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Dear Sylvia,

While I was busy sifting through some old unorganized clippings in a vain attempt to file them, I spotted this item:

Washington - December 28 - Chicago Tribune Press Service
A report to the Evaluation Board from an Army Medical board at Brook Army Hospital, San Antonio said:

"This patient (Garrison) has a severe and disabling psychoneurosis of long duration. It has interfered with his social and professional adjustment to a marked degree."

A physical evaluation board at Brook recommended 10 per cent permanent disability. It said the cause of the incapacity was "chronic anxiety reaction manifested by hypochondriasis; chronic exhaustion syndrome...and psychogenic allergic manifestations."

by Russell Freeburg, Chicago Tribune 12/29/67

Then I went to my file labeled Army, Hospitals, Texas, LBJ and found these:

Johnson Out of Hospital After 3 Days
San Antonio, Texas (AP) Former President Lyndon B. Johnson was discharged Saturday from Brooke Army General Hospital...
Los Angeles Times 1/17/71, page 6 Sect. A

Johnson Feels Better Despite Signs of Cold
San Antonio, (UPI) The former President still suffered pains near his heart that sent him to Brooke General Hospital 3 days ago.

Los Angeles Times 3/5/70, page 4

He was in the seventh-floor Presidential Suite at Brooke.
Los Angeles Times 3/3/70, page 1

I wonder why a medical board at Brooke Army Hospital - the same one that maintains a suite for LBJ - is the one that evaluates Garrison's so-called "medical disability"?

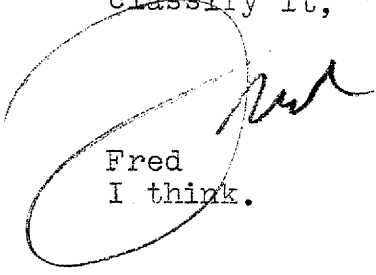
Maybe the doctors at Brooke feel that their regular patient would be much improved if they could cast the demons out of the New Orleans D.A.? Or perhaps they've mixed their patients here and it's really LBJ with the "chronic anxiety" and Garrison with "chronic exhaustion syndrome...and psychogenic allergic manifestations."

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I can certainly see why the Brooke Army doctors do their medical evaluations at long range -- based probably on news accounts of the Shaw trial.

Do you suppose that it was some section of the Pentagon that had "chronic anxiety"? Chronic anxiety spelled backwards is called F-E-A-R and is commonly referred to by psychologists as the "Oh, shit-what-next-syndrome."

Well, I suppose, judging from recent events, the Army has pulled it's self together and is back to it's regular duties -- that of spying on everybody and their cousin. They call it COUNTER PROTECTIVE REACTION SERVAILLANCE OPERATIONS -- or as psychologists classify it, "The Doughboy Peeping Tom Syndrome."



Fred
I think.