

Tuesday 6/30/70 Unplanned lunch at UN cafeteria with Jack Barnes, UN correspondent for El Tiempo and stringer for AP, at UN about 10 years--listed in UNCA directory at 116 West 14 St Wa 4-2750; Home 17-89 166th St Whitestone NY 11357, BA 9-7968. No UN room no. or extension indicated.

States that Stanley Ross left El Tiempo about 3 years ago, became public relations consultant to about 4 large Latin American governments, made a pile. Describes paper as still conservative, now edited by a Swede (Ross hailed from Far Rockaway bungalow colony owners).

Interested in headaches, as medical problem afflicting 6 million globally. Used to work for the old Bklyn Dodgers, now not interested baseball.

Got onto subject of JFK 11/22/63. Claimed to be highly knowledgeable on question, as result of off-record interviews in Dallas after 1963, especially with Ruby associates who freely said, not for attribution, Ruby talked about murdering Oswald, in advance, saying, what could they do to him? he would become world-famous. Barnes did, however, know about the Cabana motel, built with Teamster money, and Ruby's familiarity with the motel. Said also Ruby was in the Mafia.

But Barnes not really familiar with evidence in LHO case. For example, raised the old saw about rifles do not give off white smoke when fired; raised stale fiction that LHO in letter threatened Connally; anyone capable of the marksmanship--after all, LHO hit wrong man, really intended to "get" Governor.

Told him early along that I was student of the case, which inhibited him somewhat from making further nonsensical assertions. He does know Larry Schiller, used him as photographer on a story he was covering (not on LHO case). Great guy, but invariably late in delivering his photos, only thing he has against him.

He himself raised the question of the old deranged Cuban whom Stanley Ross was citing in support of his fixation re Castro-inspired conspiracy, seemed to suggest or at least agree that was a bale of s---t.