

To ~~Quin~~ Shea from Harold Weisberg JFK assassination records appeals, 4/3/79  
New Orleans and FBIHQ; Privacy Act appeals

It has been some time since I received what New Orleans Field Office records have been provided in C.A. 78-0420. I went over them as soon as it was possible, which was not very long after receipt, indicating those of which I wanted copies for my subject files and for appeals. Thereafter much of my time was taken by checking out and responding to false, deceptive and misleading affidavits, an FBI specialty but alas, not ~~an~~ an FBI monopoly<sup>only</sup>. It was not possible for me to return to these N.O. copies until early day before yesterday. During the past few days I have also reviewed some FBIHQ records based on which I also appeal denials. In most cases copies will be attached.

In general the searching and processing of these records reflects the traditional FBI mind-set, that FOIA is a withholding rather than a disclosing statute. There is totally unnecessary and unjustified withholding throughout. Some is mere arbitrariness and capriciousness. Some is of what the FBI itself testified to before the Congress and also disclosed in these same records. Some is what the FBI agreed for the Warren Commission to publish. Some is of what is and always had been readily available in the National Archives. The content of newspapers and books also is withheld. FBI names are withheld willy-nilly while they are also disclosed. There is false claim to exclusive source or confidentiality of informant. Misuse of (b)(7)(C) and (D) is extensive and in most if not all instances without need of justification. (I will identify enough to make this point.) There is disclosure of what thereafter is withheld and is relevant, as notes made and files searched.

The withholdings are so extensive and in some cases adept that nowhere in these New Orleans files are the special Garrison files disclosed. Not even their existence, which I learned from other records. There are Garrison intercepts not included, even reflected, that have been disclosed to me in several ways prior to the processing of these files. (One is in C.A. 75-1996.) I'll be surprised if there are no records relevant to my PA request within those Garrison files, one of which is an ~~80~~ 80 file. (I will provide and explain several records relevant to my PA request and not provided under it.)

At the same time there is disclosure of what is withheld <sup>and</sup> from all other searches I

recall in all other cases, such as how indices are searched as well as the existence of files on persons whose names were searched through the indices. (The FBI does not withhold where it does not agree with the political views of those  whose names are searched. For them there is no concern over privacy. Yet in other cases it claims the need to withhold existence of a file even when it discloses the names.)

The FBI provided information to the Attorney General relating to Clay Shaw that is not provided or even referred to. The information was later alleged to have been inaccurate and was apologized for in an official statement also not included or even referred to. (Garrison had Clay Shaw charged with conspiracy to kill JFK, with David Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald.)

The FBI also provided records to private persons, including commercial investigators, that it has not provided in this case. My knowledge comes from copies in my possession not from the FBI but from the files of these commercial investigative services with whom the FBI has its own traditional relationships and deals. I cite one illustration, information on and relating to the late David Ferrie.

(As a matter of fact during the days of the Garrison fiasco there were anti-Garrison meetings in the FBI NO HO. Virtually parties. These included Ferrie and the press. There is no indication of this in the records provided. Some of those present made notes I have.)

The extent of the anti-Garrison operation is indicated in a few of these New Orleans records. One has to do with special overtime work by large numbers of employees. The FBI also had at least one inside source I've made no effort to identify.

There are virtually no records relating to the so-called "critics" who were in New Orleans, including me. I am certain that the FBI assumed I was in Garrison's pocket, which is not the case at all. This general attitude continued to the time of the Shaw trial, when despite its extensive coverage the FBI does not provide the published misinformation that I sat at the counsel table. In fact I was never in that court room and left New Orleans before trial began. I never laid eyes on Shaw.

However, I did speak to a number of informers and sources, which is not reflected in the records provided. (One instance was under PA. <sup>only</sup>)

How the FBI has its information filed is not my concern. Limiting search to its so-called Oswald and administrative/investigative of 100 and 89 files automatically excluded information that is relevant and that the FBI knew and knows it has.

The existence of indices by means of which compliance could have been effected is disclosed in the records I have. *They are not provided.*

There is no reflection in <sup>*the processing of*</sup> the records provided of historical-case <sup>*standards.*</sup> ~~disclosure~~. *There are extensive* ~~large~~ withholdings that are not normally justified. The clear intent is to withhold, not to disclose historically important information. Adequate samples will be attached together with the proof that the withheld information was public domain.

While on the one hand the FBI withheld even from the Warren Commission, which reflects a desire to continue to withhold, on the other hand, whatever the legality or propriety of its Garrison interest he was accusing it of everything under the sun. I am no longer certain whether he made more accusations against the FBI than the CIA but his accusations were many against both.

(While the FBI withholds the public domain by referral to the CIA and the names of FBI supervisory personnel and others it discloses the name of the CIA's "field office" chief in N.O. while simultaneously swearing to federal courts that it is forbidden to make such disclosures.)

There having been no federal law violation at the time the President was killed NO FO decided to make it an assaulting a federal officer case, thus the 89 file.

① The first Serial in this file discloses that SAs were instructed to make notes that have not been provided. The claims to privacy are not justified and the information to a ~~large~~ <sup>large</sup> extent is public, including in Warren Commission records. There is <sup>S</sup>inconsistency in disclosing and withholding <sup>fin</sup> ~~finger~~print information on the same page.

② The Indices Search Slip referred to in Serial 35 is not provided. I believe the phone company source is also disclosed while here withheld. *(Most search slips are withheld.)*

③ Serial 50 is the kind of information that does not meet standards for 7D and the name is public in any event, beginning with FBI records never withheld. This is hardly a full and complete account of what this man, known to me, told the NO FO if in fact he spoke

directly to the SAC, which I am inclined to doubt. Much other information about him is withheld. He is "Ricardo" Davis, whose name is Richard Rudolph. I have had several long conversations with him on his initiative after he read one of my books and phoned me. He is quite a blabber. He had then moved to Houston. He was involved in several FBI investigations that are historically important in this case and are in part in records available at the Archives, if not reflected at all in these <sup>N.O.</sup> records. He ran a New Orleans racket, an anti-Castro so-called training camp on the north side of Lake Pontchartrain. It was a means of getting money. He broke the camp up when warned by federal officials after a nearby one was forced to be raided by the FBI, of ~~which~~ which there also is no reflection in the records provided, although it was in the newspapers and connected with high Mafia types. <sup>Although</sup> ~~In fact~~ this became an integral part of the Warren investigation and conclusions, <sup>no N.O. records at all are provided.</sup> ~~and in terms of actualities that are still hidden by~~ I found the man whose report of carelessness with explosives led to the FBI raid and the girl friend who accompanied Davis on what she described as a very wild trip over "shell roads" to alert Davis' gang to scam. Two FBI sources named Carlos Bringuier and Carlos Quiroga <sup>helped</sup> ~~had~~ get those men out of the New Orleans area. Again, not reflected in the records provided. Nor is the report of the Louisiana state police, which without doubt gave its report to the FBI. The investigation was by the Baton Rouge Barracks, not the nearby St. Tammany Parish barracks. Pictures also were taken by the police authorities. I had good sources in two of them outside Orleans Parish and have a set of pictures of that camp. <sup>Some</sup> Information from the State police is indicated as withheld, I believe improperly. One <sup>Known provider of records</sup> ~~source~~ was a Major Trosclair. There are other records in which Davis name is withheld in these so-called historical case releases where it was not withheld by the FBI in 1965, before there was a FOIA.

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4) ~~Serial~~ whether or not ordinarily properly, as I believe not, withholds the name of a postal inspector. This name is in the available Commission records and was the subject of published testimony.

5) Whether or not there is today a real b1 claim possible for Serial 77 and whether or not it was legitimately b1 at the time the record was made it is apparent that there is reasonably segregable information in the obliterated paragraph on page 1. If nothing else

it is the identification of Clark, who then was ASAC, There is no indication that this (and the other b1 records) was classified prior to my information requests. The first dated classification is <sup>here</sup> 9/78.

6 I have the same questions relating to Serial 79 in which Clark is identified.

7 Serial 84 is another of the records withholding Ricardo Davis' name. Too bad the FBI withheld the interview report referred to. <sup>(and ask for)</sup> I'd like to see how graphically Davis told the FBI ~~me~~ about how he identified those he regarded as the right people for the New York City Police horses to trample. Or whether he told it all about his "camp" and its breakup and its importance in establishing what can be interpreted as an Oswald "cover." The name written on the bottom of the record is not that of either of the SAs whose reports are of less than an investigation of the Davis camp, connected with the so-called Christian Democratic Movement or CDM. I'm also interested if he gave the FBI a name that a decade later became well known, Jack Caulfield, as I believe he might have. Yes, Watergate Caulfield. *Davis worked with that NYPD unit.*

8 Serial 95 is of interest for more than a claim to b1 when the rest of the record indicates no logical basis for the claim. I'm attaching the first two <sup>9</sup> pages only. Two mythologies, both official and originating with the FBI, relate to this record. *as provided to me* The record is not complete, as in not indicating the other Ferrie records the FBI had and not stating how it came that Voebel "advised he knew OSWALD" in junior high, where they were indeed friends. There should be a prior record and other related records. Important on page 2 and probably a point at which the record was censored in its <sup>creation</sup> ~~creation~~ is the first sentence/ of the first full paragraph, that "he and OSWALD were members of the Civil Air Patrol with Captain DAVE FERRIE."

I have to enter a guilty plea to having been the one who brought the Ferrie name to public attention. I cannot assume responsibility for the mythologies that followed. They are a natural consequence of <sup>me</sup> improper official suppressions and misrepresentations <sup>ti</sup> ~~which~~ which extended even to the censoring of the published Warren Commission <sup>testimony</sup> ~~testimony~~ transcripts. These <sup>suppressions</sup> ~~suppressions~~ began with the FBI <sup>they</sup> ~~and~~ and were congenial to its and the Commission's preconceptions.

It was pretended that Oswald was not a member of the CAP and that Ferrie then had no connection with it. The FBI has the same picture I have of Oswald in his CAP uniform. It had and for years withheld, without sanction in the Act or regulations, much other relevant information. It still withholds records it must have that <sup>+</sup> obtained indirectly from its sources, including membership lists. <sup>↓ 6A</sup> Of the possible explanations for this in addition to the foregoing connection with Ferrie is the fact that an FBI source recruited both Voebel and Oswald into the CAP. He was an FBI source as a member of the New Orleans Police Department vice squad. He was also a schoolmate of both. He is Frederick S. O'Sullivan. He lied under oath about Ferrie in Commission deposition, which is at the censored part. Relevant records are among the very few compliances with my requests of the Department during the Mitchell-Kleindienst FOIA regime. Examination of those records discloses no basis for the years of withholding other than suppression of what officialdom wanted to suppress. Your own examination, of the FBI's set or mine, will establish this.

Another mythology is that one Jack S. Martin, <sup>B</sup> whose right name I think is Suggs, is responsible for the disclosure to Garrison of an alleged Ferrie-Oswald connection. This is not true although it dates to the time of the assassination. What this November 25 record (after Ferrie's arrest) does not disclose is the November 22 disclosures by Voebel on New Orleans TV. I doubt that for three days after the TV broadcast the FBI had no record. More appears to be involved from my personal investigations. O'Sullivan had other and later involvements.

<sup>13</sup> Phillip Geraci III was present when Oswald went to the store of one Carlos Bringuier, who picked the fight with Oswald that led to all the attention Oswald received in New Orleans and proof of which he took to Mexico allegedly to establish <sup>alleged</sup> his pro-Castro credentials. He manufactured others by ~~the~~ a "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" of his own <sup>creation</sup> (an area of FBI withholding in records I'll come to later). This an area of much lying, beginning with the FBI and extending to the alteration of the transcript of Geraci's Commission deposition, the typescript of which I have. Bringuier lied. The also-knowing Secret Service content itself with silence while presenting proof of the lying to the Commission. This all relates to the raid referred to above with Davis, used by Bringuier to <sup>(miss)</sup> date his first

1. If these and other record to which I refer in this manner are in disclosed FBIHQ records they are beyond retrieval because of the FBI's own "previously processed" mechanism and lack of adequate worksheet description.

2. Martin was a NO FO source, for Regis Kennedy I know, whether or not for other SAs.

3. With his chum Bill Dwyer, whose mother I interviewed. No reference to either is in the NO FO records. The earliest in the Commission records, from 89-69, is dated 11/29/63. All three Geracis told me the FBI was there much earlier. Maybe it was another friend, Vance Blalock, I've forgotten and am not checking. Bringuier then managed Roca. Casa ~~Geracis~~. Later he moved a few doors and to the name Casa Cuba.

meeting with and alleged suspicion of Oswald. (Bringuiet was an FBI and CIA source.)  
It may help to recall his nickname among fellow anti-Castros, El Estupido, which I'm  
told means not stupid but The Stupidity.)

The ~~Exchange Alley~~ <sup>(Serial 95)</sup> in the Voebel report was behind the street <sup>(Decatur)</sup> on which Bringuiet  
had his store. ~~That~~ <sup>Exchange Alley</sup> is where Oswald lived when in junior high.

The FBI found Geraci, interviewed him, his parents and others, and provided him to  
the Commission. It also interviewed Bringuiet and others often on the same matters.

Bringuiet's false cover story, protected by the FBI and the Commission and by the  
~~al~~terations of the typescript, is that he first met Oswald when Geraci was first in his  
store immediately after the 7/31/63 FBI raid on the anti-Castro explosives in St. Tammany  
Parish, which was reported in the New Orleans papers. Bringuiet dated this at August 2 and  
5 at different times but never before the raid. In actuality it was in May or June, with  
no connection with the FBI's raid.

(Following this raid there was further hardening of national policy against dangerous  
anti-Castro activities.)

From my own inquiries I was familiar with Geraci's history, including the Jefferson  
Parish juvenile record and report by a sergeant whose name I recall as Bourne. (I'm not  
searching old records.) A ~~school~~ <sup>school</sup> days friend of Geraci was a narcfink and a source for me.  
She figures slightly in ~~the~~ <sup>other, earlier</sup> records, ~~whether or not~~ <sup>as she claimed she was more than</sup> the narcfink  
~~this~~ is without question and doubly confirmed. <sup>15</sup>

My other sources include both of Geraci's parents before his father was killed, when  
the son was in VN, then Geraci, interviewed along with his mother, at my request in the  
presence of the family lawyer because I wanted to protect this very vulnerable young man.  
~~He~~ had been subpoenaed by Garrison and had ignored the subpoena when the Red Cross returned  
him to the U.S. I was able to make a deal with the Garrison office to forget the subpoena  
if the kid talked to me and I told them anything relevant. The interview was taped with  
the family lawyer controlling the mike switch, at my suggestion. I have the tapes.

What follows is fact to which I ~~pretend~~ <sup>pretend</sup> no meaning even though I see meaning in it.  
I also taped the interview with the parents and played it back to them before I left.



4. I recall no reference to the raid in the NO FO records. It was included in the investigation.

9 5. Because in this I am alleging lying and misrepresentation and withholding and motive for withholding I have located and attach 62-109060-6593. Some of it and the attachment is ~~are~~ true, some false. Turner's story is fabrication, with some limited contact with reality: she wrote Geraci for me to tell him I believed I could avoid his being called before the grand jury. And I did.

Both Bringuier and the FBI forgot their earlier misrepresentations about the first Oswald-Bringuier contact. Bringuier disclosed this about the middle of page 2 of the enclosure: "Bringuier related that he again saw Geraci on August 5, 1963" (emphasis added) Despite this the attachment closes with the FBI's re-iteration of the August 5 meeting only.

In this record the FBI is covering up for Bringuier. The Borne report was my original source of the homosexual assault on Geraci. <sup>I</sup>t accounts in full for the incident, from Turner's meeting Geraci when he returned from running away from home to taking him to Bringuier and includes Bringuier's arranging for Geraci to stay where he was assaulted.

The NO report does not represent that it has no information on Turner. Only no information it interprets as derogatory.

Routing of a copy to ~~H~~ouston for no apparent reason is interesting because Turner had a Houston past, a more spectacular one subsequently, including jailing, and has regularly represented to me that she is being supported by a federal agency.

After the father's death and the Garrison subpoena the mother, who was very dominating of Philip even then, decided to tell me more. At that point Philip decided to tell them, the mother and the lawyer, what I <sup>already</sup> had told the lawyer but not the mother.

One of the times Philip had run away from home, during his Civil Air Patrol days and after his meeting with Oswald, Bringuier set him up for a gangbang. Philip was homosexual. The narcfink, my source referred to above, Dione Turner, met Philip and took him to Bringuier's, ~~where~~ whence Bringuier sent ~~me~~ Philip to where it happened instead of home. It was a joint called the Silver Dollar. It figures, if not in this connection, in FBI investigations, also not in these <sup>NO.</sup> records. In the Archives, however, <sup>first of several</sup>

The actual time of the <sup>1</sup> Bringuier-Oswald-Geraci meetings, according to the mother and records the father gave me, was as soon as school was out for the summer, about May, when the mother took Phillip and a friend to that part of town to buy CAP stuff while she was at the dentist's.

In proof of the date the father gave me copies of receipts Bringuier gave Philip. He got Philip to sell anti-Castro "bonds" at 50¢ each.

Meanwhile, ~~pick~~ or otherwise, Oswald got Bringuier in trouble over the unlicensed selling of bonds, as he later told Bringuier, after the fight Bringuier picked with him.

In early 1967 Philip was out of high school, working in New Orleans and living there, not with his parents in Jefferson Parish, which is a suburb. They lived on Green Meadows, in Metairie. Garrison is publicly after Ferrie of the CAP and other connections. Then Ferrie dies, with George Lardner the last known person to have seen him alive.

Then, suddenly, the FBI source/ Oswald CAP recruiter/Ferrie associate Vice Squad O'Sullivan and Jeff Parish Deputy Bourne in effect kidnap Philip, with his family's assent, take him out of Orleans Parish and hide him for a week with an uncle. The story is that they are doing this for Garrison and <sup>to</sup> "protect" Philip. Off and on for about a week they question him. I omit my opinions and report what the mother confirms, that it had to do with an alleged vice ring involving Ferrie, who was a well-known and charged homosexual. Actually, I believe the word does not fit the man.

In a very short time <sup>4F</sup> Philip is in the Army and in VN.