

Dear Jim,

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I've skimmed the FBI Ricardo Davis file disclosed to Mark Allen and return it herewith. It is not complete and what I recall that is missing does not seem to be subject to the exemptions claimed on the slip sheets that replace those pages.

I had info on Davis and his camp intended for an appendix to Oswald in New Orleans that was not incorporated by the publisher. My copy got mislaid somehow but Paul Hoch has and perhaps might provide a copy if you do not have one.

There is disclosed New Orleans and Miami offices information that is not included and was in the Commission's records.

Some of the withheld information was sent to New York. I wonder why. Can it be because Davis, when he lived there, was an informer for Nixon's old friend Jack Caulfield of Watergate fame? Davis phoned me twice after reading Oswald in New Orleans and told me that he worked with that unit, and of what he said I recall that he fingered those he regarded as pro-Castro for police attention. I think this included going after them with horses.

There was some physical abuse that got attention in Miami and David did not arrange for all those men to get transportation back to Miami. I'm pretty sure that the disclosed records include the evidence that Bringuier provided them with fare.

That the other camp was raided by the FBI is not the reason Davis gave me for the breakup of his camp nor is the alleged desire of those men not to work but to fight Castro. Davis told me that his unidentified contact in the government phoned him and told him to break it up. I have confirmation of this from a girl friend he had in St. Tammany Parish and from her husband, who when I interviewed both, her twice, was a deputy sheriff. (She was but a school girl when she was Davis' friend and not married. I think I have the interview(s) on tape. She described a wild ride with him over primitive and tough roads when he went out to tell them to get going. I recall her fright over sitting on a revolver or pistol David told her to keep or have ready. I was never able to finish that investigation but I did have help from the sheriff's office, including their taking some pictures for me.

I did locate the actual place that the FBI raided and it is not where Garrison's incompetents went. I did some interviewing there and learned how it came to pass that the FBI had to do something. I also have some picture I took from the back of the property while I was doing the interviewing. The crazy anti-Castros brought the stuff that could explode in on a Uhaul trailer so it was seen and then when they were clearing that place up they burned the trash, it got close to the house, and it scared the neighbors. I spoke to the black man who phoned the FBI. I'm sure I have notes on this but do not recall how they are filed. Same for the tapes, cassettes. If I'd been able to spend a little more time there I might have gotten more but I guess I got as much as I could have expected to for the little time I had. It may interest you to know that I had a car loaned me by a man who may have had his own connections and who employed a man who most definitely had been both CIA and a Bay of Pigs captive. The employer was J.B. (ord.) Vela and his employee was Douglas Bethbridge. He loaned me a Fiat sports car when he phoned Douglas, who then no longer worked for him, because he remembered how careful I'd been to look out for Douglas' interest. That was the time I stayed with Marge Kirkpatrick whose son Godfrey had been able to leave the Mandeville mental hospital with a pistol he got from a doctor ostensibly to kill Garrison. I used that Fiat to drive up to Jackson and interview Godfrey. What I recall of that would make a helluva oral history! Lil transcribed one tape of my interview with Marge and a narcfink who was an informer for me. Dione Turner. Dione was on the trip to see Godfrey. Marge did not know her but she knew all of Marge's tenants and how she had rearranged the furniture. Dione told me the pistol was a Walther PPK, of which I'd never heard and without Dione with me Marge showed me that pistol and Dione was correct. Still a mystery to me!

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