To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg, JFK assassination records appeals 6/14/79
Ronnie Caire request – New Orleans and Dallas Field Offices
Rewriting and misinterpreting my requests in order not to comply
My PA request; fingerprint not Oswald's on his literature request

All records relating to my PA requests should have been provided in compliance with it by FBIHq and all the field offices because the request was repeated to all. All records relating to Ronnie Caire should have been provided by both New Orleans and Dallas field offices.

I know I have filed a Ronnie Caire appeal earlier. I have also appealed non-compliance with my request relating to the fingerprint that was not Oswald's that was on the literature he (supposedly) alone distributed when he picketed the carrier Wasp right after his last return to New Orleans.

This is early morning and I'm not checking my files, which are being reorganized, so there may be some repetition. This relates to 105-5645-9, 82555- copies of which I will attach. The New Orleans file is 100-16601, Dallas 100-10461.

A

As the first record (one of many drafted by T.N.Goble, who I think was a Russian expert) relating to Caire makes clear, there are "two basic requests" in his interpretation. He is explicit enough on the first, "All information about" Ronnie Caire.

Given this clear understanding the FBI did not comply, responding instead to the substitution I will quote, but not responding to me at all.

B

Goble states there is a reference to Caire in Bufiles. Therefore it is not provided and remains withheld. (There is more than one, as you will see.)

C

He is not explicit in stating that this reference is the 7/20/67 N.O. airtel. He implies it, says it was in N.O. 89-69, with a copy to Dallas for 89-43. So finding this record presented no problem to the FBI.

D

The record is described as a transcript of a Jim Garrison interview with one Carlos Quiroga, who was also an FBI source. The reference is to one of the matters of interest to me, one of which I wrote long ago, and the single specific provided I published in 1967, so there is no secrecy. I had other interests in Caire related to my efforts to follow Oswald's New Orleans career. Oswald reportedly applied to him for a job. The FBI supposedly checked all these applications out for the Commission if not also on its own.

fewer than three occasions, two of which were recorded on film. The fingerprint is of the third, which in time is the first.

However, the FBI did not let it drop here. It admits it could make the identification but recommends the my request "be denied since information concerning these fingerprints is contained in investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes."

By now you have ample FBI proof from me that its JFK investigation was entirely without law enforcement purpose. Were this not the case there is no doubt that this withheld information is within my new requests under the amended Act (and this is my appeal from its denial.

There is the additional and false basis that "This request might be denied on the grounds that it was not contained in the formal request." I have previously quoted Mr. Goble's contrary understanding. The intent to contort not to comply is obvious. ("Regarding the second request made by Mr. Weisberg, which concerned the fingerprint on the leaflet" and "He asks for information as to whose fingerprint...")

To the note there is an additional defamation added, with a unique interpretation of the Act:"In view of Weisberg's character, he should not be given the information he requests, and there is legal ground for our position." The underlining was by hand.

There should be some record of this interpretation of the Act. I believe it is relevant and remains withheld, which I appeal.

I am well acquainted with an FBI that fabricates defamations about those it does not like or whose work it does not like but an FBI that invents law is something I'd like to learn more about and include in the historical record.

The New Orleans response (Serial 5648) is filed in two other files, 62-81830 and 140-7536 or 7336. I appeal their withholding. I also note that as of October 9 1970, when I was of an age that would have permitted my retirement from the government, there was no basis for including me in a government employee security investigation file. This can suggest that the file is a memory hole from which the FBI only can retrieve. I intend my appeals to include the effort to make a diligent search of this and related files, with the same applying to the "administrative matters" file.

Other illegible notations appear, some partly eliminated in xeroxing. I request

(E) New Orleans was "directed to review its file for all information about Ronnie Caire." It therefore provided me with none.

At the top of page 2 it turns out that Bufiles held more than a single reference, that it held a Dallas report of information provided to Dallas by New Orleans. That Dallas report was compiled by a N.O. agent (Warren DeBrueys) detailed to Dallas for the JFK investigation. His specialties should have made him aware of Caire's record in Cuban activities.

(F) My fingerprint request is next referred to. I asked for the identification of the fingerprint, which is not exactly as Goble puts it here.

The note added indicates that Goble is among those who had at his fingertips all the FBI's records on me, those being essential in complying with FOIA, or had searches of the files made when my requests were received by the FBI. His version of these records, based on his selections of them, which are not relevant to the request but are relevant to poisoning the minds of all who read his note, includes what has never been provided and I've appealed frequently, FBI analyses of my books.

Assuming that Goble did not carry all this information in his head there are searches slips relating to me, and not only searches for Goble. I believe that all are within my PA request and all are relevant to the FBI's JFK investigation, so I ask for these to be provided under my appeal. Why anyone in the FBI had to know anything about me, if they'd learn accurately from FBI files, is not related to the FBI's JFK investigation of to its responsibilities under FOIA.

(G) Please note that while the concluding sentence says the allegedly single reference to Caire at FBIHQ has "no direct connection with the assassination," this is irrelevant because my request was for all information and I was not asking for the identification of assassins.

(H) The notations added to 5646 are illegible. I would like a copy of this record on which they can be read. One is of a number that appears to be 146. In the FBI's filing system this number is for the transportation of prison-made goods. There is also a file the number of which appears to begin with a 6 and to include several 5s, which eliminates the FBIHQ assassination and Commission files. Other entries appear to refer to the dates of redords.

For DAG Kleindienst Richards Rolapp required that I provided a DJ-118 form and check, which I did, although the letter in which I made the request is much more detailed than the space on the form permits. As you will see my letter gives considerable detail. When I filed the form I reminded the Department, under date of 9/28/70, of a number of prior information requests that were without any response. So the Department was always aware of this. (Appeals in those days also went to the Department, as some of my requests did. It was all under the DAG.)

In initial response to the DAG the same note is repeated. But this record, 5646, bears a fairly large number of initials, including those of the Assistant Director in charge of domestic intelligence. And FOIA request had to be directed to him? Personally?(Naturally I ask again that those files be searched in compliance.)

Here the duplicate filing includes 140-7536 as best I can make it out and a different 62 file, 62-82555. Because this Serial is from 105-82555 this can't be an error in noting files. I take it that both files relate to me and I thus ask for a good-faith search of both files. (140 is security of government employees. In 1970 I was not a government employee and was not considering seeking government employment. State Department records I have quote the FBI as saying it never conducted any such investigation of me. And again, I see no relevance under FOIA. But I do appeal these and similar withholdings. In this case the FBI knew where to search because the record provides the file identification.

In Serial 5647, the response to the DAG, the same Goble reflects my fingerprint requests accurately, not inaccurately as quoted above: "He asks for information as to whose fingerprint this was..."

However, this honesty appears to have exhausted Goble's supply of it because instead of responding to my request for all information about Caire he tells the DAG in the Director's name only that there is "no information that Caire was interviewed by the FBI concerning the assassination..."

He next identifies an FBI record located in New Orleans but it is not attached nor was it provided to me, an omission that appears to have satisfied the DAG's understanding

of his and the Department's and the FBI's responsibilities under the Act. (This is essentially non-secret because I published the Caire-Arcacha association in the Crusade to Free Cuba and included the information in my initial request.)

In addressing my having said that Oswald had Caire's office address "masked" in his addressbook the FBI states they have no information on this.

From the nature of the FBI's investigation of what it considered relevant to the assassination of a President and from its investigation of the addressbook (in which it initially "masked" if I may use this substitution for suppressed from the Commission Oswald's notes relating to Hosty) I can understand this, as I can understand the FBI's failure to ask me for either clarification or information. They had a safely dead lone assassin and their own investigatory oversights to keep safely dead. However, the masking was a simple devise: the side entrance, a matter in which the FBI had the same blind spot relating to Oswald's use of the 544 Camp Street address, which has as a side entrance 531 (approx) Lafayette, which was the address of its former SAC Guy Banister, with whom David Ferrie and others were associated.

Other records I have read reflect an apparent FBI bewilderment over my statement but no inquiry. There are a number of other entries like this in Oswald's addressbook, none investigated by the FBI from any record I've seen. I took photographs of the non-addresses the first time I was in New Orleans. It appears not to have interested the FBI that Oswald found a need to post non-addresses in his addressbook.

The FBI told the DAG that it investigated the matter of the fingerprint not Oswald's on a leaflet Oswald is supposed to have given out. The diligence of the FBI's investigation of any associates Oswald had is reflected by the fact that with two clear latents, neither of which was Oswald's, "The two fingerprints were not compared with the fingerprints of any other individual."

While one could conjecture and wonder, and conjecture and wonder might include such fears as identification of someone associated with the FBI or even CIA, one does not have to conjecture whether the FBI knew and did not identify another or other Oswald associates. For this I refer you to my appeals relating to the Doyle, Martin and TV films of Oswald in New Orleans. The FBI knew he had another associate or associates on not

a legible, complete copy.

N.O. told FBIHQ that Caire had an office in the Cigali Building. When I had told the FBI that Oswald had the address masked this airtel omits the address. The front entrance was on Canal, the side entrance on Camp, a block from the International Trade Mart run by Clay Shaw, about a block from the store of Carlos Bringuier and the bar of Orest Pena, both of whom figured in the FBI's investigation and both of whom were FBI sources. For these and other reasons the FBI knew the location and the area well, and in connection with its JFK investigations.

The airtel (begins by repeating) what FBIHQ told NO and Dallas. The airtel does not state that its files held no other information about Caire. Later the airtel does refer to other information, including what it sent to FBIHQ and FBIHQ did not report having, Caire's registration act registration. (An illegible note about Caire was added at FBIHQ, along with indexing notations.)

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The registration notes that Caire's agency, to which Oswald reportedly applied for a job, what the FBI appears not to have investigated, also represented the Cuban Revolutionary Council, which was formed and funded by the CIA, and that as of that date, 11/2/62, it was at the same address Oswald used on the literature the FBI managed not to provide to the Warren Commission and failed to provide when the Commission asked for it, 544 Camp Street.

V

With regard to the fingerprint there are several records cited. I recall no records from the N.O. files provided that would represent a real investigation of this. Especially with the fingerprints coming from two of Oswald's leaflets.

In the Dallas reply, which parrots that it has only what Bufiles have, it is suggested that if I were to "clarify" the statment about the masked address "it is possible that some pertinent observation could then be made." (Serial 5649, prepared by the case supervisor, R.P. Gemberling.) FBIHQ did not desire any clarification and asked for none.

I do not wonder why.

This record also was placed in the file identified above also and also has illegible entries.

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