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Dear Sylvia,

Shades of 1965!

The New School Bulletin, Spring 1974 lists, on page 24, course #10

Watergate Wonderland = Whence, Wither and Hows Come? Mondays, 5:55-7:25 P.M.,

beginning February, 4 '80 Joseph S. Lohenthal, Jr.

A paragraph of 18 lines lays out a fascinatingly superficial non-political

course with a format identical to the one we encountered nine

paragraphs. I found no hint of any connection or tie to the

assassinations of 1963, 1965 and 1968 and the attempt on Wallace

1972.

Rereading Chapter VII of the Warren Report is yielding new points

in the light of events which followed the carpentry of that

report. Viz three —

1) The chapter opens with: "The evidence reviewed above identifies Lee Harvey Oswald as the assassin of President Kennedy and indicates that he acted alone in that event." (Note the contrast between the positive "identifies" and the suggestive "indicates"). Twenty two lines below, on the same page, 375, the second paragraph reads: "Since Oswald is dead, the Commission is unable to reach any definite conclusions as to whether or not he was 'guilty' under prevailing legal standards. Under our system of justice no forum could properly make that determination unless Oswald were before it. It certainly could not be made by this Commission which, as has been pointed out above, ascertained the facts surrounding the assassination but did not draw conclusions concerning Oswald's legal guilt"! We are in a dilemma: was the pop history the product of calculated chicanery, or the unconscious product

of a careerist, establishmentarian legal mind carried along in a  
pushing torrent on skipper Warren's boat?

2) On page 391 Oswald is quoted as writing to his brother Robert  
from the S.U., he "would" love to see the present capitalist government  
of the U.S. overthrown, "because, among other reasons, ~~the~~ government  
supported an economic system "which exploits all its workers," and under  
which "art, culture and the spirit of man are subjected to  
commercial enterprising (!), [and] religion and education are  
used as a tool to suppress what would otherwise be a popular  
questioning their government's unfair economic system and  
plans for war" !!! He wrote to Robert in 1959. History will  
establish when <sup>realization of</sup> the plans for war in Viet Nam involved the  
assassination of John F. Kennedy.

3) In the same letter he expressed the opinion "America is a  
stealing country," his wish not "to be a part of it," and, more  
emphatically, the wish not "ever again" ... to be used as a tool in  
its military aggression. "less than ~~the~~ ten years later tens of  
thousands of other working class and middle class young men  
expressed identical attitudes during the American invasion of  
Viet Nam and left the country.

How is it going?

Fondly

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