

Jim, in Chastain's letter: I see nothing to confirm his conclusion and am inclined to doubt it. However, I'd trust his fact, and part of it is in an area that interests me, where I have some beliefs. I tried to borrow Thompson's tapes to listen with care. Couldn't. He played them and talked, and sometimes Hooks was talking at the same time, so it was impossible. However, I have no doubt that something was done by these characters and I do have some beliefs about some of their activities. So, when they appear, if they do, I'd like to see the pieces. Or if you see the man. Thanks BH 7/11/75

Dear Bud,

Keep up
Kept up with your activities as counsel for McCord...I sure hope the committee gives you a chance to respond to Alch's ~~obvious~~ attempt to avoid evidence showing he was not only an inept defense attorney, but a puppet of the White House--that's why it was necessary for him to attack you, by saying you told him..."that getting the president" was your ~~paramount~~ paramount goal...

...Press-Scimitar played it up big...enclosed clips....

WAYNE CHASTAIN

Wayne
P.S....I have written two articles for Computers about King and I am in process of winding up the third, and concluding article ...Berkeley at one time seemed interested in publishing, but I have gotten the impression he has lost interest in King case, or else was not impressed with what I sent him. ~~xxxx~~

have The articles are long, but contains material that ~~has~~ never been published... *They* also contains ~~material~~ material ~~xxxx~~

Gerald Frank used on Benavides and Bonneveche, except Frank never talked to the people these [^]two men [^]talked to in Memphis--namely, Russell X. Thompson, the attorney you dined with; and the two ministers, whom Bonneveche talked to. It is obvious that Benavides and Bonneveche are one and the same. Now that it has been established that the "use of a wig" is ~~xxxx~~ a standard CIA disguise, it is not a far jump now to assume that Benavides ^(black hair) Bonneveche ^(black hair) and Jack Armstrong ^(black hair) are one and the same man.

The two ministers tell me that the last thing ~~xxxxxxx~~ Bonneveche told them was: "Robert Kennedy's next..."

Two weeks later, RPK was killed in Los Angeles.

See Bud
The two ministers, who have never met Russell X. Thompson and did not know about the Benavides visit to Thompson on the same day Bonneveche visited them, only learned about Benavides visit from a Memphis police inspector. Also, an investigator for the Attorney General's office visited the ministers and showed them ~~xxxxxxx~~ in early 1969--about the same ~~xxxx~~ time Ray's trial was set. They don't recall clearly, but believe that Armstrong (Youngblood's) picture was shown by the investigator. ^(black hair)

One of the ministers definitely identified ~~Youngblood~~ Youngblood as ~~Bonnevecche~~ Bonnevecche, in December 1972, four and one half years after the visit. The minister is very intelligent. Bonnevecche told him JFK was killed by the Mafia, and King was killed by the Mafia. He gave the best alternative theory of where the shot was fired and how the killer eluded the bevy of police officers. ~~The minister said Bonnevecche bragged about speaking eight languages, and about having done intelligence work in the service.~~

CONCLUSION: Benavides and Bonnevecche are not only the same, despite the blond wig Benavides wore on his visit to Thompson, but they were in Memphis for one purpose: to create a red herring, by bringing the Mafia in as a "possible fall guy organization" to divert suspicion from the CIA, or an organization composed of CIA professionals working without authority from the official ~~CIA~~ CIA leadership. This ruse was needed in case the lone assassin theory wasn't bought by the FBI and local law enforcement. If the lone assassin theory became palatable to local law enforcement officials, as it ultimately did, then Bonnevecche and Benavides could be dismissed as crackpots, which they eventually were.