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GUEST - MORT SAHL

I got together with JIM GARRISON 15 - 16 months ago; but before that, developmental -- had read report initially when came out in 1964 and took it up on the show (MARK LAINE -- HAROLD WEISHBERG).

Worked very closely with GARRISON -- unpaid advisor -- but good bonus -- if we win, get chance to get the country back ... save America from element that may have overthrown the government in Texas, or attempted to. What happened was that he only has staff of five ... Warren Commission had staff of 6,000. I was in New Orleans writing book and worked 1/2 day for him on case. He has badge as investigator.

GARRISON says:

- A. We are going to win this case
- B. You can bet on it
- C. I have case solved

Questions called in by viewers and SAHL's answers:

(Program host DENNIS WHOLEY asked some questions first)

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Q. How could that many people be kept quiet for such a long time?

A. Because power flows downward. It is both simple and complicated solution, because big country and very big government. There have been 60 people slain or injured since then. Some people have lost jobs, a lot have disappeared, and National Archives have been closed for 75 years... it has been turbulent.

Members of Congress appealed to on basis that country would fall apart if spoke up ... because they signed a fraudulent report.

How could Kennedy go on about daily business?

1. Senator Robt. Kennedy sent to Indonesia by President Johnson on diplomatic mission when investigation took place.

2. By his own admission in Warsaw, Poland, he did not read the report.

3. He said he had no intention of reading it, but he would accept it.

4. He cannot be isolated as an island of morality after which we pattern ourselves, in that anything the family wants to do by way of grieving, I respect, that is a private matter, and that is their point of view. However, catching the people that did it is a public matter.

Robert Kennedy used the Manchester Book with Mrs. Kennedy as a patsy to pressure President Johnson into letting him maneuver within the Democratic party. There are several people, and, of course, the book infers that if the President was not involved in the assassination he certainly is calloused to it, and that he is the one who suppressed evidence. Secret Service turned over the autopsy photos of President Kennedy's wounds, 18 color and 12 black and white, to Robert Kennedy. He then put them into the National Archives. Earl Warren is quoted as saying that it would be morbid to look at the photos. That means that the seven commissioners whom you trusted betrayed you and don't know how many wounds President Kennedy suffered. In Los Angeles, while Kennedy was at San Fernando College, he was asked by students if he would open the Archives. He said - no. He said he stands by the Warren Commission but he has never read it.

We worked as cops I am not a speculator.

Why doesn't someone ask Kennedy about it?

Why wasn't evidence ever released ... largely to protect the CIA.

While in New Orleans, we fixed a better case for Oswald's involvement than the Warren Commission did. We have been called the Defense Lawyers for Oswald by the press, but that is extortion. The initial meetings at which Mr. Shaw was present -- everyone present at those meetings worked for CIA -- with the exception of Oswald, who worked for the FBI, employee #S179, documentation the Warren Report. Five days before President killed, the FBI had a tip, a twx, sent in by the code clerk, Buddy Walter, at New Orleans Regional Office of the FBI, that an attempt would be made on the President's life, that was not acted upon by the FBI, obviously. After that, we have Oswald running around the jail yelling "I'm a patsy." No way to prove even if you wanted to that Oswald fired that day. Secret Service kept MARINA OSWALD a prisoner for eight weeks at the Inn of the Six Flags in Ft. Worth, and told her she would be sent back to Russia. You have not been given the facts about how the President died ... people took his life in effort to control yours. Press not present from the beginning, but broadcasting has been good.

What is the new evidence?

Evidence is extremely developmental, but we have, as of today, some ballistic evidence that brings us closer to our conclusion from Dallas, which I can't say anything about here and which belongs in court.

We have eye-ball witnesses placing Ruby, Oswald, and Clay Shaw together exchanging money.

We have eye-ball witnesses, a dozen, placing Shaw with gunman, asking him to take part in the crime ... looking for a marksman with a rifle.

We found Julia Ann Mercer, in New Orleans, a model, who came to us and said the Warren Commission had spoken to her the day after the crime, the FBI visited her; and said that she saw a man drive a truck, two men get out with cases long enough to carry rifles, and go up in the grassy knoll... is this the man - and they showed her a picture of Jack Ruby, of whom no one ever heard in America. Her affidavit in the Warren Report was notarized by a woman named ROSEMARY-EDWARDS. She said that no woman was present when she gave affidavit. If the FBI is suborning perjury, then 11 volumes of evidence out of 26 can go in the wastebasket now.

Clay Shaw will never walk out of that courtroom free. Will you read about it is the question?

Witnesses crop up all the time, because we looked for them. This thing has to crack down the middle. President's fate is directly related to our own.

I want to urge everybody to take an interest in this country and get interested in this. Don't let government tell you that they know better what is good for you than you know yourself. Next thing they will tell you is that there was no President Kennedy.

TELEPHONE CALLS:

Q. Why so many conflicting stories? Does he suspect certain political leaders and other high officials have certain knowledge, second-hand or otherwise, on this, and does he suspect that Oswald used as a scapegoat. Is it likely that case will ever be solved?

A. There is no evidence connecting President Johnson to this crime. But by his putting that stuff in the Archives, it has incriminated his administration. However, Johnson, the Vice President, and Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK know that Oswald didn't do it.

When Dr. King killed recently, the Attorney General said the FBI is hot on it. Yes, treating Eric Starvo Galt like Oswald, trying him on the cover of Life Magazine, but never apprehended him. Attorney General was asked about GARRISON's investigation. He said that he hasn't come up with anything new. GARRISON said that was true, as he said CIA did it, but that is not new to Attorney General Clark.

Attorney General, when Clay Shaw was arrested, went on air and said Shaw was a wonderful man and that he had been cleared by the Warren Commission, until we issued statement that his name was not in the report, but Clay Bertrand is. And, we claim that they are the same man, and we proved it, and we convicted a man on a perjury charge - Dean Andrews - which did not hit the paper - for saying they were not. Andrews said that we all have to take our lumps, because he knows a lot and if he told it he would have a bullet in his head....in America ... not Germany. If that can happen to Kennedy, anything can happen to us. A lot of people know the truth now, but won't tell us... There will be a trial and killers will be convicted. - Should be underway in the fall, October, because cannot delay any more unless something happens to Shaw. There is a \$100,000 contract issued by the Mafia on Jim Garrison's life. We have our own Mafia in Virginia working for the Federal Government.

Q. How does he know Johnson and other people know Oswald didn't do it.

A. Because Oswald was not on the 6th floor of the school depository but was on the ground floor. Set up for rendezvous at Texas theater, and when no bulletin went out for the Texas Police to pick him up, manager of theater called police and said a man walked in without a ticket....

responded with seven police cars, fifteen officers, and Assistant District Attorney in alley in police car with motor running. Oswald could name everybody who was involved. Many Cubanos involved.

Q. Connection between King and Kennedy's deaths? If so, and if right wing behind Kennedy's death, with Government leaning to left today - why suppress?

A. Don't agree that government leaning to left. I know three out of four people who fired at the President. We went to meet a witness in Miami who was to meet us in a car, and when we found him he had a bullet in his heart and a hatchet in his head. Twenty-eight people have died, and another 32 almost beaten to death. We picked up ROSE CROME, thrown out of a car in New Orleans, who worked for Ruby, who worked for the CIA, proven and documented, and she said in delirium in the hospital, I quit because running narcotics is one thing and killing the President is another. You are dealing with mass murder. Presidents don't mean anything any more, because don't have the power embedded in CIA. Yes, there is a connection between the two deaths, but I cannot comment on it now. I urge all of you to write to government for list of Archives ... overwhelming amount of evidence suppressed by the CIA.

Q. Did Jack Ruby have anything to do with President's death; if Oswald knew anything about it, and if that is why Oswald was killed.

A. Ruby employed by CIA - bagman for syndicate, which looks to have had a lot to do with supplying arms for Bay of Pigs invasion. Ruby knew Oswald well, and there are any number of people with him, most of whom involved in business as well as homosexual activity. Many prominent people in the arts, who are homosexuals, etc., have been outraged by Clay Shaw's arrest. Ruby thoroughly involved in this crime and this will be out in court, and a good friend of Shaw's. He killed Oswald to silence him because he would implicate a lot of people.

Q. Do you fear for your own life?

A. Why - Oswald has been dead for 4 years and he was the lone assassin ... Yes, I do ... we all have a right to be fearful as long as outlaw forces govern the land. Whether they get Kennedy, Garrison, or even me, the rest of you are about 15 minutes later. This is shallow ground to plant the seed of a militant state in. This is what was tried.

Q. Did you read "Six Seconds in Dallas."

A. Yes, the author has called two witnesses in Miami and told them they would get in terrible trouble if they testified for Garrison. Draw your own conclusion.

Q. Shots rang out and there was a rush of people to the knoll and not the book depository.

A. All tapes on TV, etc., and tapes of doctors at Parkland Hospital, seized by Secret Service, and FBI, and now in Archives. But doctors at hospital unfortunately placed the wound on the wrong side of the President's head for the Warren Commission.

New evidence -

One of our witnesses who worked for CIA in training anti-Castro Cuban exiles, and that is the core of this, was a man named Loren Hall in California. He said his memory has been jogged after five years, and he wants to tell the truth. He said there was continuous talk on how to get Kennedy and where, and at the meetings was Reverend Eugene Bradley. You have a few people in Columbus who are material witnesses -- for instance, Gordon Novel, background of being arrested in American Nazi party uniform ...

Ruth and Michael Payne, who came down to testify, being
MARINA OSWALD's landlady.

Novel went back to CIA in Virginia and stopped at Plaza
Hotel in NY. Gave his occupation as auto mechanic from
Columbus, Ohio. They all stay at the Plaza, provided they
have outside income.

Watch your police departments - your churches - your
universities ... when people get up and espouse a certain
philosophy, they are very often paid for it.

CIA has infiltrated the Minutemen, by admission of Robert
DePugh, the boss, and the Birch Society, to push the
organizations to the right.

Why to the right?

Much further to the right so that they will take action.

DePugh said the organization is being infiltrated by Nazis
so that the PD will have certain orientation. For the same
reason, FBI now wants to indoctrinate local PD's, so that
there will be control of opinion in this country .. control
of the individual .. and no resistance to war being basic
industry.

List of Names:

CLAY SHAW - charged in New Orleans with conspiracy to kill
John F. Kennedy. Shaw, and we have witnesses, held several
meetings in which talked about killing President. Shaw involved
with Attorney Dean Andrews, who was convicted in New Orleans
several months ago of perjury, by going to him and asking him
to defend Oswald in Dallas.

Shaw executive of the International Trade Mart and has worked for CIA under cover of import and export in Italy and Latin America for about 20 years.

CLAY BERTRAND - alias of Clay Shaw - also known as CLEM BERTRAND.

DAVID FERRY - an airline pilot for Eastern -- rather bizarre -- this is how Garrison gets into the case. Garrison turned Ferry over to the FBI after he talked to him. FBI's interview put in Archives. This interested Garrison. He went back to see Ferry and found that he had died of a brain embolism --- severe guilt and headache or a karate chop. Found he worked for the CIA. CIA people are all over the place.

PERRY RUSSO - insurance salesman in Baton Rouge, who attended party at Shaw's house and overheard talk about killing Kennedy.

VERNON BUNDE - witness and in jail and Newsweek quoted him... and they then investigated Lynn Loyzell of our office saying he had helped get a questionable confession from Bunde.

(Hugh Ainsworth - Newsweek reporter assigned to this.)

BILL GERVICH - worked for Garrison and has turned against him
--- now a private detective with his brother (Leonard, Lou
and Bill). Gervich planted in office to leak information to
Washington as to whether or not Garrison progressed. When
found CIA lead in office, then Garrison began to get treatment
from press.

There are two names coming that you will recognize, and they
will be apprehended too. It is all frightening.

Q. Why wasn't Kennedy in car with bulletproof top?

A. 1. Louis Neisner, great attorney, said they should have
used the other car, the one with the bubble dome. Of course,
they only have one car, and this car is so precious to the
Government, that after Kennedy's bloodbath, they flew it to
Washington and rebuilt it. 2. When shots rang out, Secret
Service advised driver hit the brake and President sitting
duck. Could have been hit from 4 - 9 times. When Warren
Commission heard this, Council for Commission said don't
you mean it slowed down. And, then they said yes, it slowed
down. It couldn't go much slower -- it was going 11 miles
an hour through the Plaza and 18 at top speed. We would
like to know why no protective covering either.

Q. Why didn't check buildings where possible to be hurt?

A. Dallas Police files show 10 people arrested in Plaza.
Could have been firing from various places. Definitely,
there was firing from grassy knoll. In Commission's report,
one of the deputy sheriffs says two men ran from the grassy
knoll. He asked who they were, and they said Secret Service men

Commission asked if he got any identification, and he said no -- they were in a hurry.

Q. Heard that Oswald was not considered a really good marksman. Was he good enough to fire as accurately as he did in such a short period of time as he did.

A. He didn't. The President was killed by different weapons. Oswald made marksman by one point ... Marine Corps. Best marksmen in country taken by Commission and given a gun like that and they could not put that many shots into the target area. Also, he was hit from 3 sides. From front (right front mostly), if from rear - once, and in right shoulder. Warren Commission even tried to tell FBI he was not hit there. Commission's case, bullet 399, gave following information... a bullet

Q. Is this the normal time for the Grand Jury to be out in New Orleans, or is this a power play in order to keep the public from knowing what is going on until Kennedy is in the White House?

A. Could be. Robt. Kennedy has thrown several road-blocks into this investigation.

1. Meeting with Gervich

2. Any time anyone has spoken up in public, forces from the Kennedy Camp have tried to see that they don't speak up and that their employment is discouraged.

3. Walter Sheridan, NBC News, was not an NBC Newsman, but a house detective. If revelations of this case came out, I don't think Kennedy would be President.

You have to get the country back. Few people running today would be President once the facts come out. Big thing about this case is not Conspiracy - for Shaw will get 15 years outside for conspiracy in Louisiana even if convicted and might get a lot less. It's what you are going to do when you find out what people in the government did. There will be great changes when people know.

Q. Since listening to SAHL, no doubt in my mind that CIA has corrupt agents and FBI not doing duty to American people. I want to know who can we really trust.

A. You can trust your own instincts. If people in government thought you were corrupt, they would trust you with the information in the paper because you would not act upon it, and they would not suppress information or kill and/or injure witnesses.

Q. What is your feeling on Justin -- Oswald assassin or fall-guy?

A. Joachim Justin, early author about case, German national, now American, wrote that he felt Warren Commission did not tell us everything. Warren Commission then wanted to know about him. Earl Warren asked CIA for file on him. But they had none, only Gestapo file. Warren said this would be satisfactory... maybe to him.

Q. If any man, regardless of party, was elected President and he wanted to do something about this, if our enforcement agencies are so involved in this intrigue, would it be possible for him to do anything?

A. First of all, stuff in Archives on Presidential Order, he can open it immediately.

Second, McCarthy already said he would fire Hoover and look into why CIA not monitored by the Congress, since CIA spent 70% of its budget in this country. Now we know what government they want to overthrow.

Three, I had a personal conversation with Senator McCarthy about the Warren Commission, and he is quoted in Life Magazine, five weeks ago, from the conversation as saying the appointment of Warren, Allen Dulles formerly head of the CIA, Richard Russell and Gerald Ford, both friends of the CIA Budgetary Appropriations, in the House and the Senate is an example of Johnson's lack of integrity, strong enough.

Visitors from U.C. in the audience:

Q. When this trial breaks, what will be the sources of information to find out what is going on there.

A. You are either going to have to buy the New Orleans State's Item or any foreign newspaper or get the Los Angeles Free Press now, because we print in there every week, which is an underground newspaper, admittedly, but what else is there in America. HARRISON SALSBERY, New York Times, tried to blow this thing wide open; when he went to Hanoi, they killed it at the paper.

One fellow at New York Times said to me, do you think we are suppressing information because the government tells us to. I said yes, and he said that is not true. Nobody tells me what to write, but I will admit that I know pretty much what the hand did. That saves the Government a call.

Q. Do you have any political aspirations yourself?

A. No ... I am very interested in show business and this is just a crucial situation as to whether or not we are going to get on with our lives. This is a necessity ... I got into this case because I read the volumes and because I care about the future of the country and I know it is directly linked to it.

Q. I see what Mr. Sahl's doing, and I would like to know what we can do, just as an average citizen.

A. Trust your own senses and don't accept those cartoons in the paper that make Garrison a monster -- you judge. If you don't like the evidence, then you back off. Read about the trial, try and read and be informed and see where your instincts lead you, cause I trust your instincts. Then, write to everybody you know in Government and demand a new investigation, which has been initiated by Representative Cupferman from NYC, who is a Republican, I might add; the liberals of Mr. Kennedy's party are too busy consolidating their own positions.

I know Melvin Beli, who of course defended Jack Ruby, and saw him 10 days ago in San Francisco. Beli went to New Orleans, he came back and said I met Garrison and if 10% of what he says is true, we really are in a lot of trouble in this country and this thing has got to be unearthed and aired to the American People. He said Garrison has an awful lot down there and we have to listen to him. We will go along with Warren Report until Garrison's material comes out, which is the same as Bobby Kennedy's statement... Mayor Daily wants to shoot looters in Chicago and Mayor Lindsay in New York doesn't want to touch them at all and I think we should compromise, which means shooting people in Cincinnati .. I think (laugh)....a compromise.

Remember what President Kennedy said - The truth does not die.