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Penn: Thanks for the papers. Here is a copy of the Cromley story you asked for. Cromley (as you may know) is highly respected in this state; he is, of course, a conservative writer for a conservative newspaper; nevertheless, I have been interested in this story for a long time and wondered about it. I never saw a follow-up. This is one of the items I tried to interest Mark Lane in, but he is so intent on one course only that he seems disinterested in distractions. I am ~~am~~ convinced, for example, that Lee was working for the government; but when I tried to discuss this with Mark he would politely put me off. Lee's "accidental" prediction (to V.T. Lee) one week ahead of time that he (Lee Oswald) was to be arrested by the New Orleans police was too ~~clear~~ clairvoyant for comfort; but Lane brushed it aside (as did the Warren Report) as two separate incidents.

Snyder's testimony ~~is~~ in regard to "Press Informed" also stinks. Snyder tried to pass it off by saying that Priscilla Johnson AFTER her interview with Lee had told him (Snyder) that the press was informed; but this is so blatant as to be painful. There is a two week differential in time at least. If the "Press (was) Informed" as Snyder indicates, it was by himself--following precise instructions so that Oswald's "defection" would have the widest possible coverage, both at home and abroad.

Jim Standard (Daily Oklahoman) is convinced Lee was working for some agency (either a government one or a private one ~~in~~ with government funds and cooperation). Standard says Bringuier knows exactly who and what Lee Oswald was and was doing. Bringuier, he claims, was "in" on the New Orleans incident from the start. At any rate, Carlos is doing well with his by-play. He is currently touring the US with Billy James Hargis intoning the horrors of the left as exemplified by that murderous commie, Lee Oswald.!!!!

Enough. I have promised myself a vacation. I'm writing this much only because I want to get this Cromley thing off to you.

Be a good boy. Love to you and LA.  
Shirley.

Daily Oklahoman, 12/15/63, by Allen Cromley, Washington Bureau  
"...Back in 1950 the old Kefauver crime committee questioned Jack Ruby, according to Joseph Nellis, then assistant to Rudolph Halley, the committee counsel.

"Nellis, now a Washington lawyer, remembers that Ruby was interrogated behind closed doors by Halley, now dead, AND LT. GEORGE BUTLER, OF THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT, who was on leave to the committee...

"The committee files were eventually sent to the National Archives, where officials refuse access to anyone but government personnel.

"They claim they can find no record of the Ruby interrogation, although Nellis thinks notes were made."

(Italics mine)