

Hyrum, Utah
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Dear Paul:

Enclosed is a check for \$1.70 to cover the cost of the xerox copies you sent me a week ago.

I'd really appreciate it if you could send me copies of 50MM and 500Q (9 pages), as I'm intrigued by the interest shown in LHO by the Louisiana Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities and by the Circuit Riders.

LHO seems to have made a systematic effort to connect his activities in NO to Tulane University, where Reissman and LaViolette were professors. Carlos Quiroga stated that LHO "told him he learned to speak Russian at Tulane University . . ." (26 H 771). LHO "reportedly told Charles H. Steele, Jr., that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee circulars which they were passing out had originated at Tulane University . . ." (26 H 705). And one of LHO's FPCC handbills was obtained on the Tulane campus by a student (CD 75, pp. 688-689).

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After his arrest in NO, LHO allegedly told Lt. Martello that one of the members of the FPCC at Tulane University was named "John" (10 H 55). This seems to have been true: "AT T-4 advised that JACK MINNIS, Political Science Department, Tulane University, was on the mailing list for Fair Play for Cuba Committee, Room 329, 799 Broadway, New York City" (CD 166, p. 25).

Another thing I've always found particularly interesting is the similarity in the reports of Capt. James Arnold, NOPD, who interviewed LHO on 9/9/63, and Lt. Martello, who interviewed LHO on 9/10/63. Both Arnold and Martello were led by LHO's statements to link him with Professor Reissman; the way in which this happened was almost identical in both interviews, (CE 2520; X H 54-55). Martello also asked LHO about either Forrest E. La Violette (X H 55) or Dr. James Dombroski (CE 3119, p. 3), supposedly connected with the same liberal organizations as Reissman.

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It so happens that Dr. Dombrowski, at least, was under investigation by the Louisiana Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities and the NO Police Department. He and two of his associates were arrested on 10/4/63, and their homes and the office of the Southern Conference Education Fund (of which Dombrowski was executive director) were raided. The chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee stated that the raid resulted from an 11-month-long investigation by the committee, and the arrests were the first under Louisiana's 1962 Communist Control Act (New York Times, 10/5/63, p. 10).

Dombrowski and his two aids were cleared by a state judge on 10/25/63, and the Southern Conference Education Fund subsequently sued Sen. James Eastland and chief counsel J. G. Sourwine of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, charging that documents seized in the NO raid had been illegally turned over to the SISS (New York Times, 10/26/63, p. 11, and 11/2/63, p. 12).

Was someone using LHO as a misinformation agent against NO liberals like Reissman, La Violette, and Dombrowski? (Also, remember evidence in the Clay Shaw trial that LHO had tried to register to vote during a civil rights voter registration drive in Clinton, Louisiana? Opponents of that particular drive charged that a member of a Communist front organization took part in the drive.)

The Louisiana State Police also seem to have had an active interest in the FPCC. Capt. R. E. Horton of the State Police "said his office also had a list of the members of the Fair Play for Cuba organization and related information but that he could not furnish this unless authorized to do so by Colonel Burbank of the State Police" (26 H 771). Have you ever come across such a list in any of the WC, FBI, or SS files?

Thanks again for the xeroxes.

Sincerely,

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