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Sylvia:

What wonderful news for all of us that Garrison and Russell Long both say Lee may not have killed anybody on Nov. 22, 1963! I sent a wire to Marguerite; I was so elated I couldn't help it.

I realize there is much hard, long fighting ahead, but at least we have seen this slight beginning.

Sylvia, this morning's papers indicate that New Orleans is ignoring the "Fairy" deposition of Gene Barnes. But since the "Fairy" mention ^{ed} (~~11/24/63~~) was a pilot and a detective (and an alleged homosexual and narcotics addict) it is impossible to believe it is not the ~~same~~ Ferrie that the New Orleans' newspapers describe as "a private investigator and pilot." Also, the NO papers describe Ferrie as having been arrested (in NO on 11/25/63) for "unlawful flight from Texas." If he hadnot been arrested and out on bail (which would infer he could not leave the state until trial) then why when he left Texas was he arrested for "unlawful flight?" Ferrie (according to this morning's paper said he was not in Dallas at all. This is ridiculous. The back-dated deposition is entirely too clear-cut to be ignored.

But I don't need to outline all this for you. Don't you think Garrison's statement (and Long's) in regard to Lee's possible innocence is significant, even if it is recanted later?

Much love,
S.

The Baker letter seems singularly unimportant now, but it should be for the record.