

Daily Log, Doorway-Photo-Week

Saturday 23 April 1966...To Philadelphia to visit Salandrias, with 2 Susans. En route, read letter from Shirley Martin. Told Vince about International Rescue Committee letter, he was electrified. Vince told me about Marguerite's call to Rankin in his presence, and Rankin's statement Lovelady was man with arms above his head. John Suchard arrived. While we were having coffee, Vince received phonecall from Arnoni of TMO, announced my presence, Arnoni asked "Who's she?" Vince suggested I submit review of Hartogs' book to Arnoni, also that I write up the doorway photo. I insisted he write the doorway photo, said I would submit the Hartogs' review.

Sunday 24 April 1966...retyped review of Hartogs' book; started notes on doorway photo.

Monday 25 April 1966...<sup>Mailed book review to TMO.</sup> at Social Commission Ruth Barrett UNESCO called my attention item in Sunday Times book review re Ed Epstein's book. Monday night, very tired, to sleep at 9 pm but Susan phoned 9.30 re UFO Flatbush Ave. Stayed up till finished "The Holm Oaks" by PM Hubbard.

Tuesday 26 April...Phoned EJE re item, asked if off-hook on secrecy...EJE said continue keep contents secret; related LIFE cover offers, Lane blackmail attempt, said Asher very pleased my index and speed, told me bill Viking as he is short, also asked me tell Salandria could not answer his letter immediately but to go ahead with his planned book. In morning, TMO phoned, had received book review, laughed 15 minutes, very complimentary re review, made appt Wednesday night at SM. After talking to EE in evening got call from Sauvage; World had seen item re EJE book and panicked; tried reassure Sauvage without revealing contents EJE book that World need not worry about going ahead with L'Affaire Oswald. Sauvage said also he received subject index, difficult to review, perhaps would have to combine it with review of Stafford book, etc. I told him not feel obliged, forget it, etc. Then called Salandria, mainly re TMO date next night, also to relay Ed's message. Vince told me stunning news his discovery in archives re doorway photo. Was writing article on it for TMO. SM shocked enraged.

Wednesday 27 April...very depressed during day re implications Salandria's find...on arrival home phoned him at once, asking, was he absolutely sure, had he taken into account Shaneyfelt shirt chart and analysis...Vince categorical, read the document rapidly, was certain...said Ramparts had been phoning, had gotten wind of his find and trying to sew him up but he had committed to TMO...Asked me phone back when TMO arrived 8 pm so he could tip him off to Ramparts calls. TMO arrived, joint call to Vince, who abjured taking sole credit for find, wanted all Warrenologists sign the article ending with appeal new investigation...SM said absolutely not because it WAS his own find and attempts to make it collective article would cause unpredictable complications and delay. He finally agreed, was already finishing the article for TMO publication. Later that night while TMO still here got phonecall from Maggie Field Beverly Hills...She knew not only the sensational find but knew exactly what it was...mentioned "public domain" and Ramparts sending person to Archives...I explained Vince had discovered and committed to TMO which would be out with it very soon, before Ramparts could possibly break the story. TMO stayed to 1.30 pm, caused some personal complications.

Thursday 28 April 1966...troubled all day by Maggie's phrase "public domain" etc. Phoned her that night, Ray Marcus on extension...She recounted how Tuesday while in conference at Ramparts just after explaining significance Vince article in April TMO phone call came from Paul Hoak who spilled all re Vince's new discovery re Lovelady photo, without attaching condition of confidence or secrecy...Said now she knew situation as I had described it previous night she had no intention do anything unethical, felt sure Ramparts would not either...Ray Marcus did not agree...pointed out from Ramparts point of view they had obtained the information without soliciting it, and without conditions, and had no obligation to Salandria or TMO. SM very distressed and concerned; called Vince to be sure he realized Ramparts had actual substance his find; Vince and Livvie out but explained whole situation to Chris, who promised to relay to Vince when he returned. Vince did not call me back that night.

Friday 29 April...before leaving for work wrote out detailed account of phone calls with Maggie and mailed to Vince, to avoid any misunderstanding or error in second and third-hand messages...That evening, phoned Vince who was out but had long talk with Livvie...She related that David Welsh had called again that day, this time taking line that Ramparts had had the doorway document in its hands for two weeks before Vince found it, cradest kind of unscrupulous trickery in desperation to preempt or steal the story for sake Ramparts getting credit and profits. SM utterly disgusted such tactics; called Maggie and told her. Her first reaction was "heinous" and "unconscionable;" second thought, maybe they DID have it for 2 weeks but were withholding it from her, though she had to admit they acted as though it was a bombshell and completely new when Paul called Tuesday. I said she should not accept 2-week story unless accompanied by documentary proof. I then sent long telegram to David Welsh at Ramparts expressing my disgust his tactics, asking immediate return my mss as wished disassociate myself such unethical actions, and asking if it was not enough we had a Warren Commission.

Saturday 30 April...made copies of telegram to Welsh and mailed for information to Vince (with covering letter re looking at his ms, re telling Marguerite and Robert Oswald) and to Maggie and TMO as-is. Went to library. On return received phonecall from TMO...because of added pressure from Ramparts, ie, phonecall from Maxwell Geismer, etc., was dropping plans for special 6-page issue TMO which would take 5 to 6 days; instead, calling huge press conference for Vince on Monday, when would announce the staggering news via TV radio and press...Asked if I could produce good photo of Lovelady in doorway...I promised to search and report back...Found 2 good new copies, in Life Oct 1964 and in 4 Days ...Called TMO back, he asked if I could possibly bring the photos there, which would give chance for me to review Vince ms and help generally...I agreed, and called Susan who was free and left at once to pick me up and take me to Passaic...While waiting Susan's arrival, began to check all shirt and doorway photo references, to check volumes which might be needed in Passaic (TMO does not have H&E)...two minutes before Susan arrived, found Shaneyfelt testimony of September 1964 in 15H p 694 and almost fainted. Was in state of acute anxiety en route Passaic, certain Vince was mistaken, yet hoping against hope he had known about 15H testimony and accounted for it in his article. Arrived TMO; he said he had message for me from Vince, who had called while we were en route; Welsh had called Vince, very upset about sm telegram, had said would not return ms right away, would try convince me I was wrong about their attempts pirate Vince findings...I told TMO what I feared I had discovered just before setting out...he at first incredulous and sceptical but quickly got point when I showed the testimony and related exhibits...told me

had already placed 2 calls to RFK--fortunately without getting him--also that Welsh had called again, this time admitting his shabby trick and claiming he was ashamed, mea culpa and all that, now asking respectfully for joint simultaneous publication. TMO said would sleep on it.

Met his offspring--Seth and Varda or Varna--16 and 11 respectively--Mrs TMO away, Seth fixed dinner. While eating Vince finally called back, TMO broke the news, shock, then acceptance in good sportsmanship. SM and Susan left soon as decent, exhausted and slightly hysterical from events of day. On return while having coffee and postmortem, Maggie called. Tried tentative and explorative defense of what Welsh had done, ie, questioned if in fact he had even done what I reported previous night ie claimed 2-week priority; also let it be known Ray Marcus thought I had no business mixing in, Vince was the only one with any gripe and it was up to him to make any protest.

After she recounted that information, I told her (1) Welsh had that day admitted to TMO his shabby trick and said he was ashamed what he had done; so much for suggestion I was misinformed re 2-week trick. Then told her my 11-th-hour shocking discovery Vince was mistaken; shock all around. Agreed, too good to be true. Warned her Ramparts would court disaster if treated this as mere trick to put them off track. She then told me horrible news re lump, possibility radical surgery, entering hospital today for biopsy. Felt horrible at news; she promised Joe (husband) would let me know as soon as there was biopsy result.

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