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I JUST GOT A MOST UNUSUAL LETTER FROM  
A FRIEND IN NEW ORLEANS FOR THE MARDI  
GRAS.

DEAR TONY: IT GOES ---

WHAT A SCENE. WILD FLOATS, GROTESQUE  
MASKS. PEOPLE DRINKING AND DANCING  
IN THE STREETS --- SCREAMING, ~~XXXXXXXX~~  
TURMOIL, AND ON A BALCONY ABOVE IT ALL,  
WATCHING, GUESS WHO I SAW --- THE CLAY  
SHAW JURY LOOKING VERY BORED AND WANTING  
TO GET BACK TO SOME REAL ACTION.

WHICH BRINGS ME TO THIS OBVIOUSLY CRAZY  
~~XXXX~~ MARDI GRAS RUMOR ABOUT A PLOT  
AGAINST CLAY SHAW.

RECENTLY, THIS FANTASY GOES, THERE WAS  
A SECRET MEETING IN A DALLAS NIGHT CLUB  
BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE WHO HAVE SINCE DIED  
AND A BEARDED MAN CALLED JIM HARRISON,  
OR BARRISON, WHO EITHER DID OR DID NOT  
RESEMBLE JIM GARRISON. THIS BARRISON  
OR MARRISON ALLEGEDLY WROTE A NUMBER IN  
A MATCHBOOK WHICH HAS BEEN DECIPHERED AS  
A CRYPTOGRAM OF MARK LANE'S CHIROPODIST'S  
UNLISTED PHONE NUMBER, SUPPOSEDLY CORROBORATED  
BY TESTIMONY TAKEN UNDER OATH, HYPNOSIS  
AND DRUGS -- THE USUAL LEGAL METHODS --  
FROM A RECENTLY INSTITUTIONALIZED COCKTAIL  
WAITRESS WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN PRESENT...  
AND SUPPORTED BY A SEANCE WITH THE TWO OTHER

PARTICIPANTS, RUMORED TO HAVE BEEN 1) JUDGE CRATER, WHO WAS UNTIL RECENTLY ALIVE AND WELL IN DALLAS AND 2) THE LATE ALLAN DULLES, OR AT LEAST ONE HENRY SCOTT, WHO ALLEGEDLY RESEMBLES HIM AMAZINGLY, THOUGH FIVE INCHES SHORTER, SWARTHY AND WITH A LITHUANIAN ACCENT.

THESE THREE, THE FANTASY GOES, WITH BARRISON, OR MARRISON, OR CLAY PRINGLE, OR RINALDO

MORELAND AS HE WAS ALSO ALLEGEDLY KNOWN, SUPPOSEDLY CONSPIRED TO GET A CERTAIN FLAMBOYANT NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC OFFICIAL OUT OF A LEGAL HOLE HE HAD DUG WITH HIS OWN JAWS BY USING SHAW'S RIGHTS AND REPUTATION TO STAGE A NOTORIETY CIRCUS AND TO REHASH FAMILIAR ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE WARREN REPORT BEFORE A JURY NOT VERSED IN THAT REPORT --- WITH MAXIMUM PUBLICITY, GAMBLING FOR A BALLYHOO'D CONVICTION, TO BE QUIETLY OVERTURNED BY A HIGHER COURT AFTER THE PROPAGANDA DAMAGE WAS DONE, THAT IS, CLAY <sup>SHAW</sup> WAS ASSASSINATED.

THIS IS OF COURSE PREPOSTEROUS AS IS THE ALLEGED PLAN FOR A COUNTERSUIT AGAINST GARRISON TO KEEP HIM UNDER INDICTMENT FOR TWO YEARS WHILE TESTING EVIDENCE IN THE PRESS AND ON TELEVISION, THEN DEVOTING MUCH OF THE TRIAL TO REFUTING "RUSH TO JUDGMENT," WITH DEPOSITIONS FROM 1) A MAN WHO HEARD NO SHOTS AT ALL IN DEALEY PLAZA AND INSISTS PRESIDENT KENNEDY IS

STILL WITH US 2) ANOTHER WHO SAW A HERD OF  
ELEPHANTS ON THAT GRASSY KNOLL AND HAS A  
BLURRED PHOTOGRAPH TO PROVE IT 3) A ~~XXXXXXXX~~ MEMBER OF  
(AMERICAN  
KNOW THE / CIVIL LIBERTIES ESTABLISHMENT, WITH A  
LONG OVERDUE STATEMENT.  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 4) A DEMENTED  
AMERICAN "PROGRESSIVE" WHO IS ~~XXXXXX~~  
FINALLY WILLING TO ADMIT THAT THE PRESIDENT  
MIGHT HAVE BEEN SHOT BY A PATHETIC LEFT  
WING PERSON INSTEAD OF A RIGHT WING  
PHANTASMAGORIA.  
BUT ENOUGH OF THIS FANTASY. BACK TO THE  
CARNIVAL -- WILD, ABANDONED, INCREDIBLE.  
YOU WOULD NEVER BELIEVE IT'S MOSTLY PAPIER-  
MACHE, AND THAT SO MANY INTELLIGENT PEOPLE  
WOULD BE WILLING TO TRAVEL SUCH INCREDIBLE  
DISTANCES FOR SO BRIEF AND GROTESQUE  
AN ORGY.  
SINCERELY.....  
THIS IS TONY GEISS.