

Note for Record

First Meeting with Allard,

Lunch at DDR Friday 6/7/74

AAF renewed his faith in
this country - worth saving -
such courage and commitment.

Was unforgivably stupid for
years, accepting WR, RFK was
person who meant most to him
in this world. After revelations
of Watergate, of what was going
on in White House, asked self,
what about other branches of
Govt? Why take for granted
Sirhan case?

Got into it last year and
is now certain Sirhan did not
assassinate RFK. (He did fire
gun and hit 5 people but was
another gunman of powder
burns at site of wounds.

Interrogative battery of LAPD's.
They knew less about case than he.
Chief of LAPD (Davis) begged
with tears in eyes, don't let
this out to press, will destroy
confidence in just.

long dialogue on Tippet Kelby
- per Belin, is "Rosetta Stone."
Gave him Jewish articles.

He saw NY Times re Sirhan
Case - was apparently receptive.
Wld plan approach McClay re
JFK, in due X, first wants
long session = Sam to attack all
critics' arguments & evidence.

He once lectured at Harvard,
met Tink, felt he was honest.
Got Sam address at UN from Mark
Gerson, who asked Alford help
him get grant from a Foundation
for Investigative Journalism.

Was to see Paul O'Swager
after lunch.

Was with Burke Marshall at two
highly emotional moments — ①
when got news of burning of
Washington after MLK assassination
② on plane bringing RFK body
back to Washington. But
Burke Marshall, when Allard
raised Sirhan case, trembled,
got white, refused listen or
pursue. Too painful.

Had call from George Plimpton
(?) I forget about what. Wants to
avoid ID = Norman Mailer
for same reason as Garrison.

Knows Kilian Costello, has highest
opinion: her honesty, will tell her
stop silliness re SM in re Garrison.

Will probably run for Justice, seat
in Senate.

Saw Bud Morse — greetings
exchanged = him, by SM to —
They served together in Congress.

Allard appeared before 4th Com
in 1959 or 1960, as petitioner on
SWA. Wrote a book on it.

Discussed Mark Lane - also,
HW, and various Kook-critics
("albatross on our necks"),

Was once engaged to
daughter of Hale Boggs.

Saw Sirhan's mother many
times - she rather emotional
& incoherent, ptisan of
"RFK, My God rest his
soul in peace"

Weight pressing him press,
Burke Marshall 4 missing
brain, etc. Jim felt
reservations re this - explained
re non-use of Berkeley
death certificate and failure
get mileage out of inspection
of autopsy photos X-rays
Allard felt reluctant approach
Burke Marshall to start
with so was glad get Jim
view vs the approach. Also
discussed Cyril & his
outstanding contrib to case
as public speaker &
professionally.