

1/3/71

Dear Jim,

Sorry you couldn't get here. Hope it was not from illness, etc., and that you had a good holiday season.

I didn't get a chance to play the tape of your Bringuier interview until this morning. I then discovered that most of both sides are blank, the first where you say you are turning the machine off for a minute, right after the reference to Guevara, and the second during the conversation about the woman at the Dallas lineup. If you can find time to dub it completely, I'd appreciate it. And, if you can do it at 1 7/8, I can play that speed and you' either get it all on one side or you could use less tape.

Did he ever identify the relative with the stock-market company, the man who phoned to tell him JFK had been shot? His suggested Frank Bartes, who had a job that could be so described.

Even though he attributes it to the papers, in one case I suspect inaccurately, if not in both, his confirmation of the second helper 8/16 is interesting (he could have learned it from Quiroga or remember it from RC materials), as is his confirmation of the existence of the Free Cuba Committee in the ITM.

The speed of this dub varied. It began at the normal speed, then got both fast and slow, in each case interfering with comprehensibility.

I didn't have time to respond in full to you last communications, and I put them aside to go over them with you when you were here. One of the things I meant to warn you about, if I didn't, is Skolnick. He is no more than an opportunist, a publicity-seeker (recently put down by a Congressional Committee), a bright man who, tragically, is horribly crippled, a paraplegic. He needs publicity like you need air, so he does unscrupulous things to get it. He stole all he used in that very irresponsible fictitious "suit" against the government that he couldn't win, having never asked it for anything, so he contrived a "solution", got it set aside, after he got all the publicity he sought. Such people and such things are not helpful to the discovery or acceptance of truth.

Have a good year.

Hurriedly,

HW

Bud of JB interview with Carlos Bringuier on 11/22/70

Bringuier has a different, added "explanation" of the attempted "infiltration" - he knew that the FPCC had just done this in Los Angeles.

Also says that "a few minutes before I met Lee Harvey Oswald" he got word of a camp across the lake when he was asked for money to get the men back to Miami.

"When he saw he could not infiltrate my organization he came out in the open."

On 8/9, on Canal St. LHO alone. B didn't see the next Friday's operation at ITM but says he read in the papers that there were two persons helping him but only one had been identified. I do not believe he read this but that Quiroga or someone else told him.

Of the "Free Cuba Committee", he did not then know it was in the ITM but "after Mardi Gras" he saw it in the paper.

"The police asked us to keep moving or we would be arrested. I thought that to be arrested (in such a cause) would not be bad." He, in effect, says he arranged it.

At the time of questioning did the FBI have any knowledge of LHO's pro-Castro activities? No answer, but says he didn't know if men "who questioned was FBI or police in plain clothes, but it is part of the record that they (the FBI) were there".

His story of how the broadcast was arranged is that he just bumped into the reporter, who had been with a newspaper, while he was on the way to the bank for his store. B told him that at 1:30 that p.m. there would be this trial, so they covered. Later, when the reporter called back (B never uses name) to get LHO's address so he could interview him, B thought this would be a bad thing and suggested and arranged debate.

B disagreed with JFK "but the people of LA loved him". One of the two reasons for the assassination, Che Guevara, "a revolutionary if one who makes the revolution" (at this point the dubbing on the first side ends).

Ruby, natch, was a red, seen 12/62 in Cuba by the underground with Pratkins outside a store.

Something "I have never said before" is this world-shaking gem, that he saw in a 12/64 magazine that Sunstler (here he pulls the stops) was one of Ruby's lawyers.

Heard of JFK ass when "a relative of mine who works in the stock-market company" phoned. He was home eating lunch when he heard it was LHO. So, he started calling the papers "to tell them what I know of Lee Harvey Oswald...and I said everything that I know of Lee Harvey Oswald then and there." Could relative have been Sartre, who was with such co.?

Says JG liar, that he never hit LHO.

Red conspiracy, LHO triggerman, proof letters that could not have gotten out of Cuba unless Castro government wanted them to, reason "to confuse" people US.

Second side ends abruptly talking of JG and woman at lineup.