

cc Mrs, Gilly, Paul

2/14/70

Dear Lou,

In the course of checking into Ferrie things, which can relate very much to your current interests, I have come across two things that also may relate, so I tell you about them. A carbon is enclosed for Moo.

GD 405 is an Oswald-New Orleans files. Nothing else in it, unless it is the very last page. That follows a bit of GAP stuff in which Ferrie is mentioned, having been interviewed, with their bare straight faces hanging out, by the FBI, asked about two members of the GAP, one of whom is Tommy McAbben. Then comes the one apparently unrelated thing, Logan's investigator of what he does not specify. It was on January 21, 1964, at Tulane. He spoke to Miss Carolyn Estrade, Housing office, and Mrs. Nancy McReynolds, Communications Coordinator. His apparent interest was in telephone extension 276. He learned that it was in Monroe Hall, not quite completed but partly occupied, on the 9th floor, and was probably being used by persons desiring to gyp the phone company on long-distance calls. He also learned that although this part of the building was, theoretically, not in use, lights were often seen in these rooms (966, 974, 976) at night. Because there is absolutely no indication of what the FBI interest was, whatever significance could be attached to this extension, how they knew about it, who they suspected of using it, for what purposes - of anything at all - but in an Oswald-Ferrie file, the only thing in the entire file not openly connected with either, I suggest is ~~can~~ reasonably be assumed to be connected with one or his associates, known or suspected. If you could find the time to phone these women and ask them what the FBI interviewed them about at that time, I believe that between the fact of being involved in the Presidential-assassination investigation (if disclosed to them) and your own, well-publicized one, they have this fixed in their minds. On the other hand, if the FBI hid the purposes of the inquiry from the gals, telling them this might turn them on. If they want copies of the report for souvenirs, I'll send them to them.

The other has to do with Jim's old interest, Adrian Alba and the magazines taken from his place in the "Oswald" investigation and Oswald's discussions with him. First of all, most of the magazines did not appear until after Oswald's time, either at daily for all but one, or in New Orleans, for about half. Now you know the FBI was not getting magazines Oswald, to their knowledge, could not have touched, for a check for his prints. I have now located and examined these magazines, never given the Warren Commission. Every page was carefully treated and heavily discolored. One page, from the June issue of American Rifleman, has a Klein's ad torn out. To the FBI's knowledge, they had by this date (11/25/63) already "established" Oswald's earlier order for that rifle. So, why this business? I have a copy of that page and we'll see if we can find any coupons in evidence to fit it. Now, after the FBI agents left with these seven magazines, a total stranger (200, Caucasian, dark curly hair) describing himself as a friend of Alba's, goes there, speaks to a guy named McNeil, and says Adrian says it is okay for him to get some of these same magazines. Alba has no idea who he can be. The guy took two magazines and that's the end of him and those two mags. Very strange, isn't it? Moreover, what the Feels apparently didn't want to trouble the Commission with is in one of the reports, that Oswald knew the smaller-caliber (meaning but carefully unspoken, the very high velocity, fast-fragmenting) bullets were much more deadly. That M-C is relatively slow, despite being wrongly called "high velocity". I think it is possible that Alba might by now have some ideas he didn't have in 1963, or some knowledge, and the mere fact of this investigation of the impossible, a search for "Oswald's" prints, flags interest in the prints they were really looking for. This could provide a lead in your direction, to one of those in whom you still have interest. Alba and McNeil just might be shown some pictures with the expenditure of very little time and asked about this.

McKibben is of a little interest. If you have anything on him I'd like to see it. His wife's maiden name is Jacqueline Turner. McKibben left N.O., having been let go by the Hibernia National Bank (non-adaptability to the type of work) and in April, 1963 was in Seattle, Wash. His N.O. addresses were 4313 Perlite, Apt. C; 195 Walnut; and 7104 Spruce, Apt. A. Ferrie was interviewed about McKibben 1/28/64. This is another report, in addition to those of which I have written Mac, the government did not disclose when they so thoughtfully released what they said was all those not classified when Ferrie died. If we do not assume hiding more than twice as many Ferrie reports as they disclosed is an accident, perhaps McKibben is of interest.

I do not now recall what is on page 23 of CD405. But Joe Thompson, McKibben and Ferrie are on 21-22. And the mysterious business of the Tulane phone, extension 276, is on page 24. This file is broken into subjects, and all are under the last subject. So, by subject organization, the Tulane investigation, is linked to Oswald-Ferrie-CAP, possibly to Thompson and McKibben.

If any of this means anything to you or if you have or develop anything, feed it back and we'll see if we can carry it further.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg