

M E M O R A N D U M

April 19, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RE: SPECIAL INVESTIGATION  
AL LANDRY - INTERVIEW WITH

I talked to AL LANDRY at the New Orleans Athletic Club in the presence of BOB LEMOINE, PERRY RUSSO, Jim Alcock, Charlie Ward, and Lou Ivon (this was during your visit to Las Vegas).

AL LANDRY told me that he first met DAVID FERRIE in 1960. He said that he was in the C.A.P. in 1959 and 1960 and at that time he was around 15 years old. LANDRY said that FERRIE was second in command in the C.A.P. and a man named MORRELL was in command. FERRIE at that time lived at 331 Atherton Drive, Metairie, Louisiana. LANDRY stated that his mother also lived in the house. LANDRY said that LAYTON MARTENS used to stay there for 2 and 3 months at a time. LANDRY said that some of the people in the Squadron at that time were:

JOE PRATTENI  
BOB HOWARD  
CARL COSTA  
SCOTT THANES  
DONNIE RICHARDS  
BUTCH MARSH  
AL CHERANIE  
MIKE CRUCHET

JOHNNY ESPENAN  
PRICE  
LAYTON MARTENS  
JIM LANDRY (whose father was  
a mechanic for Eastern  
Airlines)  
JOHNNY JOHNSTON  
RODNEY WILLIAMS

LANDRY said that FERRIE hypnotized him twice that he can remember. He also said that FERRIE never did take him out of the country, but he did leave home of his own accord around 1960. LANDRY said he met FERRIE in the Balter Building when he came back in from out of town. LANDRY said he went into the service in 1962 and was in the service until well after the assassination. He says he knows ARCACHA, but does not know JULIAN LUZNEDO.

ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA

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Investigation Involving RAL  
Pilot in Suspected Gun Smuggling.


14 August 1959

**CONFIDENTIAL**

On 8/13/59 Customs Agents E. Langford and J. Vandiver appeared in this office to report they had placed David William Ferris placed under surveillance since they had a tip that Ferris may be involved in a gun smuggling operation. Their tip came from the Federal Bureau of Investigation here when an informant advised the FBI that he had overheard a long distance telephone conversation between Ferris and a male in New Orleans regarding the handling of guns, use of tennis shoes and rope and the apparent takeoff of an airplane after the men went down. Ferris was transferred here temporarily from New Orleans and is staying at the Travelers Hotel, across the street from the old RAL terminal.

After a 26 hour surveillance and background investigation, Langford called to notify us that Ferris was not involved in any nefarious acts of wrongdoing. The Customs Agent investigators learned later in the investigation that Ferris, who is a scout leader, had been trying to promote transportation to South America with the Air Force Transportation Corps. The conversation about the guns, tennis shoes and rope was in reference to a proposed hike at the termination of their proposed flight.

Captains John Halliburton and George Diggs, who had been notified of the investigation, were contacted to let them know that Pilot Ferris was not involved in any acts of wrongdoing. He also advised them that Ferris had forwarded most of his \$200.00 advance to New Orleans to defray expenses regarding the preparation for the proposed flight for his boy scouts.

  
S. J. MINICIALE  
Director of Security

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cc: Mr. T. E. Crighton  
Capt. J. H. Halliburton

May 2, 1943

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. W. D. Stewart

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This afternoon I talked with both Congressmen Harrison and Long from Louisiana in regard to Captain Ferris. Both Congressmen expressed their great affection and admiration for Mr. Hill and questioned him as one of the outstanding Louisiana attorneys. They stated they merely wanted to represent to Eastern their interest in the Ferris case and to explore the possibility of a compromise.

Both Congressmen stated that they were not taking any position on the merits of the case. Harrison indicated that he had told Hill that although he (Hill) felt very strongly about the case, he had to expect the other side might feel just as strongly that Captain Ferris should be discharged.

I explained to the Congressmen that Captain Ferris's case had received serious consideration by many of the top management officials of Eastern, who had felt that they had no choice but to discharge Captain Ferris. I also explained that Eastern had no immediate feelings toward Captain Ferris and certainly did not want to put a black mark on his record if it could be avoided; and, therefore, I felt sure that if Mr. Hill wanted to compromise the case, Eastern would be willing to accept a resignation so that Captain Ferris would not have a black mark against him and would have a better opportunity to secure employment elsewhere.

I also explained to the Congressmen the procedure under the Railway Labor Act and the Illinois Collective Bargaining Agreement whereby Captain Ferris would have an opportunity to have his case considered before the System Board of Adjustment.

The Congressmen indicated that they did not believe that Captain Ferris and Mr. Hill would be interested in a resignation as a compromise. However, Congressman Harrison asked for my full name and phone number in case he should want to contact me again on the matter, and I expressed my willingness to discuss it with him at any time.

Both Congressmen were very friendly and seemed to be merely carrying out an obligation they felt to an old friend.

GAMBELL, BAYLAN, HERRICK, MOYR & RICHARDSON

BY:

William G. Ball, Jr.