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Harold Weisberg,

The enclosed copy of a letter to Penn Jones indicates the possible importance of a little 2-line front page ad which ran in the N.Y. Times on Nov. 21 and Nov. 22, 1963.

Does it seem probable that Puerto Ricans, rather than Cubans, might be among the swarthy "Cuban" types associated with the actual assassination? Certainly pro- and anti-Castro Cubans were involved in the peripheral activities.

Hope all is coming along well with you. The Richard Sprague article in May Computers and Automation publicizes important angles.

Best regards,
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Dear Mr. Jones:

Since I spoke and wrote to you a few months ago, I have been trying to obtain microfilms of the N.Y. Times for Nov.-~~Dec.~~ 1963, which finally arrived recently. If you do not have these available locally, I would be glad to lend them to you. (Dates are Nov. 18--30th.)

Enclosed herewith is a copy of an article from the Times, Dec. 3, 1963, about the death by falling from a window of Grant Stockdale, a friend of Pres. Kennedy and his Ambassador to Ireland in 1961. He died in Miami, on Dec. 2, 1963.

The Times obit does not mention that Mr. Stockdale had been on the Board of Commissioners of Dade County (Miami) in 1952-1956. This appears in Who's Who for 1964-1965, in which Mr. Stockdale's biography appears in the supplementary section in the back (his first entry) and is noted "Deceased".

Since your book "Forgive my Grief"(II), describes the Miami Tapes, and indicates that there was some activity in investigating these in Miami in the weeks following the assassination (pp. 48-49), there may be a connection with Mr. Stockdale's death. He left no notes, the Times obit says. If he was involved in Miami political or power structures, as well as the White House, there may be a connection for you to consider.

From my new microfilms of the Times, I have found a most interesting and direct tie-in with Miami and the Assassination. You of course already know about the "coincidence" that the back page (p.76) of the Nov. 22, 1963 Times has a full page ad for "Seven Days in May", describing how the Pentagon does away with the President (or tries to.) Well, on the front page of the same issue (Nov. 22, 1963) there is a 2-line ad at the foot of Column 8, which reads:

MIAMI, PUERTO RICO, MEXICO
Special packages. LT-1-3540--advt.

You know the significance of Mexico in the assassination scenario

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scenario. (Oswald's trip to Mexico City, etc.) And of course Miami is significant as your books have pointed out. Maybe this little ad, which also appeared the day before (at foot of Vol. 2 on front page), was a signal of some kind. At least, it raises the question of whether the supposed involvement of "Cubans" might also have included some Puerto Ricans (mercenaries, presumably) who may not have been exposed to much publicity the way the pro- and anti-Castro Cubans have. (Both in Warren Report and in books pro and con.)

I phoned the number in the ad (in N.Y.C.) recently, and found it is still operative. Although it is in a business district, it was answered by a man with a very friendly, almost "swishy", "Hellooc", without identifying the business. I asked if they had any packages to Freeport and Panama, as a feeler, and he said curtly "No, we do not." and hung up.

Someone with the proper connections could find out from phone company sources the business and address to which this number is assigned in N.Y.C. It would be very interesting to interview them about that ad.

To close my discussion of the ads in the Times on Nov. 22, 1963, how's this for another coincidence!:

The back page of the first section of the Times, p. 38, has a very large ad, by a Development Committee for Puerto Rico, saying "Business is brisk...".
Yes, Puerto Rico. In that same day's paper.

As for the Nov. 21, 1963 Times, the back page of the first section (p.40) was a full page ad saying "THIS WEEK", being an ad for that Sunday Supplement. The back page of the second section, (p.80) was "THE STORY OF FIVE YEARS", (1958-1963), an ad by McCalls showing its growth over those years.

Certainly the assassination conspiracy started well before 1960, I believe. (The Ford limousine without running boards was delivered to the White House in 1960, wasn't it?) I would say 1958 could have been the starting year, and of course "THIS WEEK" was the signal for the culmination.

Seeing and reading these ads yourself will convince you of their aptness. I'll be glad to lend you the microfilm.

Good luck and best regards,