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Dear George,

Your letter of the 1st reaches me in a very testy mood due to over-work and too much pressure over a prolonged time at the office. That is the usual menu at this time but it is rather worse this year and I have to attend night meetings and weekend meetings on top of long "normal" days.

Which is by way of preface to what I suspect will be a disappointing reply to your questions. I cannot take time now to search for further material to send you. The real gold-mine for Garrison material is Tom Bethell. Is he aware of your project, and is he cooperating?

On specifics: The Shaw-Gruber allegations were made to me by phone, and the same for the retraction. I do not think that I have any record of the dates but if I do it would take many hours to search for it, and it doesn't seem worth that much time even if I had the leisure to search, which I do not.

The reporter who got the verbal assault from Jones Harris was Eric Norden, a free-lancer and great fan of Garrison in those days. Norden did the Playboy interview with Garrison but not long afterward he left the scene completely, for reasons which have nothing to do with the JFK case, and I believe he now lives abroad somewhere. The incident with Harris was related to me, I think by Tom Bethell, and I cannot recall much about it or vouch for it.

I do not know the dates of Garrison's April 1967 visit to New York. Nor what alias he used. I think the alias was mentioned by Ray Marcus at the time but I didn't make a note of it and I do not remember what it was.

Enclosed is copy for you to keep of Lane 3/29/67 radio interview. The Lane vs Meagher-National Guardian incident can be summarized as follows: Bobbs-Merrill insisted against my strong protests on asking Lane for a jacket quote for my book. I wrote them a letter for the record expressing my absolute unwillingness to have Lane on the jacket and regretting their adamancy. Subsequently the galley proofs were sent to Lane and he prepared a very complimentary, very generous blurb (the one that actually was used) but in sending it to me he proceeded to attack me for "political cowardice" on the ground that I had made no reference to the NG in my appendix on the news media, despite the fact that they had printed Lane's brief on behalf of Oswald and financed his public lectures. Oh, the heck with the summary, here are copies of the letters in question.

Finally, re: Gurvich, no, no one said that Garrison himself or staff identified Gurvich as being chief investigator—why would they put it in such terms? They merely told me, on returning from visits to New Orleans of considerable duration, while heaping praises on Garrison & Co., that Bill Gurvich the chief investigator was a hell of a nice guy, or words to that effect. I did not make verbatim notes or any notes of what was casual and non-controversial information at that time; little did I know that I would later need EVIDENCE of what all those returning pilgrims told me, to the best of a recollection for which I make no apologies. In closing, let me say that I just love your shingle—"G—R—, Attorney at Last." Great! Best regards,