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Dear Masland:

Although I have been able to accumulate a considerable collection of assassination buff material, financial stringencies have kept me from acquiring your writings on the subject, I know from a letter of yours in the now defunct magazine Look that you have formed a low opinion about Garrison. I have no hostility about Garrison, and am basically neutral about him. He missed the boat completely by being misdirected from two sources. Mark Lane and Ramparts Magazine have influenced him to ignore certain aspects of the matter, and the Jack S. Martin whose name ceased to appear in the Media, before Clay Shaw was brought to trial has messed Garrison up even more. Martin was publicised extensively as seeking to have Ferris investigated by Garrison in 1963 after the story broke in the papers. Jack S. Martin is personally definitely a CIA man. He has virtually admitted it to me and when he stayed with me and my wife in 1967. He was working with Garrison's office as a deputy Sheriff in Orleans parish, and apparently dropped out of the Garrison team before the Clay Shaw trial took place. A letter ascribed to Ferris which I consider genuine, and which documents my theory was published in the sensational magazine Confidential in 1969. I had assumed that the source of the article was a Garris columnist in the Los Angeles area where the magazine was published, but restudying it on the basis of knowing Martin's writing style, leaves me confident that the army officer named "Perich back" who wrote the article and said he had amicably separated himself from

37 references, I am not using it as a term of reproach. I am well aware of the ecclesiastical under world which functions in my family of churches, giving us our bad reputation among Anglicans, but I have become un-pleasantly aware that our ecclesiastical under world functioning in the Episcopal and Roman Catholic Churches. As a result I have briefly been a clergyman in the same small church as David H. Ferris. My contact with him was somewhat limited. His intrigues with an Archbishop Richard Arthur Marchena caused me to quarrel with my former bishop and return to the Episcopal Church in lay commission. I have had somewhat more contact with Jack S. Martasi who stayed with me on two occasions in 1963 and 1967, and know a bit about Ferris from him.

I believe that Ferris was either a Castro agent or an adventurer seeking to build something to sell to Castro. The latter assumption is the more probable. The matter of an extreme radical right being involved is a matter of Ferris working to frame people publicized at the time as being of the Radical right. I have personal knowledge to substantiate this. In 1962 the late Judge Leander Perez and others were excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church for issuing a literature advocating racial segregation by the late Archbishop Ronald of New Orleans. Friends of these excommunicated contacted my former bishop the Rt. Rev. George A. Hyde in Washington with a view to them joining our small church. They naturally decided that Bishop Hyde was a complete nut because he tried to sell them on believing in racial integration while joining his church on the basis of being against excommunication, as a result our small church was one which the followers of Judge Perez could be trusted to be completely ignorant of as one they would not touch with a ten foot pole.

I am at the present time organizing a number of groups of

5 Kenneth Ross in the publication of the Gongora story. Martin was naturally interested in working to hog all the publicity value of the Kennedy assassination for Prophetas Church; I was ruined financially, and because of very crooked church politics in the Episcopal Church I have not been able to get back on my feet.

I am writing a book, *The Assassination Mystery*, an Ecclesiastical approach. To those who donate to the PESTS, I will send carbons of the manuscript in installments. When and if I raise the cash I will have the installments mimeographed. Eventually I will have it ~~mimeographed~~ printed by off-set and advertise it.

I do not know your religious faith, and I need to point out that I consider a person's religion their own business, and I am opposed on general principle to proselyting. I can sound like a bigot when I get going on matters affecting my own faith, but that is because I am 'bugged' over my own personal religious freedom being compromised by people wanting to proselyte me. Hence, if it should turn out that you are an Episcopalian, you are either going to be one hundred per cent opposed to me or one hundred per cent in favor of my positions, and on the other hand, if you are not one, you will not be sure what I am talking about when I refer to the Episcopal Church.

I am deeply opposed to Paul Moore Junior the Episcopal Bishop of New York. When I returned to the Episcopal Church I had the misfortune to become a communicant member of Saint Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church of which the Reverend Master William A. Wadell is unworthy Rector.

I originally broke with Bishop Hyde because I distrusted Martin. However, I wrote him a letter "cussing him out" and because of him appealing me we became friends. He gave cause to Wadell, not mad at Bishop Hyde after visiting him, because

? Assassination: It was not functioning in Memphis but was active in Toronto, Canada where James Earl Ray was recruited.

Naturally if I succeed in my current projects, and if I can get publicity in the New York area with Cultural people in Harlem being made to ~~consider~~ consider the possibility that Paul Moore Junior has been part of a plot to keep the truth of the assassination of Martin Luther King from coming to light, Paul Moore Junior is going to be messed up considerably in furthering various activities of his which I oppose.

For that reason I need friends and backers in the New York area. Even though you are ~~not~~ possibly not an Episcopalian, I would still like you for a friend. Archbishop <sup>Walter</sup> ~~Robert~~ Propheta has died. His son Robert Propheta has taken over the Church, but has dropped his Lutheran anti-communist program, and is excommunicating every body who talks about it, so his church is disrupting. Because of this situation, I also need friends in New York who do not have to be Episcopalians in order to be interested in my approach.

There are a large number of angles in which Howard Hunt and Watergate tie in with the assassination in 1963. I believe that it is more than possible that the whole truth will be brought to light. From my point of view the important thing is to see that the president elected in ~~the~~ 1980 is not assassinated.

If I hear from you with a donation enclosed, I will enroll you in the P.E.S.T.s. I have been able so far to enroll Bernard Fensterwald and Sherman Skolnick. If you can give me names and addresses of assassination buffs

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