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Dear Mrs. Meagher:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 18th. I appreciated your comments on the Crisman matter.

We have recently acquired a limited amount of new information on Crisman, and we are optimistic that our efforts will be further rewarded. As you suggested, we have encountered no basis for the alleged connection between Crisman and the JFK assassination. But for what reason did Garrison subpoena Crisman? Why did he try to connect Crisman, indirectly or directly, with the assassination? What served as Garrison's original motivation in doing this?

Penn Jones has suggested that Crisman "was a courier for some spy organization, possibly the CIA". Jones recently stated that Crisman has used the alias "Bowen" and "other names". I have copies of letters from Crisman (to a friend of mine, written in late 1967, early 1968) in which he uses the name "F. Lee". Also, some rather puzzling correspondence between Crisman, Harold Dahl (his "associate" in the Maury Island affair) and UFO researcher Gary Lesley of Auburn, Wash. was reprinted last year in the British MERSEYSIDE UFO BULLETIN.

It seems that Crisman's exact place of residence is largely unknown, and he uses 928 N. Grant, Tacoma, as his mailing address. A friend of mine, who recently moved from Texas to Tacoma, is doing some research for me in that area. He tells me that 928 N. Grant is the residence of one D.H. White.

I recently wrote to Crisman at that address, on the pretense that I was attempting to ascertain if there had been any recent UFO activity in the Maury Island area. I received a brief reply from Crisman which I will quote, in toto: (dated Sept. 8) "Dear Mr. Thomas(sic): Thank you for your letter of inquiry. I found it to be most interesting. I am afraid that I cannot add any information to what you are already informed of..and I would not try. You will be interested to know, I am sure, that I will have a book out this coming March, that will cover the story and most of the events of a later date. A great many people have written many words that are not exactly true about the events to which you refer. Thank you for your letter. Yours truly, (signed) Fred L. Crisman."

Thank you for the information on George E. Rennar. I will contact him shortly. Bud Fensterwald suggested I contact Harold Porter (4237 Shoshone St., Tacoma 94866) in regard to Crisman. Fensterwald also states that he has a "thick file" on Crisman.

An associate of mine in Pennsylvania is engaged in compiling a report on our findings thus far in the Crisman matter. This report will be passed along to various interested investigators, and we'll be certain to send you a copy.

Perhaps you have read THE COMING OF THE SAUCERS by Kenneth Arnold and Ray Palmer, a book which has, unfortunately, acquired somewhat of a "sensational" aura in the more "objective" circles. A well-known (and perhaps the most well-informed) UFO investigator (for whom I have high regard) has said that "Arnold's account of the Maury Island affair is the most important single document in ufology".

Also, Mort Sahl, in a televised interview, has said that Crisman was a CIA agent.

A lot of people, it seems, are making allegations; but my concern and my interest is in the basis, if any, for these allegations. We must speculate, perhaps, not allege, until allegations can be, and are, backed up by solid data. This is our "procedural philosophy", if you will, in UFO investigations as well as in the investigation of the Crisman matter, ~~per se~~ per se.

We have been involved this year in UFO investigations in the San Luis Valley area of Colorado. This, if you will recall, was the site of the famous (or infamous) "Snippy Incident" in 1967. Operating out of East Texas State University, we visited Colorado in March, spending 8 days in that area. This is almost a continuous "flap" area or Window area, as some would term it. We presented our March findings to several scientists, and proposed to Hynek that he join us in the area this summer. He is now aware, at least, of the scope of the phenomena in that area. However, Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle of the Univ. of Wyoming is even more aware of this. We are compiling reports from our notes which we will send to you as soon as this is completed. I feel that you may find it of interest.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas R. Adams