

Note for Record

First Meeting with Allard,

Lunch at DDR Friday 6/7/74

AAF renewed his faith in  
this country - worth saving -  
such courage and commitment.

Was unforgivably stupid for  
years, accepting WR, RFK was  
person who meant most to him  
in this world. After revelations  
of Watergate, of what was going  
on in White House, asked self,  
what about other branches of  
Govt? Why take for granted  
Sirhan case?

Got into it last year and  
is now certain Sirhan did not  
assassinate RFK. (He did fire  
gun and hit 5 people but was  
another gunman of powder  
burns at site of wounds.

Interrogative battery of LAPD's.  
They knew less about case than he.  
Chief of LAPD (Davis) begged  
with tears in eyes, don't let  
this out to press, will destroy  
confidence in just.

long dialogue on Tippet Kelby  
- per Belin, is "Rosetta Stone."  
Gave him Jewish articles.

He saw NY Times re Sirhan  
Case - was apparently receptive.  
Wld plan approach McClay re  
JFK, in due X, first sends  
long session = Sam to attack all  
critics' arguments & evidence.

He once lectured at Harvard,  
met Tink, felt he was honest.  
Got Sam address at UN from Mark  
Gerson, who asked Alford help  
him get grant from a Foundation  
for Investigative Journalism.

Was to see Paul O'Swayer  
after lunch.

Was with Burke Marshall at two  
highly emotional moments — ①  
when got news of burning of  
Washington after MLK assassination  
② on plane bringing RFK body  
back to Washington. But  
Burke Marshall, when Allard  
raised Sirhan case, trembled,  
got white, refused listen or  
pursue. Too painful.

Had call from George Plimpton  
(?) I forget about what. Wants to  
avoid ID = Norman Mailer  
for same reason as Garrison.

Knows Kilian Costello, has highest  
opinion: her honesty, will tell her  
stop silliness re SM in re Garrison.  
Will probably run for Justice, seat  
in Senate.

Saw Bud Morse — greetings  
exchanged = him, by SM too —  
They served together in Congress.

Allard appeared before 4th Con  
in 1959 or 1960, as petitioner on  
SWA. Wrote a book on it.

Discussed Mark Lane - also,  
HW, and various Kook-critics  
("albatross on our necks"),

Was once engaged to  
daughter of Hale Boggs.

Saw Sirhan's mother many  
times - she rather emotional  
& incoherent, ptisan of  
"RFK, My God rest his  
soul in peace"

Weight pressing him press,  
Burke Marshall 4 missing  
brain, etc. SM felt  
resurrection re this - explained  
re non-use of Berkeley  
death certificate and failure  
get mileage out of inspection  
of autopsy photos X-rays  
Allard felt reluctant approach  
Burke Marshall to start  
with so was glad get SM  
view vs the approach. Also  
discussed Cyril & his  
outstanding contrib to case  
as public speaker &  
professionally.