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TO:

JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM:

ANDREW SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney

RE:

SHAW LEADS II (Al Campbell)

Today I interviewed AL CAMPBELL who told me that he worked for BANNISTER around 1958 and 1959, and again around 1962 and 1963. He said he did everything for BANNISTER which ranged from investigator to undercover work trying to get information on Communist groups in the City. He said that BANNISTER liked him and gave him the keys to his files, however, he said there were some files that only BANNISTER had access to. He said that CELIA PIZZO knew BANNISTER very well and may be able to give us some information.

He said that he never saw SHAW with OSWALD or FERRIE or BANNISTER. He said that JOANNE BURTON was a secretary for BANNISTER in 1962 and may be able to give us some information about the files.

He says that he remembers TIGER JIM IVEY (whose name came up in connection with the Friends of Democratic Cuba) and BOB GRANT as two people who were working undercover with BANNISTER. He says that he remembers these two individuals because they were bad actors and were capable of doing anything. He said that both have New Orleans police records and both are ex-Marines.

CAMPBELL said that BANNISTER worked closely with RAY HUFF and the C.I.A. and had a lot to do with the overthrow of President Arbenaz of Guatemala. CAMPBELL said that BANNISTER worked closely with both the C.I.A. and the F.B.I. CAMPBELL said that in September of 1959, he helped train the Guatemalan Airborne for President Fuentis in Guatemala.

CAMPBELL said that TIGER JIM IVEY was an ex-boxer who worked as a barker at the El Morrocco Bar on Bourbon Street.

CAMPBELL said that he was with THORNLEY and CARL BOCH in the Bourbon House on the night of the assassination. He said that THORNLEY told him in the presence of BOCH that he (THORNLEY) knew OSWALD in New Orleans. THORNLEY said that he disagreed with the newspaper reports about OSWALD in New Orleans and said that OSWALD was in New Orleans more times than the paper stated. THORNLEY said that he wrote a book about OSWALD and OSWALD either saw him or stayed with him while he was in New Orleans. THORNLEY also told CAMPBELL and BOCH while looking at television reports on the assassination, that "It could not have happened to a nicer guy," (referring to Kennedy). BOCH then got angry at THORNLEY and told him to shut up.

CAMPBELL also said that he knew FERRIE from the Lakefront Airport. He said that he has never seen FERRIE with SHAW. He said that when FERRIE's picture appeared in the paper in regard to our investigation, FERRIE told him, "I'm a dead man."

CAMPBELL said that he and his brother, DAN, were in the Bethlehem Orphans Home and were there around the same time that OSWALD was there (around 1946).

CAMPBELL says that he remembers seeing JOHN MEADOWS somewhere around the Quarter, possibly with THORNLEY. He also said that there was a C.I.A. man who worked closely with BANNISTER by the name of JIM. This person also worked as an announcer for WNOE.

CAMPBELL said that he also knows GORDON NOVEL and introduced NOVEL to MARLENE MANCUSO.

CAMPBELL also kept asking if we ever talked with BEAUBOUEF. He seems to believe that BEAUBOUEF can help us. He also asked if there is a possibility that we may have SHAW and BANNISTER mixed up.

I told him that we would check out some of the information he gave us and contact him again, and he said he would be glad to help.

CAMPBELL admitted that he seemed to have come in contact with many of the people whose names have come up in our investigation. He said that he would try to think of anything that would be of some benefit to us. He can be reached at Flight, Incorporated, at the Lakefront Airport.

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