

Ferris - Oswald Connection

Dear Paul,

9/6/81

In your 9/1 you say that I was suggesting that N.O. was hiding the link from FBIHQ, the link being between Oswald and Ferris. You say you can't prove it but you suspect the same with the 544 Ramp Street angle.

I'm sure I've sent you all I've seen on such things. Not much gets onto paper that is disclosed. The field offices are the FBI's memory holes.

My earlier beliefs along these and other, similar lines are in my earlier writing, 544 and other such things in Oswald in New Orleans.

I've seen nothing to believe that there is any change at any subsequent date. The FBI hides to hide. FBIHQ often knows, via some back channel, what is not put on paper.

What is provocative is theorizing over the inspiration for hiding from FBIHQ the pre-assassination Oswald-Ferris link, of his school days.

What I just sent you is a record I got under appeal of three years ago. It had been withheld, I'm sure the record reflects without even a fig-leaf of justification.

Re Perez: conjecturing a connection between him and the King job is not unreasonable, thus my inquiry.

Bari has gotten and read the affidavit and is going through the large stack of exhibits. We spoke Friday. He is impressed. He has interest in the other records I sent recently, mostly about the tests asked by H.C.A. and what I pointed out, the immunity of the "private sector" from FOIA, so it was selected. They've also mastered their Orwell and as a result Alvarez is now impartial.

What we will do, exactly, with the affidavit is not yet settled. Jim was not able to get to writing until this weekend, although he'd read it and the exhibits several times. Perhaps most important he will summarize because with it for backstopping he can make conculatory statements. I've not yet figured transportation out, or getting there for a press conference. Best regards,