did encourage him to consider the importance to the country, to his family and himself, of any information he might possess.

But he would talk only in anonymity. I respect his desires and will not reveal the few unintended clues to his identity that slipped out. I have made and will make no effort to trace him.

Briefly, it is his story that Oswald was bright, not a kook of any kind, not a blatant or proselytizing Marxist, and really a quiet, serious guy. They knew each other socially and engaged in certain recreational activities together. He never heard Oswald say anything about Communism, for or against, in all this time.

More important is what he disclosed about Oswald's position in the Marine Corps. The unit in which both served, said my informant, was one of three similar ones of which one was always in Japan and the others in the United States. Their function was classified.

Every man in the outfit carried security clearance. They had a security designation of which I had never heard. These were that kind of unusual military organizations.

Of all the men in the outfit, five had special "top" security approvals. The entire complement carried a minimum of "confidential" (the grade the official file records Oswald as having had). Above this there were "secret," "top secret," and a special one, "crypto." Of all the men, only five were "crypto."

One of these was Lee Harvey Oswald!

"Can you possibly be wrong?" I asked him.

He insisted not.

"Could your memory be playing tricks?"

No, he was positive. He went farther when I questioned him about "crypto," which he indicated was "black box" stuff. I took it to mean a connection with nuclear weapons.

If correct, this is more than in disagreement with the entire official story of Oswald, his relations with the government and the assassination. It is an assault on the integrity of many of the members of the staff of the Commission and of the investigative agencies. It raises questions about the transcripts of Oswald's official Marine Corps records. In every way he could, this man insisted he was not in error, that he knew.

And he went into more detail. Correctly stating that Oswald got a "hardship" discharge so he could care for an allegedly destitute mother (it was common knowledge among his mates that Oswald had said he planned to go to Switzerland for study instead), the mysterious caller specified that Oswald spent his last two or three weeks in the service "with CID." It is, obviously, not a requirement of a "hardship" discharge that the enlisted man stay with military intelligence.

Immediately my mind flashed back to my first book on this subject, *Whitewash: The Report on the Warren Report*, where I had exposed certain unorthodox

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aspects of Oswald's discharge (pages 123/4 what are here appropriate."

Oswald and Schrand were among the five and only five admitted into that "crypto Van" that required a ~~crypto~~ ^{crypto} clearance for entering it and that clearance had Top Secret as a prerequisite.

^{This} one of course was not of interest to "ailer who despite his fudging write his book to support the official mythology, the only kind of assassination book Random House would publish (and did) and the only kind that can have major-media ~~case~~ acceptance that is of quintessential importance in getting ~~any attention~~ at all the attention so necessary for major sale volume.

So, without their intend~~g~~ it and led to it as I was years ago by their omni-

present dishonesties first by the agencies that kept all of this secret while there were hints it had to exist and most recently by Mailer, here is the truth about Lee Harvey Oswald before he went to the ^{USSR that was known to} ~~USSR~~ and unknown to the suppressing Navy and marines who gave Oswald ^{his} ~~an~~ fraudulent discharge and then when the fact that it was ^{was publicly known} a fraudulent promise not to prosecute him for it to get him, and Marina with him, for he would not leave without her, back to the United States.

Now if we return to Mailer's quotation of the testimony of Captain Donovan, under whom Oswald ~~worked~~ worked in that Cryptov an as Mailer quotes it on ^{page} ~~page~~ 492 ~~and~~ and then check his source note xvii we find he cite what his notes do not identify, ~~Donovan's testimony in Volume 8, pages 297-58.~~

Where he quotes Donovan Mailer indicated some elision in his use of that testimony, not all of it. His second elision is that the end of his longest ^{excerpt} ~~and~~ that does appear on page 318 of Donovan's text testimony. But it also happened that Mailer's quotation eliminates what Jean Davison also eliminated in quoting from this page. And it does happen that years before any of the highly-touted experts applied their special kind of expertise I also had quoted from those same records, on page 93 and 94 of Oswald in New Orleans. So, if those people who supported the official mythology did not somehow see what sprang from the page to open-eyes reading, I did cite ^{it} in books ^{which} they should have read if he told the truth in saying he used all sources, which I doubt, mailer also did.

So what is ^{that} it is it, as in Poe's story of The Purloined Letter, ~~letter~~ was right out there in the open for all of them to see ^{and none saw?}

It is on page 318 ~~and~~ right after where Mailer ~~stop~~ quoting from ^{very} that page. As Davison had before him and as I did have in Oswald in New Orleans on page 94.

The Commission counsel John Hart Ely has asked Donovan, "Did Oswald have any kind of clearances?" Donovan replied,

"He ^{had} ~~had~~ to ^{have} had a secret clearance to work in the radar center because that was a minimum requirement for all of us."

As we saw from the very testimony of Mailer, on his own or from another, quotes in these chapters, Oswald was one of five who had even higher clearance, top secret being required for the crypto clearance only the other four ~~and~~ and Oswald had. *in the entire outfit*

How remarkable a coincidence it is, if ~~coincidence~~ ^{NE} coincidence it be, that all of those ~~stalwart~~ stalwart defenders of the ~~official assassin~~ ^{official} ~~assassination~~ ^{look and every one of them} mythology - all quoting the same page, all manage to not quote the most significant information on that page for those ~~who~~ ^{of} who are not dedicated to supporting and perpetuating ~~that~~ ^{that} official mythology to the degree possible for them!

In Mailer's supposed biography in which he uses the ~~biography~~ ^{biography} biography to prove that Oswald was the assassin the actual ~~evidence~~ ^{evidence} evidence ~~is~~ being, as he said,

"impenetrable" to him, ^{above} can it be that the line he skipped ~~about~~ also was "impenetrable"?

when all those made-up stories of Oswald ~~is~~ being homosexual were not beyond his "penetrability"? *Oswald's exceptionally high security clearance was "impenetrable"?*

The only official and officially ordained candidate for assassin had at least a secret security clearance in the official testimony Mailer and the other sycophants cite and he and the others just manager, by accident to miss ^{those} ~~that~~ quote?

To say ~~nothing~~ ^{nothing} nothing about my having published it in 1967- with the proof that he had two higher clearances, Crypto and what that requires, Top Secret, the corroboration just ~~happened~~ ^{happened} happening to be in the Navy's Schrand ~~inquest~~ ^{inquest} that all of them write about with ^{second} second-hand or more remote sources while all ignored the primary, official source without any ^{one} of them getting it when they all knew about it?

~~He~~ ^{Mailer} uses as ~~source~~ ^{his} source the Epstein who would not ^{a measly} spend \$9,95 for the official schrand report while squandering thousands and thousands of dollars of Reader Digest money all around the world ^{to} fabricate the fake that Mailer adopts about Oswald?

This all by the Mailer whose introduction to the ~~trade~~ ^{trade} trade for Sunday, May 24 adaption from his "concluding portion" of his book boasts that he used in it all the "studies analyzing the Kennedy case from all sides?" Only ^{all} ~~not~~ these "sides" and without a single book that disagrees with the official ~~mythology~~ ^{mythology} mythology in his mini-bibliography?

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Although there is a simply enormous amount more of it, this is also an adequate view of Mailer as the "scholar" and of his "scholarship" that was so highly lauded. It is also an inadequate if ~~an~~ enormously incomplete portrayal of those other eminent scholars, Gerald Posner, Jean Davison, Edward Epstein and Priscilla McMillan.

By now it should be app^arent that if a really definitive "analysis", the word puffing him and his work up in the Parade excerpt⁺, ^{were made} of this pathetic Mailer's Tales the total number of page he has published in all those very large ^{novels} books he had published would not provide the space required by a thorough job.

This is not and does not pretend to be such a thorough job. When its immediate purpose ~~is~~ ^{is} to make a record for history only ^{small fraction of it,} at all little, fortunately, painful as any of it ^{and} ~~is to see and realize~~ ^{uncritical major media} all the attention it got to further mislead and confuse the people, is adequate. 210+

Let there be those who were ~~dispeased~~ ^{displeased} when I earlier referred to this very bad book as not even Oswald Stale, ^{changing Mailer's} ~~changing~~ ^{make} his punctuation to ^{about} ~~make~~ his title a little closer to reality, those who did not like it when I said that ~~an~~ ^{actual} ~~actual~~ ^{factual} information about Oswald Mailer is not even "stale" in what he uses, total suppression not being the same as using old stuff, the limited reference to what Mailer ^{have above} suppressed, whether from ignorance or not, referred to above is ample proof that he ^{does} ~~did~~ not have so ^{very} much that is ~~so~~ important even as "stale" information. ^{in his books}

As Mailer said at the end of his Harlot's Ghost, "To be continued."

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Mishing and mashing as he does to make the mishmash so difficult to follow and with all that ~~unneces~~ unnecessary- to say the least- ~~is~~ jumping and jerking back and forth the above is ~~is~~ Not quite the end of Mailer's Part I of his second "volume" ~~to be~~ titled ~~Oswald~~ ^{Bill} Oswald in America."

He has ~~not~~ ^{two} more chapters that are not of Oswald in America".

~~It~~ just before what he attributes to Donovan above Mailer has Oswald leaving rather than returning to the United States. It is what can now be called ^a typical Mailersque account of Oswald's life, his "biography", typical in what he omits. Here is how he begins ~~page~~ page 402 of Oswald at the end of his first part ^{after} Oswald left ~~The~~ Soviet Union,

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Next day he embarks on the SS *Marion Lykes*, a freighter that carries passengers from New Orleans to Le Havre. There he lands on October 8. Then come London and Helsinki. On October 15, visa in hand, he leaves by overnight train for Moscow, where he arrives on the morning of October 16, and falls into the not inconsiderable company of Rimma, our Soviet guide from Intourist.

Endless debates have gone on about how he obtained his visa and whether his entrance into the Soviet world was routine or had been stage-managed in advance by the KGB. It is best to avoid such debates, and indeed, as our next chapter—a quick tour of Moscow and Minsk—will try to point out, it is almost irrelevant how he arrived.

Davison is no less brief on how Oswald got to Helsinki en route to the USSR.

She says that "From Le Havre, France, Oswald sailed to Southampton, England... On the same day he flew to Helsinki." (page 74) *As she knew this was not true so she said it just to not fall and handle*

Mailer, without sources *as Davison* also is without *sources*, says that

Oswald landed in Southampton on the eighth while Davison has it the next day *on the eighth*

This *is* one is one of many of Davison's Games. Oswald did land in le Havre *and got to* Southampton the next day. But Mailer does not even say when Oswald *left* left England. Which was a bit wiser *than* addressing the evidence on that. *Then* *They* friend Epstein says just a little *more* but he also falls a bit short of reporting the reality of which he was well *aware* and the others should have been. That Mailer was is a good a reason as can be for his not mentioning that in 828 pages.

Epstein says (page 93) that Oswald landed in *France* on the *eighth*, left for south-

hampton on the ninth and then gets to the problem he could not ignore as Davison (and

Mailer do. He says,

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"The stamps on his passport show that he left Heathrow Airport in London ~~that~~ that ~~same~~ same day on an international flight and landed later that evening in Helsinki, Finland. Since there was no direct ~~flight~~ flight from London to Helsinki during the time Oswald was in London, Oswald must have changed planes at some city in Europe."

His source *not* on this says that the CIA checked all schedules, *it* found no

flight that could have fit Oswald's known schedule and that led some investigators *to* un-named *to* speculate that he might have flown in a private plane." (page 288)

Going back a few words, words being the stock in trade of those who play ^{gamble} ~~games~~ with them to justify the official mythology and their own, when Epstein says that Oswald got to Helsinki "that evening" he is talking about close to midnight Helsinki time. That is hardly "evening." It was but minutes ^{before} before the next day, *that late at night.*

What Epstein does not say is that the CIA checked all possibilities and there was no possibility that Oswald could have ^{gotten there} ~~gone~~ with a stopover in any city in the world, not alone ~~Europe~~.

Nonetheless Gerald Podner liked that notion, picked Stockholm, where the CIA had proved it was impossible. and he ^{says} ~~says~~ that ^{is} how Oswald did the impossible.

Now I do not know what "private investigators" Epstein is talking about but the more probable explanation ~~to~~ they all ignore is that he was flown in a military plane, *not a private plane*

Whatever explains it what is without ^{is} question that the British official ~~sta~~ stamps establish when Oswald left Heathrow and the CIA's investigation established that ^{as of} ~~as of~~ the time Oswald ~~did~~ check into his Helsinki hotel he could not possibly have gotten to Helsinki ^{on} any commercial flight/.

"Private" is one possibility. Anybody have any idea what "private person" would have spent that time and money ^{to} ~~of~~ getting Oswald to Helsinki the night of the day he left Heathrow, or who could have had any interest in when or how Oswald got to Helsinki?

The ~~fact~~ facts are as ^{is} state them above. Unless ^{is} ~~Peer~~ ^{is} world-calls in lying ^{is} in saying that he ~~read and~~ indexed those ~~6~~ ²⁶ volumes he knows all the forgoing because they were my source, ^{is} ~~as they~~ were Epstein's who ~~does~~ ^{not} acknowledge it.

But ^{is} what without doubt is beyond any question at all, "Ailer's" is a knowingly inadequate if not deliberately false nonexplanation ~~and~~. It cannot be only an accident that in all those pages loaded with all his nonsense and especially ^{useless} ~~conjectures~~, he omitted how and when Oswald got to Helsinki because he did not know what the problems with

~~ring~~ ^{with} to work ^{ing} his way around that ~~is~~.

After ~~she~~ ^{he} finishes quoting Donovan as reflect^{ed} above Mailer, adds that because all the "urine's communication codes are ^{the} "Methodically changed" that may be why "the KGB showed n^o quick interest in ^{de} ~~briefing~~ " Oswald on military matters."

What ^{is} "may" to Mailer is to ~~the~~ same Mailer under other condition not "may" but bullshit. There is ~~no~~ reason for his conjecture and the known truth is that the KGB sized Oswald up through its ^{Rimma} Intourist guide, who indicated to Mailer 30 years later that she worked for the KGB and ^{Intourist} as ~~undependable~~. The KGB wanted nothing to do with ~~him~~ ^{Oswald} and wanted him out of the ~~country~~ ^{country} as soon as his authorized time expired. "Defrieffing" bull!

Based ^{on} what he would refer to as this "bullshit" if it ~~was~~ ^{was} the work ~~of~~ of ~~the~~ others, Mailer says ^{this} meant "they could be patient with Oswald and study him."

The ^{Moscow} KGB had no interest in Oswald, no need to "study" ~~him~~ ^{him} and contrary to the assumptions of the ~~Mailers~~, the Epsteins and the others of that ilk, Oswald had no legitimate military secrets. The codes were changed and that was the only secret he could have had and the KGB ~~didn't~~ ^{didn't} give a damn about the ~~int~~ ^{int} knew that as soon ^{as} as Oswald's surfacing in Moscow was in the ~~papers~~ ^{papers} all the codes would be changed.

However, giving this at the end of his first ^{part} ~~part~~ covering after Mos Oswald was back ~~to~~ from the USSR ^{was} as sensible ^{as} anything else in ~~the~~ ^{Mailer's} book.

The rest of this ~~part~~ ^{part} has no real meaning. it is just padding and again, it deals with what happened in the USSR ~~not~~ in that "Volume" but in the one that is supposed to be about Oswald after he was back.

As we saw, he apologized to the CIA for all his many mistakes about in in his Harlot's Ghost. From what he displays in this book he is no better wequipped in his supposedly coming ^qsequel to his faulty Harlot's Ghost ~~than~~ ^{that} he was when he ^wwrote that book.

When we ^continue it will be with fact, official fact. not the mumbojumbo ~~that~~ characterizes Mailer's writings.

to homing missiles, and this piece of equipment is used to put your radar antenna several miles away, and relay the information back to your site which you hope is relatively safe. He had been schooled on this. And that kind of stuff you cannot change.

Mr. Ely: Did Oswald have any kind of clearance?

Mr. Donovan: He must have had secret clearance to work in the radar center, because that was a minimum requirement for all of us (3H297-8).

Oswald's prerequisite for returning to the United States—a promise not to be prosecuted—is contrary to the regulations quoted from *Whitewash* above and with the seriousness of the promised offense. It is hardly enough to say, as does the government, that Oswald said he did not give secrets away. There was no official proceeding to discover the truth after he returned.

One of the longest depositions is that of Nelson Delgado (3H228-65). It was taken April 18, 1964, by Wesley J. Liebler. In its 37 pages much is destructive of the official case as set forth in the Report. Some of the most fascinating leads, whether or not lost upon Liebler, are *not* in the Report, not even by indirection. Some are consistent with an Oswald-government, Oswald-intelligence relationship.

Delgado concurred with the others in reporting Oswald's access to "secret" data (3H232). He placed Oswald in "the silent area. That is the war room" (3H259), not exactly where one expects the Marine Corps to assign "Communists."

In distributing mail in his barracks, Delgado learned that Oswald was getting Communist literature. Those superiors to whom he reported it, including a Lieutenant Delprado, "just brushed it off. He didn't seem to care" (3H260).

The homosexual questions also brought negatives. When Liebler came to the end of his long interrogation, he asked Delgado, "Can you think of anything else about him?"

Delgado said he had never seen Oswald drunk, though he knew Oswald drank an "occasional beer."

Liebler then asked, "Do you think he had any homosexual tendencies?"

Delgado replied, "No; never once," adding that "in fact, we had two fellows in our outfit that were caught at it, and he thought it was kind of disgusting . . ."

For all its pretended interest in ferreting out every detail of Oswald's history there is indication a few secrets remain, at least in the official record. This is revealed in part of Delgado's testimony that will also interest us in another sense. Oswald had been in Tijuana, Mexico, before the weekend that he, Delgado and some of their companions had a fling. Oswald knew his way around. As Delgado put it:

We went down to Tijuana, hit the local spots, drinking and so on, and all of a sudden he says, "Let's go to the Flamingo." So it didn't register, and I didn't bother to ask him, "Where is this Flamingo? How did you know about this place?" I assumed he had been there before, because when we got on the highway he told me which turns to take to get to this place, you know. (3H253)

"The bartender was a homosexual." Liebler wanted to be doubly sure. He asked, "Was that apparent to you?"

Delgado was positive. "Oh, yes; it was apparent to us . . ." (3H253).

Oswald's interest was not in this homosexual. He "shacked up" across the street from the bar:

Mr. Delgado: Right across the street from the jai-alai games, there are some hotels, these houses, you know; and as far as I knew, Oswald had a girl. I wasn't paying too much attention, you know, but it seemed to me like he had one. (3H253)

Delgado did not help the official account of Oswald's alleged rifle skill. This part of the story is mixed in with Delgado's complaints about the unfaithfulness of the FBI reports of their repeated pre-deposition interrogations—there were *four* of them (3H236), lasting for hours (3H240).

defense and his own (though he always managed not to show up for those electronic confrontations with me that he had earlier accepted), as a competent and experienced lawyer, should have latched onto and probed and prodded until he had obtained from Thornley all the witness knew. It is not at all out of step with his own and the Commission's record that Jenner did not. Need we wonder longer why this testimony alone was separated from the other evidence on Oswald's Marine Corps career?

Thus, what might have been a major revelation remains instead one of the major mysteries, officially hidden by the Commission but now, I think, smoked out. It is particularly pertinent in the developing New Orleans story.

There are many other things in the record that bear on this, some negatively. For example, no member of the staff ever pursued this strange inconsistency, Oswald the Marxist in a position of high security trust in the Marine Corps. It should have been a troubling legal hangnail to each and every one, and to the members of the Commission. Instead, the Commission used the least desirable method of gathering "testimony" and that on a selective basis only. *Ex parte* and incompetent depositions were taken from Thornley, Nelson Delgado (8H228-65), another former Oswald Marine Corps chum, and his former superior officer, Lt. John E. Donovan (8H289-303). From all the few others included in the record, there are but brief and insufficient affidavits.

With one exception, all reveal a Commission interest in whether Oswald was a homosexual. That exception is the man who arranged dates between Oswald and his sister.

Lieutenant Donovan, "the officer in command" of the crew in which Oswald served (8H290), when asked about whether the murdered accused assassin had been a homosexual:

Mr. Ely: I believe you mentioned earlier that he did not seem to you particularly interested in girls. Was this just because he was interested in other things, or do you have any reason to believe that there was anything abnormal about his desires?

Mr. Donovan: I have no reason to suspect that he was homosexual, and in that squadron at that time one fellow was discharged from the service for being homosexual. He was in no way tied in with it that I know of. . . . (8H300)

Perhaps Donovan's most significant testimony tends to cast Oswald in a different role than the Report and indicates the magnitude of the breach of security and military trust he threatened at the Moscow Embassy when going through the motions if not the actuality of defection:

Mr. Donovan: I recall that he got a hardship discharge. We offered to get him a flight—that is a hop from El Toro to some place in Texas, his home. He refused. We considered that normal in that if you take a hop you sacrifice your transportation pay. We offered to take him to a bus or train station. He refused. But that is not particularly unusual, either. I recall that he was gone for some period of time, and shortly before I got out of the Marine Corps, which was mid-December 1959, we received word that he had showed up in Moscow. This necessitated a lot of change of aircraft call signs, codes, radio frequencies, radar frequencies. He had access to the location of all bases in the west coast area, all radio frequencies for all squadrons, all tactical call signs, and the relative strength of all squadrons, number and type of aircraft in a squadron, who was the commanding officer, the authentication code of entering and exiting the ADIZ, which stands for Air Defense Identification Zone. He knew the range of our radar. He knew the range of our radio. And he knew the range of the surrounding units' radio and radar. . . .

Mr. Ely: You recall that various codes were changed. Now, at what level were these changed: Was this an action of your specific unit, or a fairly widespread action?

Mr. Donovan: Well, I did not witness the changing in any other squadrons, but it would have to be, because the code is obviously between two or more units. Therefore, the other units had to change it. These codes are a grid, and two lines correspond. . . . There are some things which he knew on which he received instruction that there is no way of changing, such as the MPS 16 height-finder radar gear. That had recently been integrated into the Marine Corps system. It had a height-finding range far in excess of our previous equipment, and it has certain limitations. He had been schooled on those limitations. It cannot operate above a given altitude in setting—in other words, you cannot place the thing above a given terrain height. He had also been schooled on a piece of machinery called a TPX-1, which is used to transfer radio—radar and radio signals over a great distance. Radar is very susceptible