

Telephone conversations with Leo Sauvage 5/27/66

Called him at about 6 pm. Messenger had just delivered EE book. His publisher has decided to move up publication date so as to beat Mark Lane's book (due September 8th). This may cause some problems re the index but he intends to press, as he seems converted to the idea an index is really needed. Said that every time he talks with me he feels guilty...I make him aware that he should do more intensive research, i.e., on the ammunition for the Carcano...Again went over the ground (2 shops only in Dallas, FBI failure check sales to persons other than LHO, etc.)...Was especially interested in the letter I received from Western Cartridge Co. (as true also of Welsh/Turner when they called me earlier same day). Did not volunteer any remarks re my Hartogs review and when I asked if he had received TMO, made non-committal remark (I am sure he did not like my article), then expressed some change of opinion re TMO, because of article criticizing USSR re Yuri Daniel and Sinavsky...Almost got into argument again re Castro. Made him promise to call me, however late, when he had read some of EE book.

Midnight, Sauvage called ~~me~~ in state of (for him) high excitement—Deeply impressed by EE book, contents and objectivity, lucidity, fairness, etc. But felt he could have gone further than he did by pronouncing obvious conclusion, no evidence LHO was even one of the assassins...Also, surprised and regretful EE seems to accept without even scepticism WR conclusion LHO shot Tippit. Feels Liebeler memorandum corresponds with his ~~xx~~ own attack on the case vs LHO in early days. Told me confidentially re letter Francis Adams to a friend of Sauvage, written after Commentary article appeared, in which Adams conceded he had made some valid criticisms but gave assurance WR when issued ~~him~~ would answer all his questions to his complete satisfaction!!!! (Not much of a prognosticator)