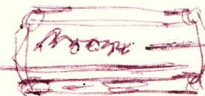


Bill O'Connell

3/17/68

Scully



From Phoenix, where doing  
a play. Rehearsing  
C. Otis SR & Mildred Natwick.



Evening: Phone conversation with Tom Bethell

Dick Billings of LIFE is in New Orls., but is persona non grata with Garrison. Although G. asked Tom not to have any truck with Billings, did have dinner with him, quietly, and found he knew a great deal about the early states of the G "investigation" --e.g., he was present when Sciambra rushed in fresh from interviewing Russo for the first time. He can therefore confirm that Russo's oral report, like his written record, made no mention whatever of the conspiratorial conversation in Ferrie's apt. between "Bertraid" and "Oswald" and Ferrie.

Is writing a memo on his talk with Billings, will send me a copy, strictly confidential.