

Clippings: For items #319 through #526, see pp. 2-4. I have now taken care of a large backlog of material not directly related to the JFK case. Please continue to send me anything nontrivial on the JFK case, and anything else of special interest.

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Acoustics:

As we await the NAS report, the only real news in this area is that Gary Mack has found a tape of a bell in Dealey Plaza! As detailed in the May 22 issue of Penn Jones' TCI, the sound of a bell was recorded in some KXAS-TV newsfilm shot in 1964 for an anniversary program. It looks like this may well be the same bell recorded on the DPD tape about 7 seconds after the last shot. Tests are continuing.

When Barger first discovered the bell on the DPD tape, he cited it as evidence that sounds (and not just static) were being recorded at that time. The HSC was not able to identify a bell in Dealey Plaza. Since there could well have been a stronger signal coming from a second open microphone when the bell sounded, this was not proof that the apparent shots came from somewhere other than the Plaza. Various critics of the acoustical evidence, notably Anthony Pellicano, have nonetheless argued that the bell on the tape invalidates Barger's analysis; Pellicano claims to have found a bell elsewhere near the motorcade route. If Gary Mack's bell matches the DPD tape, this already unpersuasive argument against the HSC analysis will be completely disproved.

According to a Zodiac News Service report (July 27, #527), the Ramsey panel report is now being promised in "late August." ZNS could get no explanation from anyone at the NAS for the delay, other than the observation that "differences of opinion often come up when scientists confront facts." The panel is described as having 12 members. The relevant NAS press officer is said to be Howard Lewis, at (202) 389-6511.

A story by George Lardner, headlined "Acoustics experts hit FBI on JFK shooting," appeared on July 7 (#528). It quoted at some length from the material Stokes had put in the Congressional Record two months earlier (#220-228), adding little other than a "no comment" from the FBI. The most interesting thing about this story is that it appeared at all.

Earl Golz' article (DMN, July 9, #529) focuses on predictions made by Blakey. Blakey expects the NAS to criticize the HSC for doing a detailed study of only one shot, and to dismiss the FBI's study as irrelevant. NAS spokesman Barbara Jorgenson said that the report "is not going to end the controversy. This is only going to answer one small part." Ramsey declined to talk about the report because "we are trying to get it pulled together but we haven't yet." A source said that Alvarez strongly disagreed with Barger's method.

The general budget bill approved on June 26 included no funds for the NSF. The NSF money, and other research funds, were intentionally dropped, so there could be closer scrutiny later. (28 June, WP, #530) It would be a surprise if the NSF became very enthusiastic about doing the additional acoustical work which should be done.

Books and authors:

* 531. [2 pp.] 29 Apr 81; my rough handwritten notes on a taped appearance by Blakey on WGN (Chicago). [Tape provided by J. Meek.] Blakey speculated that the intended role of the grassy knoll gunman had been to kill Oswald when he was brought out of the TSB, and that he fired at JFK only when it appeared that LHO had missed twice. (How was he supposed to have gotten access to Oswald? By posing as a Secret Service agent? [My speculation here, not Blakey's.]) Blakey also suggested that, if it were not for Ruby killing Oswald, the strongest evidence of conspiracy would point in the direction of the Russians and Cubans. But he also acknowledged a "possibility" of involvement by intelligence people unhappy over the Bay of Pigs; he said there were deeply suspicious circumstances, which are not in the book because they could not be established beyond just suspicion. Jeff Meek called and asked about Souetre; Blakey said they took that [Continued on page 6]

- 356. (May '81) (Dinges, Bay Guardian) "Did Haig read his own intelligence reports?" (on El Salvador) [2 pp.]
- 357. Apr. '81 (Fetherling, Quest [Toronto]) "Yellow sky: How the U.S. Army used Whinnepeters as guinea pigs" (spraying tests in 1953) [6 pp.]
- 358. 4 Apr 81 (WP) "Vernon Walters with Haig on Mideast trip"
- 359. 7 Apr (AP in CT) "Frank Emmick ... dies; held by Cuba as spy" ('63-77)
- 360. 13 Apr (LAT) "Cuba accused U.S. exporter [Emmick] of link to CIA"
- 361. 11 Apr (McGehee, Nation) "The CIA & the white paper on El Salvador" (A censored article by an ex-CIA agent) [3 pp.]
- 362. 16 Apr (WS) "Newsman's [H. Salisbury's] suit claiming NSA spying dismissed"
- 363. 25 Apr (JA, WP) "Agency turf fight jeopardized [Kampiles] spy trial"
- 364. 5 May (Montreal Gazette) (Suit by NP's wife on Cameron's CIA-LSD work)
- 365. 6-7 May (same paper) (More on Velma Orlikov's suit)
- 366. 11 May (LAT) (Review of film, "The Private Files of J. Edgar Hoover")
- 367. 14 May (WG) "Orlikov accepts \$50,000" and (13 Jan 80) "Ungrateful Mounties gave me the bounce, paid informer says"
- 368. 30 May (GL, WP) "FBI reverses self on existence of 'Black Bag File'" (At first offered to Theoharis for \$39,000 at 10¢/page. 66-1686 file?)
- 369. 1 Jun (Daily Cal) "FBI wants Chinese scholars to defect"
- 370. 5 Jun (Daily Cal) "Alleged CIA front [Committee for the Free World] has UC members" [2 pp.]
- 371. 22 Jul (LAT) "Carter authorized spying on allies, [Atlanta] paper reports"
- The Reagan Shooting:**
- 372. 31 Mar 81 [33 pp.] The first-day coverage by the Washington Post
- 373. 6 Apr [2444-10 pp.] 3 articles from "New Solidarity," the paper of the U.S. Labor Party (or whatever they are calling themselves this time). Lots of allegedly sinister alleged linkages to the alleged assailant.
- 374. 1 Apr (WP) "Haig's actions again raise concern over his conduct" [3 pp.]
- Other shootings:**
- 375. 10 Jan 81 (New Musical Express, England) "Was Lennon shot to order?" (Oswald, Sirhan, Ray, Chapman - "four micro-chipped maniacs?" The best part is the headline on the continuation page: "Carry on conspiring".) [3 pp.]
- 376. 22 Mar (WP) "Anatomy of a Washington rumor" - that Bush had been shot at a "friend's" home. By Janet Cooke (I) & B. Weiser. [3 pp.]
- 377. 22 Mar (DNR) "[WP] Report pokes hole in Bush rumor"
- 378. 29 May (NYT) "Coast prosecutors seek to extend Sirhan term" past 9/84
- 379. 14 Jun (Sunday Telegraph) "'Lynch him' shouts after shots at Queen" [3 pp.]
- Terpili & Wilson:**
- 380. 8 May 81 (WS) "U.S. probing 2 ex-CIA aides for ties to terrorist training"
- 381. 14 Jun (Hersh, NYT Mag) [16 pp.] "The Quaddafi Connection"
- 382. 21 Jun [14 pp.] Part Two of #381. Over my head, but clearly important.
- 383. 21 Jun (Cheshire, WP) (British crew working on a documentary on Terpil.)
- Jim Housan "may take a brief hiatus from his encyclopedic 'new-look-at-Watergate' book project to act as coordinator-consultant."
- 384. 28 Jun (Observer) "Oxford picnic for gunrunner [Terpil] and the Jackal"
- 385. 17 Jul (SFC) "Ex-CIA agent linked to attack on Libyan" in Colorado
- Miscellaneous:** (Organized crime, organized government, etc. - mostly etc.)
- 386. 25 Sep 76 (NYT) [3 pp.] (Re collapse of American Bank and Trust. With background on the Gravers of Argentina. James Earl Ray claims to think that David Gravier was involved in the plot against MLK.) (See #1981.52.)
- 387. 20 Jun 80 (New Solidarity) "Fernindex attacks LaRouche music renaisance program." [4 pp.] See, it's like this: British intelligence gave us Stravinsky, rock 'n roll, and MK-Ultra....
- 388. 7 1981 (Penthouse) Interview of Roy Cohn [5 pp.]
- 389. 16 Mar 81 (JA, WP) "Libertines caper in Washington hotels" (Congressmen, etc.)
- 390. 29 Mar (WP) "The Paula Parkinson story" (More sex in Washington) [4 pp.]
- 391. 30 Mar (WP) "Hunt family makes last-ditch effort to halt U.S. probe..." [2 pp.]
- 392. 10 Apr (WSJ) "Labor department to cede some data from its union probe"

- * **Clippings: Intelligence & Information** (Current developments: FOIA, libel, terrorism, the press, domestic spying, constraints on the agencies, etc.)
- 319. 12-18 Nov 80 (Jeff Stein, Village Voice) [4 pp.] "Spooking the Spook-Namers" (The government vs. the CAIB people)
- 320. 11 Mar 81 (Lardner, WP) "Reagan to ease curb on domestic spying, CIA official (Inman) confirms" [2 pp.]
- 321. 12 Mar 81 (NStar) "CIA's No. 2 man (Inman) says he fights 'repugnant' changes" (re CIA activities, and might resign if they are adopted)
- 322. 14 Mar 81 (Lardner, WP) "CIA's deputy (Inman) assures Senators he does not favor spying in U.S."
- 323. 4 Apr 81 (Wright, MN (in SFC)) Cartoon, with "National Enquirer" headline: "Carol Burnett wins suit, flees in UFO after ruining freedom of press"
- 324. 8-9 Apr 81 (Lardner, WP) "Ban on disclosure of CIA agents urged" and (UPI, WP) "ACLU assails bill to protect agents"
- 325. 14 Apr 81 (deBorchgrave, WP) "The KGB's bead on the media"
- 326. 16 Apr 81 (NYT) "President Pardons 2 Ex-FBI Officials" (Felt, Miller)
- 327. 17 Apr 81 (WP) Herblock cartoon on Felt-Miller pardons
- 328. 20 Apr 81 (Lardner, WP) "Assault on terrorism: Internal security or witch hunt?" [3 pp.] (On Sen. Denton's hearings)
- 329. 21 Apr 81 (Lardner, WP) "Liberals seeking to bury anti-terrorism bill"
- 330. 23 Apr 81 (NYT) "[Elmer Gertz] wins \$400,000 in suit for libel [v. Welch]"
- 331. 26 Apr 81 (London Observer) "Ghost of McCarthy stalks Capitol Hill"
- 332. 30 Apr 81 (Yoder, WS) "Sen. Denton & memories of McCarthyism"
- 333. 5 May 81 (Lardner, WP) "White House to press 'reform' of FOIA"
- 334. 9 May 81 (GL, WP) "Sen. Denton & ACLU wrangle over exposing ... agents"
- 335. 15 May 81 (GL, WP) "Reagan won't rule out 'black bag jobs' in national security cases"
- 336. 6 Jun 81 (Getler, WP) "Administration attempting to stem information flow to a trickle" [2 pp.]
- 337. 21 Jun 81 (Armstrong, WP) "Secret Service split into 2 camps by pending Treasury appointment" (of Robert Powis, above SS director Stuart Knight) [2 pp.]
- 338. 24 Jun 81 (GL, WP) "Court to abandon issuing warrants for black-bag jobs"
- 339. July 1981 (Judis, Progressive) [3 pp.] "Disinformation" from the times: A disturbing drift toward the Right" (Notes use of Epstein and the "Spike" bunch.)
- 340. Jul-Aug '81 (Lardner, Wash. Journ. Rev.) "Putting a tighter lid on FOIA" [2 p]
- 341. Jul-Aug '81 (Glass, WJR) "The Secret Service vs. the Press" [3 pp.]
- 342. 15 Jul 81 (UPI) (CIA abolishes its Office of Public Affairs)
- 343. 22 Jul 81 (AP) "Classified secrets got out under [FOIA], spy chiefs say"
- * **CIA Personnel Matters:**
- 344. 21 Apr 81 (WS) "SEC investigator (Sporkin) to join his ex-boss at the CIA"
- 345. 23 Apr (McGrory, WS) "From SEC bloodhound to the CIA's lawyer" (Sporkin)
- 346. 16 May (WP) "Pagers drawn for new CIA 'spymaster'" (Hugel)
- 347. 14 Jul (WP) "CIA spymaster is accused of improper stock practices" [7 pp.]
- 348. 15 Jul (AP) "Top spies embroiled in fraud charges"
- 349. 21 Jul (SFX) "CIA-linked broker [McNeill] missing"
- * **Intelligence matters:** (old and recent operations, etc.)
- 350. 12 Feb 79 (Maclean's [Canada]) "The CIA affair: a bad trip revisited" [3 pp.] (Dr. Cameron of McGill Univ. and mind control)
- 351. 1979 [14 pp.] Transcript of "Who killed Georgi Markov?" (The Bulgarians?)
- 352. 1981? (London Sunday Times Mag.) "The deadly legacy of anthrax island" [9 pp.] (1941 British biological warfare experiments)
- 353. 30 Mar 81 (Jack Anderson, WP) "CIA toys with extra-sensory weapons"
- 354. Apr. 81 (Fred Landis, CAIB) "Spies and the Reagan Victory: The October 22 Movement" [6 pp.] A rather strange and unsuccessful attempt to put it all together. Landis, as well as Don Freed and John Cummings (Newsday), is being sued by David Phillips because of allegations in the Letellier case.
- 355. Apr 81 (Lawrence, CAIB) "Mail surveillance" [3 pp.] Still going on? Some interesting details on techniques.

- 393. 14 Apr 81 (Daily Cal) "Gregory takes his audience on activist tour of U.S."
- 394. 14 Apr (Barone, WP) "The Senate the staff built" (Preludes the former Democratic majority staff, which played an "entrepreneurial role" in "expanding and strengthening government" - just the sort of thing which upset Bellin.)
- 395. 16 Apr (JA, WP) "The [Kremlin's] gray-haired dabblers in doom"
- 396. 16 Apr (WP) (The Post's own exposé of the Janet Cooke Pulitzer hoax.) [12 pp.] Does anyone have a conspiracy theory to go with this? Gul bono?
- 397. 23 Apr (AP, NYT) "U.S. acts to widen Teamster suit"
- 398. 24-26 Apr (Oakland Tribune) [7 pp.] Coverage of the Chicago bugging hoax involving former Oakland schools chief Ruth Love. The truth always emerges?
- 399. 26 Apr (NY) "Iran rebel's days at UC" [3 pp.]
- 400. 25 Apr (WP) "Liberty Lobby ex-official says Richardson had important role"
- 401. 27 Apr (Pillggi, NY) "The Godfather and the [private security] Guards" [4 pp.]
- 402. 29 Apr (Broder, WP) "Ted Kennedy persists" in opposing Reagan
- 403. 14 May (Kohn, R. Stone) "Inside the gun lobby" [12 pp.]
- 404. 18 May (Adevek) "Jack Anderson starting muckracking monthly" (The Investigator) (It always amazes me how much bad reporting gets into Anderson's column and past the Post's editors - stuff I doubt they would accept from their own reporters. If the HSC gave any serious scrutiny to Anderson's role in the spread of the CIA-Mafia-JFK plot stories, I am not aware of it.)
- 405. 27 May (Broder, WP) "Mr. Meese versus civil liberties" (and the ACLU, which he called part of the "criminals' lobby")
- 406. 5 Jun (White House press releases) Remarks of Reagan and Ted Kennedy at the presentation of the Robert Kennedy medal. [3 pp.]
- 407. 6 Jun (WS) "Kennedy memorials stir a Presidential ceremony"
- 408. 6 Jun (WP) "RFK and the spirit of a generation"
- 409. 9 Jun (Germond & Wilcover) "Would America be much different if Robert Kennedy had lived?"
- 410. 9 Jun (Cox, NYT) (On Timeman, Argentina, and David Gravier [See #386]) [12 pp.]
- 411. 11 Jun (JA, WP) "Garter aide central to Vesco case"; and
- 412. 12 Jun (JA, WP) "Vesco jury thwarted, evidence indicates"
- 413. 15 Jun (Guardian England) [4 pp.] (Norm Chomsky on the cold war)
- 414. 19 Jun (same paper) (Two letters in rebuttal to Chomsky)
- 415. 15 Jun (Guardian) "How to survive a nuclear fight"; and
- 416. 18 Jul (WP) "Allegations [of ties to crook with organized crime connections] imperil nomination of envoy to Ireland [M. McCann]" [3 pp.] McCann's alleged close associate Louis Oster was indicted in June with Trafficante.
- 417. 17 Jul (GI, WP) "Bill to prohibit naming U.S. spies to be changed"

* Still more clippings: (Not sorted by topic. All are from the S.F. Chronicle (or, on Sundays, the Examiner); sometimes the original source is indicated. This is the one newspaper I read regularly.)

- 418. 17 Jan 81 (AP) "Cuban exiles [Alpha 66 again] busted in boat" in Florida
- 419. 18 Jan (Evans & Novak) (Turner gave Sen. Bayh a CIA medal)
- 420. 18 Jan "A king [Afghan] and wizard [Merbell] in waiting" [2 pp.]
- 421. 21 Jan (WP) "4 [Iran] hostages with CIA, scholar thinks"
- 422. 23 Jan (Deportation order against Marcello upheld) (Brief item & photo)
- 423. 24 Jan (WP) "Mafia boss, 76, [Tixer] gets prison term"
- 424. 25 Jan (Nolan) (Goulum critical of Bonanno prosecution)
- 425. 1 Feb (Nugent, Balt. Sun) "Rich California kids who [became] traitors" (Boyce)
- 426. 5 Feb (JA, WP) "Dark Acts" (US government interest on weapons based on ESP)
- 427. 7 Feb "Unique censorship plan for U.S. code research"
- 428. 8 Feb (Knight) "Libel suits don't silence this tattler" (National Enquirer)
- 429. 8 Feb (Book-of-the-month Club ed. including "Best Evidence") [2 pp.]
- 430. 12 Feb "Casino Board OKs Sinatra" despite allegations re Mafia [2 pp.]

- 431. 16 Feb (WP) "Exiles reviving campaign against Castro" (Alpha 66 and others)
- 432. 16 Feb (NY) [2 pp.] "How Russians plotted to recruit U.S. aide [to Bush]"
- 433. 18 Feb "Insiders say [Oakland] DA Jensen" to get A&C-Criminal Division job
- 434. 19 Feb (JA) "Hostage footnote" (Terpil got Amin to interfere)
- 435. 21 Feb "Publishers want their money back from John Mitchell"
- 436. 21 Feb [2 pp.] "Beauty strips Penthouse" of \$26.5 million - libel suit
- 437. 22 Feb "[Jensen] says white-collar crooks won't be overlooked" by JD
- 438. 24 Feb (JA) "Two swindlers" (Abscam, Vesco, Liddy, etc.)
- 439. 24 Feb (AP) (Supreme Court allows LaCosta-Penthouse suit to proceed)
- 440. 28 Feb (AP) "New Reagan-Sinatra fuse" (Sen. Proxmire angry at AG Smith)
- 441. 1 Mar - 26 Apr [8 pp.] Best-seller lists (top 10 nationally and locally), from the NY Times. Status of "Best Evidence" nationally: 3/1, #6; 3/8, #5; 3/15, #4; 3/22, #6; 4/5, #5; 4/12, #5; 4/19, #9; 4/26, #10. It didn't get on the local top ten, which combines fiction and non-fiction.
- 442. 1 Mar (NYT) "Your father is a spy"; eventually, CIA children have to be told" [2 pp.]
- 443. 2 Mar (JA) (By the widow of Joe Kytowski, CIA station chief in S. America.) (On the intelligence background of Tom Paulsen of ACTON)
- 444. 2 Mar (AP) "Castro shot down a U-2 [in October 1962], book [by Franqui] says" (That is, he personally pushed the button.)
- 445. 2 Mar (AP) "Gun of Reagan guard fired by accident"
- 446. 2 Mar (AP) "FBI chief rejects call for [authority for] political probe"
- 447. 3 Mar (WP) "The man who brought pride back to the FBI" (Webster) [2 pp.]
- 448. 4 Mar (Salvadoresan rightist [D'Aubisson] claims to have met with CIA)
- 449. 5 Mar (JA) "Dangerous man" (Fernando Vecchio of the DOI)
- 450. 5 Mar (Herb Caen notes that Mae Brussell has learned that Jean Harris owned a home on Buller Hole Road.)
- 451. 5 Mar (WP) "Murky [CIA] doubts in Mozambique"
- 452. 7 Mar (WP) "Publisher found guilty of perjury" as FBI goes after Omega 7
- 453. 8 Mar (TV) Lacking reference to Liffon's 3/9 S.F. appearance)
- 454. 10 Mar (WP) "Kleindienst is in trouble" with the Arizona Bar
- 455. 10 Mar (WP) "Court clears John Mitchell in Panther case" (wiretaps)
- 456. 11 Mar (AP) "The CIA plea [by Tamm] for snooping" (Cf. #320-322)
- 457. 14 Mar (AP) "CIA official tells Senate he rejects spying in U.S." [2 pp.]
- 458. 16 Mar (JA, WP) "Kiss and tell" (Sex in government in D.C. - same as #389)
- 459. 18 Mar (JA, WP) "Spies [KGB] at the U.N." (Malthe's assistant)
- 460. 20 Mar (JA) "Behind the [Jonestown] story" (NBC backed off a story?)
- 461. 24 Mar (LAT) "New spy story shocks Britain" [2 pp.] (Allegation that Roger Hollis, head of counterintelligence, was a KGB mole)
- 462. 25 Mar (AP) "British paper's new espionage report" (Labor party head an agent?)
- 463. 27 Mar (WP) "1963 disclosure: writer [Michael Straight] who told on a Soviet spy [Anthony Blunt]" (Straight said he told RPK in 1963.)
- 464. 27 Mar (WP) "[Hollis] spy story not true, Thatcher says" [2 pp.]

* (But he had been investigated in the early 1970's.)

- 465. 27 Mar (AP) "\$1.6 million: Burnett wins suit against Enquirer" [2 pp.]
- 466. 28 Mar (AP) "Challenge to CIA" by McGeehe, re allegations in article (#361)
- 467. 29 Mar (CT) "A resurgence of Cuban diehards trying to overthrow Castro"
- 468. 30 Mar (AP) "[Harold] Wilson tells of British coup plot" in 1968
- 469. 30 Mar (AP) "The [British] spy who missed the road to Kitty Hawk" (1903)
- 470. 1 Apr (JA) (Quotes E. Lefever's denunciation of MKK in 1970)
- 471. 1 Apr "S.F. germ test trial awaiting judge's verdict" (Nevan case)
- 472. 2 Apr "[Panther] Pract loses murder case plea" (Despite FBI COMINT/PRO orders to neutralize him) (He claims he was framed.)
- 473. 3 Apr "More chemical tests by the Army [near S.F.] revealed" (OTA docs)
- 474. 4 Apr "Charles Renfrew: A recurrence from the war on crime" (ex-deputy AG)
- 475. 5 Apr (AP) "Marches, rallies mark King assassination date, mourn Atlanta children"
- 476. 9 Apr (JA) (Comments by Gen. Graham, DIA, re D'Aubisson meeting) (Cf. #448)
- 477. 14 Apr "How S.F. lawyers would defend Hinckley" (Bellini noted one "remarkable similarity" - like Hinckley's letter to Foster, " Oswald left a note to his wife telling her that she would be proud of what he had done." Oy!! [2 pp.]

- 478. 15 Apr (UP) "Former Attorney General [Richard] indicted" (perjury)
- 479. 16 Apr (LAT) "Reagan pardons two former FBI officials" [2 pp.]
- 480. 16 Apr (LAT) "Leak folds secret FBI probe of Youngstown mob war"
- 481. 18 Apr (AP) "Leaky roof led to discovery of hidden microphone and camera."
- 481. 18 Apr (AP) "Reagan names 3 [including former WC staffer Richard Meek] to U.S.-Iran panel" (Status tribunal)
- 482. 22 Apr (JA) "Donovan's power" (organized crime allegations)
- 483. 25 Apr (Bill Turner) "Reflections of a second-story man" (on the pardons) [2 pp.]
- 484. 25 Apr (LAT) "Senate witnesses blame world terror on Russians"
- 485. 26 Apr (Ch. S-T) "[Ruch] Love's top aide tells of the 'White lie' that got out of hand" [3 pp.]
- 486. 29 Apr (UP) "Russians say crises stir up U.S. military" (Russians quote the London Times as saying that when Reagan was shot, the military sent out a flash message saying it might be the work of the Russians.)
- 487. 5 May (LAT) "U.S. restricts information act" (Ag's new policy) [2 pp.]
- 488. 7 May (Doonesbury cartoon) "Nelson Cohn" discovers the Mob behind Zonker's retirement from competitive tanning.
- 489. 7 May (NT) "Deep throat getting known" (Ben Bradlee the elder now knows. Who is it? "None of your business" he explained.) Thanks loads, Ben.
- 490. 11 May "Another eccentric genius in North Beach?" (Jack Sarfaty, Ph. D. physicist and, umm, "conspiratorialist.") [2 pp.]
- 491. 11 May (UP) (James Earl Ray's wife says she has enlisted the aid of Hosea Williams in hopes of freeing her husband.)
- 492. 14 May (UP) "New report on why the shah was allowed to enter the U.S." (According to the NYI, lobbying by Kissinger, Rockefeller, and McCloy, with some creative interpretation of the medical evidence.)
- 493. 18 May (UP) "Reagan 'strategy' to oust Khatadzy" (but not assassination)
- 494. 19 May (WP) "Big furor over Reagan's spy boss [Hugel]" (Cf. #346)
- 495. 21 May "Judge throws out [Neval] suit on Army's germ tests in S.F."
- 496. 23 May (AP) "New Teamsters boss [Williams] indicted" (with Allen Dorfman) [2 pp.]
- 497. 28 May (LAT) "DA trying to extend Sirhan's term" (Cf. #378)
- 498. 30 May (LAT) "[State AG] Deukmejian warns about Chicago mob" (Spillorro)
- 499. 7 Jun "FBI bribery scandal" (clerk in Chicago and mob information)
- 500. 8 Jun (AP) "Suspect says drug agents [DEA] killed U.S. judge [Wood]"
- 501. 14 Jun (LAT) "Mixon's tapes keep rolling" (Some good stuff is still to be released) [2 pp.]
- 502. 16 Jun (JA) (Re possible prior US/JA knowledge of Israeli attack on Iraq)
- 503. 18 Jun (LAT) "Chappquiddick bridge threatened" by demolition - unsafe
- 504. 26 Jun (JA) (Two ex-CIA men who turned down an offer from Terpil & Wilson)
- 505. 26 Jun (AP) "Wine Crostians [nationalists] held in murders" (charged with conspiracy and violation of the NICO statute)
- 506. 30 Jun (JA) (Terpil, Wilson, and Task Force 157, a Navy intelligence-gathering operation. Inman fired Wilson from TF 157 and later broke it up.)
- 507. 4 Jul (AP) "Science budget faces crisis" (notably NSF)
- 508. 5 Jul (UP) "U.S. marshal sues [Demetris and Fratianno] for \$5 million"
- 509. 6 Jul (Broder on McCloy on his recent visit to Berlin. McCloy is 86, but "spry of step, quick of wit and as focused in his analysis as in his remaining." Was that an impostor testifying at the HSC's public hearings?)
- 510. 7 Jul (Harper, WP) "The secret U.S. 'war' with China" [3 pp.] (JFK considered destroying the Chinese nuclear program in collaboration with Russia.)
- 511. 9 Jul (Herb Caen) (On his visit to Chappquiddick - one of the locals says ERK knew the road and doesn't believe he made a wrong turn.)
- 512. 11 Jul "Bell's sues to clear [the late] Errol Flynn" (He is filing in California in the hope of overturning the prohibition against libel suits in behalf of the dead, which he says dates from 1200 and is out of date. If he wins this one, much less will be publishable in areas of interest to us.)
- 513. 15 Jul (AP) (Ed Asner and Jack Anderson, both of whom portray reporters, testify in favor of the FOIA.)
- 514. 15 Jul (NYT on Hugel resignation; AP on Casey's court troubles) [3 pp.]
- 515. 16 Jul (AP) "[FOIA] denounced by Reagan aides" (Assistant A.G. Rose)

- 516. 16 Jul (AP) "Ex-Army man arrested as Russian spy" (Joseph Heintch, said to have given cryptography information to the KGB from January 1963 through July 1964, while he was in Paris, and to have maintained contact with the Russians as late as 1980.) Why the delay in prosecution? "Recent developments" now permit it. My question: how, if at all, does this fit in with the known (Epstein-Angleton) history of the war of the moles? Was anything significant happening in Paris at that time?
- 517. 16 Jul (UP) "Spy suspect's [Heintch's] gory war photos" (A weirdo)
- 518. 24 Jul (J. Stone review of DePalma's film "Dion-out," which is sort of about assassinations, conspiracy, and paranoia [as was his "Greetings"])
- 519. 24 Jul (AP) "Reagan's 'secret' crisis in hospital" (Cropped photo)
- 520. 26 Jul (UP) "Confusion! SS snouting at FBI" Based on article in "Washingtonian")
- 520. 26 Jul (UP) "Report of secret offer by a former CIA man in Libya conspiracy" (Plea bargaining by Wilson - he'll capture other fugitives in return for his freedom!)
- 521. 26 Jul "Anti-Communists claim they killed Vietnamese man" in S.F. (A political murder)
- 522. 27 Jul (NT) "CIA's Casey wants Senate hearing"
- 523. 27 Jul (AP) "Libya leader called target of [Casey-approved] CIA plot" (House Committee protested)
- 524. 27 Jul (AP) "Home gunman: FBI rules out plot in Reagan shooting" (The FBI went to "tremendous lengths" to cover indications of conspiracy; 1000-page report done.)
- 525. 27 Jul "How a former spy [Alvin Buckalew, CIA and Army Intelligence] minds his business" (Teaches on the CIA and the KGB at Golden Gate University in S.F.) [2 pp., by Bill Wallace]
- 526. 28 Jul (WP) "Sources name Mauritania [not Libya] as CIA plot target" (And would sources lie to the Washington Post?)

Credits:

Thanks to CPR (#324, 326), M. Ewing (320-2, 325, 327-9, 332-8, 340-1, 344-7, 353, 358, 362-3, 368, 372, 374, 376, 380, 389-91, 394-6, 400, 402, 405-9, 411-2, 416-7), M. Goddard (386, 410) (377), J. Goldberg (330, 368, 378, 383, 397, 401, 404), L. Harris (377), G. Hollingsworth (360, 366), H. Irwin (379), J. Meek (359), R. Penrack (342-3, 348-9, 371, 385, 392), R. Ranftel (319, 354-5, 398-9), M. Royden (352, 375, 413-5), L. Sprosser (387), T. Summers (331, 384), and those of you who prefer to remain anonymous.

Garage Sale: HSC indexes, CIA documents

For a few of the HSC's volumes, I have extra copies of the Meagher-Owens indexes in their draft (typewritten) form. You should get the published indexes, but these might be handy for filing with the volumes themselves. First come, first served - you pay only the postage. I have volume I (2 copies), II (12 cc), IX (4 cc.), X (7 cc.).

In January 1977, the CIA sent me "Batch C," which consists of about 600 pages of documents which had already been released. Supposedly, the only difference is that a two-part ID number has been added to each document in Batch C. The documents are mostly from the Warren Commission period; they include item 13-1 and some of the items between 417-17 and 926-365 (but not all of them). The largest single item is 664-285, a 165-page chronology of Oswald in Russia. I'll send this batch to the highest bidder; closing date: October 1. (Include postage for 6 pounds - \$4.50 to the East.)

Small is beautiful! Can you read this? How about this? If my use of photoreduction for material of secondary importance is a problem, let me know.

Queries: Do you have any questions you want answered? Any answers you want questioned? Looking for a rare document, clipping, or bit of information? Let me know and I'll pass your queries on to the other readers. Please specify if you do not want your name used.

If you have any information, respond to the original questioner (if named below) or to me.

Q1. Anyone have the November 1975 Chicago Independent article on the alleged plot against JFK in Chicago? (Summers, pp. 498, 521)

Q2. Anyone have the Dallas Morning News story of 6 Jan 64, reporting on a June 1963 meeting of Chicago Mafia figures in Dallas? (Miller, p. 108)

Q3. Anyone have an audio or video tape of the PBS coverage of the first day of JFK public hearings in 1978? (I would like to have a copy to find out what I said!)

Q4. Anyone heard about Robert Morrow's new book? (Rumored to be published by Contemporary; re Nixon, Hunt, Phillips, Savak, and the JFK/RFK cases.)

Q5. Anyone have an extra copy of Flammonde's book ("The Kennedy Conspiracy"), for sale or for rent?

Q6. Anyone have anything on the Maria Novotny - JFK story, in addition to what has been in this newsletter?

Q7. Anyone have information on Milteer's activities in March-May 1963, especially his time in New Orleans in April?

Q8. Did the FBI ever resolve the suggestion that the car parked by Gen. Walker's house (in the photo which eventually developed a hole) belonged to Walker associate Charles Klihr? (11 WCH 411-2, 5 WCH 437)

Q9A. Anyone have Ed Epstein's Washington Star article of 17 May 1981, about the alleged son of Tsar Nicholas II who claims to have been a CIA mole in the KGB?

Q9B. Anyone have a lot of material on Leander Perez of Louisiana?

Q10. Anyone have anything (other than the WC documents) on Ruth Kloepfer?

Q11. For sale: the 5 reels of the FBI HQ file on Ruby on microfilm. (They currently sell for \$50 each from the publisher, MCA). Best offer?

Q12. Anyone know about the use of "Dr. A. J. Hideel" on Oswald's phony vaccination documents (beyond what is in CE's 813-5)?

Q13. Anyone have Carr's 11/26/63 memo mentioning Abe Fortas' role in coordinating the investigation (as quoted in Kantor's book)?

Q14. Anyone have the NY Daily News article of 4/12/77 on DeMohrenschildt and Jack Cogswell? (Summers, pp. 225, 561)

Q15. Anyone have the New Times article of 6/26/76, about the alleged CIA psychological study of Oswald? (Coincidence or Conspiracy, p. 39)

Q16. Anyone know how to get in touch with Tom Lutz, in 1976-7 the editor of "Newsreal," a Chicago magazine which did some issues on the JFK case?

Q17. Anyone have anything on Gene Quinn and Robert Joiner (anti-JFK demonstrators on 11/22), other than the basic WC documents?

Q18. Anyone have the Tampa FBI memo of 4/11/67 on information from Ragano about Marcello? (Summers, pp. 504, 608) (I may have a heavily edited copy.)

Q19. Anyone have the material on delValle cited on pp. 508 and 606 of Summers' book? Or any other basic material on delValle?

Q20. Anyone have the information linking delValle to Trafficante, cited by Summers (pp. 347, 498, 580, 606)? (FBI 105-95677, quoting Diario Las Americas, 2/25/67)

Who wants to know? G. Hollingsworth (Q1), J. Meek (Q2), G. Shaw (Q4), and various individuals who prefer not to be named here.

Books:

Ex-CIA bigwig Harry Rositzke has written another book, "The KGB: The Eyes of Russia." (Doubleday, \$14.95) There are a few interesting pages on Nosenko (which I don't have; can anyone send me a copy?). Rositzke says that only a fringe of conspiratorialists (or words to that effect) still thinks the KGB shot JFK. (James Jesus who?)

Larry Haapanen recommends "Timescape," by Gregory Benford, a sci-fi novel. (Messages sent backwards in time using tachyons avert the JFK assassination.)

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extremely seriously; on the basis of an adequate but not perfect investigation, they concluded Souetre had no role; he wished they had published information on him, but they ran out of time and most of the information is classified. In conclusion, Blakey held out only a faint hope that the JFK case would be pursued. "What would have to be done is reasonably clear, and known by professionals."

532. 14 Jun 81 (NYT) An article on AG Smith by Robert Pear quotes Blakey on the "depressingly slow" startup of the new JD team, and the administration's "incredible insensitivity" in having Reagan meet indicted Teamster head Williams.

533. 21 Jul 81 (National Examiner) "Mafia hit men murdered JFK: Astounding new evidence names assassins" [3 pp.] Favorable review of Blakey's book, with quotes from an exclusive interview.

534. 28 Jun 81 (LA Times) Favorable review of the B&B book by Morton Kamins. "A profoundly disturbing book." The conclusions are not proved beyond a reasonable doubt, but this is "the most persuasive, thoughtful and important" book yet written on the JFK case.

* 535. July 6 & 20, 1981 (Inquiry) "A part of the truth" [2 pp.] Review by Russ Stetler of the B&B and Lifton books. B&B try to "present a conservative, closely argued, minimalist case for conspiracy." The book is "a summary of our progress beyond the WCR." But "their attempts to portray [Oswald] as a pawn of organized crime are implausible. But they are stuck with Oswald's anomalies because they firmly believe that he fired the fatal shots.... [T]he case against Oswald has simply never been put to the test of an adversary proceeding."

Despite his handling of the acoustics and Connally, "Lifton has brought into focus extremely serious problems in the medical evidence, and his tenacious investigation has uncovered new witnesses and raised new questions" about the custody of the body. "One cannot dismiss his questions by disputing his particular answers."

536. 28 Jun 81 (Miami Herald) Another joint review of B&B and Lifton, by Paul Feehan, a university librarian. He seems to prefer Lifton's book - "earnest and impassioned ... methodical and well-documented research." Oddly, the B&B book is said to rest upon the "shaky premise" of the acoustics.

537. Aug 81 (Progressive) Among the brief reviews, a favorable paragraph on the Guth-Wrone bibliography.

538-540: These 3 items are from "Thy Neighbor's Wife," by Gay Talese. (Dell paperback edition, 1981.) (My vacation reading.)

* 538. Talese, pp. 122-5: Citing the NYT, Talese alleges that Sen. Kefauver cancelled a public hearing on gangster influence in Chicago when he learned that he had been secretly photographed in bed with a young woman with underworld links. This seems relevant to any interpretation of the Exner story. Details, anyone?

* 539. Talese, pp. 148-152 [2 pp.] On JFK's sexual vigor. One White House secretary and "friend" became anxious about possible exposure, and thought with relief that the assassination meant that JFK's image would be preserved, with no "exploitative inquiry into his private life." More significantly, Talese says that an internal Time memo on the Kennedy administration high life, written by Hugh Sidey, reached Robert Kennedy, who got angry and told Sidey he could be sued for slander. No date is given and the possibility of a significant connection to the Exner story is unexplored. Has Sidey (or anyone) ever written about this?

540. Talese, pp. 448-451: On RFK's support for prosecution of Ralph Ginzburg in the Eros case. Talese notes in passing that "many of [Robert] Kennedy's closest friends and associates believed that he was not a puritanical or monogamous man in his personal life," which is contrary to all previous accounts I can recall (except for the allegations that he was involved with Marilyn Monroe).

More on "Best Evidence"

541. May-June 1981 (S.F. Review of Books) John Atchity's second bitchity review. (Cf. #121) [2 pp.] "He [Lifton] deserves credit for the investigating, but not for the publishing - since his book contributes nothing toward certainty about what happened to John Kennedy." An interesting reaction.

542. July 31 - Aug 6, 1981 (Pacific Sun) A totally favorable review, in the form of a summary, by Richard Raznikov. Titled "Murder by Decree?" [8 pp.] "In most respects, including the identity of key participants, the case has been solved."

543. 29 Jun 81 Letter from Sen. Arlen Specter, responding to my inquiry. He sent me a copy of Sherrill's negative review (#219). "To the best of my knowledge, his [Lifton's] theories are entirely his own," the Senator says.

The August issue of Bob Cutler's "Grassy Knoll Gazette" [8 pp.] is more or less entirely a critique of, and response to, "Best Evidence." Cutler is one of the few critics who firmly believe that the head snap was caused by a shot from the rear, so he is critical of Lifton's early reliance on his gut feelings on that issue. He also alleges that the Zapruder and Moorman photos show the "Bethesda" head wounds - a question which I think must be dealt with by a systematic and professional study of the photos, taking into account the possibility of tampering. Cutler accepts and praises Lifton's work on the chain of custody of the body. Cutler still thinks the throat wound was caused by TUM and his flêchette launcher.

I have submitted an FOIA request to the CIA for possibly relevant information they might have on Air Force One communications, the autopsy and its findings (including reports from any CIA people who were there), and the Liebel memo. The CIA initially expressed confidence that any such records would have been covered by their general search and review, and suggested that I cancel my request; I declined to do so. (Their final batch is still being reviewed.)

I think it is worth trying to get information relevant to "Best Evidence" from government agencies and from principals, including those David interviewed before the story came out. If any of you have learned anything from such inquiries, please let me know.

Clippings: (On the JFK case and relevant personalities)

544. 4 Jul 81 (NYT) "U.S. rests its case in [Marcello] bribery trial"

* 545A. 4 Aug 81 (UP in SFC) "Louisiana official [Roemer], reputed mobster [Marcello]: 2 Brilab convictions" (Davidson, Marinello acquitted)

545B. 4 Aug 81 (AP) Accompanying photo of Marcello, looking as if he had a stone in his shoe. He faces a term of up to 20 years.

* 546. 2 Aug 81 (UPI in OT) "Oswald's widow rebuffed" in her compromise proposal to Robert Oswald: just see if there is a body in Oswald's grave, and skip the identification tests; and

4 Aug 81 (UPI in OT) "Widow still wants to dig up Oswald" and will take "drastic measures" to prove her belief that the coffin is empty. She says that her (unspecified) contemplated actions are not connected with Eddowes' ideas.

* 547. 2 Aug 81 (AP in OT) "Another Yablonski death plot reported" and (UP in SFX) "Newspaper [Philadelphia Bulletin] says miners' Boyle unfairly convicted" by Sprague. Sprague is alleged to have suppressed evidence of a pre-Boyle plot. Does anyone have the Bulletin story?

* 548. An appeal for support from the Donald Freed Defense Fund. Freed and Landis (coauthors of "Death in Washington," on the Letelier case), along with attorney William Pepper and others, are being sued by David Phillips for libel, slander, and invasion of privacy. Ramsey Clark has agreed to represent Freed, who has filed a countersuit.

549. A poster for a Berkeley conference at which Don Freed and Peter Scott and I (among others) spoke found its way into the 1975 hearings of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, which was investigating "terroristic activity." The appendix purports to document the "numerous interlocks" between "openly terrorist" groups and "other leftist organizations which do not publicly engage in terrorism." I guess the key participants in the conference were Leonard Weinglass (lawyer for Emily Harris of the SLA), Charles Garry, and Rep. Dellums. An example of the limitations of "interlock theory," I suppose. [2 pp.]

550. 21 Jun 81 (Koziol, Ch. Trib) "Sam Giancana murder: probes narrow down theories" (Relevance of CIA-Castro plots not ruled out.) Good summary.

* 551. June-July 1981 (The News Media & the Law) "Historian [Weisberg] pries [Life photographer's] King death scene photos from FBI's files" The Court decided that the photos were FBI records, and that Weisberg was entitled to a "fair use" copy at the FBI price (lower than that of Time Inc.).

552. 20 May 81 (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette) Editorial and news stories [6 pp.] on Dr. Wecht's acquittal. (See #295.) Wecht accused the DA of malicious prosecution and called on him to resign.

553. 23 Apr 81 (NYT) Anthony Lewis on the NPR Jonestown documentary; particularly critical of Mark Lane for supporting Jones' paranoia.

554. 8 Mar 81 (London Telegraph) Sympathetic profile of Eddowes [9 pp.] More illuminating on Eddowes' background and personality than most of what I have seen before.

555A. 6 Mar 81 (National Review) Obituary (by deToledano) for Isaac Don Levine, "Mr. Anti-Communist." Among much else, he interviewed Marina early on.

555B. 27 Jul 79 (Guardian [England]) "The man who is too scared to go home" (Nelson Delgado, now settled in England.) [2 pp.] Interesting. His story is basically what it was before, except he did not tell the WC that Oswald gave him "classified" photos of planes (as used in training), for no known reason.

King case: 556. 25-28 Feb 1979 (St. Louis Post-Dispatch) The full series of stories on Oliver B. Patterson, FBI informant and controversial HSC source on the Rays. [9 pp.]

557. 5 Jun 81 (SFC) "Dr. King's killer stabbed 22 times" in prison

558. 6 Jun (UP in SFC) "James Earl Ray says he can't name knifers"

559. 18 Jun (UP in SFC) "King's killer moved" forcibly, to Nashville

* Cuba again: 560. 8 Jun 81 (UP in SFC) "Salvador rebel backers called 'dumb-dumbs'" by Julian Nava, last Carter administration ambassador to Mexico. "The guerrillas' U.S. supporters remind him of 'the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and many other groups that naively supported Fidel Castro.'" Sounds like it's time to start up our local FPCC chapters - limit one member per city!

561. 12 Jul 81 (AP) "[5 Alpha-66] Commandos bent on killing Castro captured in Cuba"

* 562. 27-28 Jul (AP) "Castro accuses U.S. of germ war" and of trying to kill him, mentioning Alpha 66 specifically; and "U.S. denies Castro's germ warfare charge" (Independent of the Phillips-Bishop story, I think it is time for some enterprising reporter to investigate in detail the relationship between Alpha 66 and the U.S. government, both in the 1960's and now. For starters, what about the CIA's alleged statement to Fonzi, that the Army "monitored" Alpha 66?)

* Source material: 563. Excerpts [4 pp.] from the catalog of University Publications of America. The Taylor Panel report on the Bay of Pigs is available in book form (\$24). On microfilm (from \$160 for 3 reels to \$940 for 20): "JFK and the Press" (briefing papers, transcripts, etc.); "JFK: Appointment Book"; "Official Daily Diary of LBJ," and "Justice Department: History and Documents" [1963 (post 11/22 only?) - 1969] Worth a look if your library will buy them.

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Highlights of TCI: The May issue was delayed; it is the last one I have received. In addition to a bell for Dealey Plaza (supra, p. 1), it includes a brief obituary for Dave Copeland, Penn's friend and attorney, who is revealed as the author of the Torbitt manuscript. There is a critique [3 pp.] by Wallace Milam of the HSC rifle test, and lots on the Reagan shooting. Plus more!

Forthcoming in EOC: Larry Haapanen's suggestion of an explanation for Oswald's presence in Clinton. (A pretty good one!)