

Notes of the June 11, 1966 meeting at the home of Vincent Salandria, Philadelphia, Pa which lasted from 3:00 - 11:15 P.M.

Those present included:

Sylvia Magger

Vincent Salandria

Thomas

Ira

Steve

Wife

Anita Smuckler, took notes

Chris

Dary

late arrival, The Beta House

The meeting began with Salandria reading the first draft of his Liberation book review of Inquest. The review was a harsh attack on Epstein for his mild conclusions and quasi-exonerating attitude towards the Commission.

Salandria, along with Ira, Steve and Thomas, was incensed that Epstein had not launched a forthright attack in view of the evidence that he, Epstein, had uncovered. They objected to Epstein's euphemism "political truth".

Sylvia was in agreement with the fact that Epstein's position was mild, but she felt that this was a sincere reflection of his feelings, naivete and perhaps cautiousness.

She did take exception with Epstein's acceptance of Oswald's guilt, but she felt that Epstein had since modified his view.

Salandria proceeded to hypothesize as to the reasons for Epstein's position in terms

that Epstein was perhaps employed by the Kennedy family or possibly the F.B.I. These suggestions were based heavily on Epstein's association with Penn Jones and Jones' entertainment of the Kennedy family. Salandria cites Jones as having said something to the effect, "you (Salandria) don't go to Dallas, but for me they <sup>(the FBI)</sup> open the doors."

Salandria claims that Epstein had told him that he had had free access to the F.B.I. vault in the company of two F.B.I. agents. (Sylvia was surprised at this statement and Salandria repeated it and told her to verify it with Epstein) He questioned Epstein's influence in obtaining such access in this situation and in other matters had it not been through the power of Bob Kennedy via ~~Penn~~ Jones Harris.

The group speculated about the "rating" of the various Commission members on one another, stating personal animosity and/or as a reflection of a split within the government.

Sylvia felt that it was unethical <sup>for her</sup> to comment or influence the book review, but she stated that she felt that Epstein's position in his book reflected nothing sinister. She suggested that Salandria talk to Epstein to learn more about the man, at which point Salandria said that he would read Epstein his review. (He later reconsidered and decided to merely speak to Epstein and tell him about his attack.)

the men in the group stated, at one point, that they thought that Bobby Kennedy had in his possession the autopsy photographs. Sylvia presented the rough draft of an advertisement demanding the Commission to produce some, to be signed by a number of students interested in the case. It was generally agreed that few on the list would be willing to sign it and that it did not merit the time or money that would be involved to have it printed.

The new, younger members of the group explained that they were interested in researching the case in a very scientifically-oriented way. They were willing to devote time to and recruit experts for the resolution of various problems. A list was made of some of the questions to be tackled.

It was decided that the Zapruder film had to be analyzed further and that Salandria and I and possibly Thomas and/or Steve would spend a day at the Archives during the last week in June.