

Telephone call from Ed Epstein, Saturday 7 p.m. 5/24/68

Visit from Ed Epstein Sunday 5/25/68, and joint call to Tom Bethell (2-5:30 p.m.)

Panzeca will file this week a request to move Shaw case into federal jurisdiction...date of trial remains uncertain, barring immediate upholding by judge of Garrison's motion against federal jurisdiction...Garrison was in NYC about two weeks ago, according to Jones Harris, said, trial will never take place...JH also warned Ed that it was not safe for him to go to New Orleans again, as he was contemplating...Ed is hesitating, not because of the warning but because of the expense of the trip...Had just received the galleys of his piece from the New Yorker, which will devote the entire issue to it, soon (date not yet known)...Also, is debating Specter at the National Press Club, Washington, June 11 or 12 ???, not certain...SM called his attention to three parts of SSD---Specter's 3/24/64 interview with Sibert and O'Neill; the memo for the record by Eisenberg re Drs. Light and Dolce; and Specter's deliberate exclusion of questions of Light and the others re CE 399, which he knew from the earlier consultations in April 1964, would be repudiated as the single-missile...Also loaned him the Billings series of 3 articles on Garrison from Miami press...He is to write for full transcript, including a copy for me and one for Tom...Billings said Miami cut his original ms., was not happy with the condensation...Billings told Tom 2 weeks ago he planned to contact SM...

Garrison, asked how come he had not gotten into the MLK assassination, said he was not falling into THAT trap--the whole thing had been carried out solely to pull him off the JFK case!!!!!! Although Harris warned Ed that Garrison was aware of the contents of the N Yorker story, Tom did not think so...Said he seemed amiable lately, though preoccupied with unknown matters...Lane has left New Orleans for good, has given up his apartment there, is now in NYC, wife back Denmark, 2nd child...the Lane will return if Shaw trial takes place...Tom did not know when Thornley trial might take place...When SM said Thornley getting raw deal and frameup, Tom said, yes, he was, and that Garrison had felt he was an easy mark (no \$\$\$ and no friends in high places) but it looked as if he might have misjudged, as Billings and others were taking an interest in Thornley's plight...Garrison, despite his public statements on RFK, took on the job of getting Louisiana delegates pledged to him, but had complete failure, they will probably go for George Wallace... Ed had lunch Friday with friend of Kenny O'Donnell, who said that during WC work, Specter had come to O'Donnell's office to try to get him to change his testimony so that it would "conform"...Re Thornley, Tom said that Garrison would be upset if Salandria took a position, as Salandria had given him great moral support on this and was always coming down and lecturing the staff, etc...If Salandria developed

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reservations re the Thornley case, that WOULD bother Garrison considerably...Re story in Friday's NY TIMES, photo of "tramp" ("Frenchy") and sketch of MLK suspect by Mexican artist: Garrison worried, his extradition request for Bradley cites him as man in conversation with Roger Craig, does not want it known he used to identify Bradley as one of the 3 tramps...(this may have been told SM by Trent Gough, who also phoned Sunday night, rather than by Bethell...Gough said spent much time with Peter Kihss, might be another story Monday--did not appear, in fact--on Garrison offer of \$1000 reward for information leading to Frenchy.