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Dear Barry,

Relet 14: Dallas story part of what appeared in NC.

Re;Youngblood: I have read book, as have several others. original idea that of Joel Palmer, 6261 Tumilla, Woodlands Hills, Calif. San Francisco friend tending that end, where there is court record. Reprint edition by Avon Books, If you wrote them, original, hardback by Coward-McCann. where most likelihood of promotional material still in files.

I have someone ready to show picture to Nancy when we get it. To the best of my knowledge, no one has ever checked with Dave Cherry or Eddie Brawner. There is reason to believe neither would be dependable, but if you are asking is it worth the try, I say yes, please do.

Let me know how you make out. I have nothing certain to add. The colonel is not Colonel Castorr. That was another Feebee trap.

Gary is now in Phila if you want to contact him. "returned last night.

Hirriedly,

August 14, 1968

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Dear Harold,

Just a note to let you know how the Dallas Times broke the Shaw-Bertrand story;

BERTRAND WAS SHAW'S ALIAS, REPORT SHOWS

Police Department records have been released here (N.O.) showing that Clay Shaw used the alias of Clay Bertrand. The records consist of fingerprint cards and a booking sheet.

D.A. Jim Garrison has accused Shaw with conspiring to murder President John F. Kennedy.

Garrison contends that Bertrand is the name Shaw used when he contacted a New Orleans lawyer to arrange legal counsel for Lee Harvey Oswald after Oswald's arrest in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Former New Orleans policeman Aloysius J. Habighorst told a television station last Friday that when he was booking Shaw on the charge on March 1, 1967, he routinely asked Shaw if he had ever used an alias. Shaw replied, "Clay Bertrand."

Shaw's attorneys called Garrison's claim of the alias, "an absolute lie."

The records and signed statement by Habighorst were made public Monday by the district attorneys office.

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I am going to start doing some research into this Youngblood character. I have already written to the publisher of the book talking about him. Do you happen to have any information which would be helpful to me? Also, what do you think I should do in this area so that I don't, as you say, duplicate anything? Example, have you or anybody checked with either Dave Cherry or Eddie Brawner on this guy Youngblood? Etc. Let me know of any info you have on this area, and if you ever get any other info or if you find out if Nancy can identify any pictures of him. I'd be interested in anything on this. Thanks!

Sincerely yours,

Bary