

Dear Jim, re Ronnie Caire/ 0420

6/19/83

I'm not copying my entire Caire appeal file for you. You have all of it, however. What I'm not copying (poor copies here in any event) is Kleindienst's rejection of my appeal, based on the FBI's misrepresentations to him, and Mitchell's endorsement of Kleindienst's decision when I appealed to Mitchell. There are several other Caire appeals included in toshes and filed under those others that I believe are not essential here, so I do not search for them. They are dated 1/17 and 4/16/79.

LeHais has done us a real favor not only because it points up their dishonest and improper intentions with their discovery jazz but because it enables us to establish the degree to which I extended myself to be helpful and informative while the FBI was engaged in misrepresenting and obfuscating. Moreover, if there is ever any other interest, like public interest groups, Congress, this is informative. In addition, what I did not recall, is the basic relevance of the Caire matter and records to Oswald, the investigation (made and not made), the FBI's covering up (as with the fingerprint and interrelationships) and even the 105-1456 NO file, which in itself is great. So, a brief recap, FBI and in the every you find it worthwhile to do more than file this with a brief statement of some kind that should include LeHais's adamant refusal to comply. I think that in itself is important and with this information really clobbers him.

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Whether or not Oswald served an intelligence interest or purpose in New Orleans - and his known record there is consistent with serving some intelligence purpose (for the FBI, reported from Dallas but denied by the FBI) - all investigations led into these paths and showed an Oswald connection of his selection with such persons as would be of interest if he had an intelligence role. Examples are his fracas with Bringer et al after offering to help Bringer and his anti-Castro group, his leafletting, his use of the 544 Camp address on his propaganda, etc., and much more from my own investigation, which I do not include. One of the strange things he did, or at least seemingly strange, is to apply for a job with one public relations agency only, that of Ronnie Caire. When I made my first request I knew that Caire was associated with Areacha in the Crusade, a fund-raising gimmick in which the 544 building's return address was used and that the CRC also had been in that building, as well as Benister and Ferris.

After I wrote Kleindienst and he wrote FBIHQ it had to get answers from the field offices. My request is correctly stated, for all information on or about Caire and the field offices reported such information which was denied me. It turns out that Caire was the registered foreign agent of the Cuban Revolutionary Council of the 544 address and of CIA origin and support and that he also represented the group that is included in the 105-1456 file in New Orleans. (Could there now be a better one for our purposes?) And how nicely this all ties in to Ferris and those withheld records, including from that file.

It bears on motive for not searching and refusing to search and for the blanket LeHais refusal to comply - and let them explain any way they want. Bearing on motive, please note and consider using the FBI's statement in its note that once it learned that the fingerprints on Oswald's leaflet were not his it went no further in checking them (which even now I find hard to believe). This is directly related to my earlier attribution of motive for withholding and not searching, to protect the FBI from embarrassment over its investigatory failures. Imagine not even trying to identify an Oswald associate after it had so many reports of his having associates and the official line was that he was all alone. (This also intertwines with the film withholdings, like John Martin, Minneapolis, and earlier of Doyle's, when all the Doyle witnesses described at least one such Oswald associate.)

What the FBI pretended it did not understand and what Gemberling covered himself

about is my reference to Oswald's masking of Caire's address in his notebook. I did check Oswald's entries (N.O.) out carefully and it was fascinating. He had a series of incorrect addresses and I photographed them. There is no indication of any FBI checking on any of these entries, even of unlisted phone numbers that got him his TV attention that he then used in his unsuccessful effort to get to Cuba from Mexico.

Checking one of these wrong addresses led me to the back door of the ~~RIGHT~~ Gigale Building, in which Caire had his offices. If the FB^a had done any checking at all, it would have known this. N.O. agents would have known without any checking. De Bruys certainly knew without any checking, and he worked on Oswald in New Orleans before the assassination, when Kaack was not available. Of course, Kaack also should have known. Kaack resigned instead of accepting Hoover's disciplining. And he was never asked to file an affidavit about this connection with Oswald, although all such agents were to have provided them.

Although the FBI claims ever to have interviewed Caire in its Oswald investigation - and it was to have checked and apparently did check all other Oswald quests for employment - it admits that he was included in its investigation and thus on this count alone is within my litigated requests. As the records attached and attached to the appeal to which they are attached state, the FBI in NO and at FBIHQ both knew that he also figured in Garrison's investigation and thus are within that item of my requests. Sp, there can be no question of pertinence.

(And when Lohale ~~stax~~ adamantly refuses to have any search made after he is informed, is he not also stating adamantly that whatever I might provide on discovery also will be ignored? It is obvious that in these appeals I provided much more than is ~~namx~~ necessary for any search, if anything at all was necessary. Moreover, other matters included in the appeals make it obvious that the FBI stonewalls anything and everything I provided.)

My long appeal informed Shea that all this information is within my litigated requests. I never received any response from anyone.

Caire's connection with the CRC and the 105-1456 file are stated in 105-32555-5647, 10/28/70, as is his foreign-agent registration. The note at the end of this record is one I've referred to, without denial, throughout this litigation, that the FBI pretends and states that because it does not like me "there is legal ground for our position" that it need not, underscored in original comply with my requests.

Please note that in no instance was I provided with a copy from the Dallas or New Orleans files and thus in no instance is indexing in these offices disclosed. However, Caire and his agency are indexed at FBIHQ, as are all the Cuban organizations. Thus, the most perfunctory check by the FOIPA branch at FBIHQ disclosed the existence and withholding of these clearly pertinent records. These offices also received copies of my letters and their not providing them in this litigation withholds any notations made on them, which are significant information.

None of this pertinent Caire information was or could have been included in any assassination main file because it predates all of them.

I do this in haste because I'm having to leave in a few minutes to mail something else for Ldl and will then mail this, in the hope that routing through Baltimore on a weekend will not slow it down this time.

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