

CECIL M. SHILSTONE, P. E.
PRESIDENT

SHILSTONE TESTING LABORATORY, INC.
CECIL M. SHILSTONE AND ASSOCIATES, INC.
814 CONTI STREET NEW ORLEANS

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DATE: 5/7/68

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 3:15 PM on 5/6/68, Mr. CHARLES I. DENECHAUD, JR., an attorney located at 1412 Pere Marquette Building, appeared at the Office along with Mr. CECIL M. SHILSTONE. Mr. DENECHAUD stated that he has represented Mr. SHILSTONE for many years and that Mr. SHILSTONE was insistent upon coming to this office to provide information.

Mr. SHILSTONE stated he is President of the Shilstone Testing Laboratory, Inc., as well as President of Shilstone and Associates located at 814 Conti Street. He started out the conversation by stating that in the past he had had an association with District Attorney JIM GARRISON in regards to GARRISON's probe of the assassination of President KENNEDY. He said that this association with GARRISON was strictly to give financial support to GARRISON's investigation. He said that at the inception of GARRISON's investigation into the assassination of KENNEDY and prior to the time that CLAY SHAW was arrested, GARRISON needed money to conduct his inquiry. As a result, GARRISON contacted SHILSTONE as well as WILLARD ROBERTSON and CHARLES RANCH (phonetic) requesting contributions. He said that these three individuals, as well as others, whom he did not name, contributed money to GARRISON and had formed a group known as "Truth or Consequences".

Mr. SHILSTONE stated his purpose in coming to this office was that in the past day or so, individuals have told him that there is a rumor going around New Orleans that SHILSTONE is the New Orleans industrialist and "political killer" referred to in the New Orleans papers a week or so ago in connection with the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. SHILSTONE stated he had read these articles in the New Orleans papers and that he had no idea as to how these rumors got started. He said that the following individuals were personal friends of his and had contacted him and had told him about these rumors:

HARRY BATT, owner and operator of Pontchartrain Beach Amusement Park;



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~~LOUIS ROUSSELL~~, a New Orleans financier;

~~CLEM SEIRT~~, who is President of the National American Bank;

As well as a New Orleans physician whom he did not want to identify.

Mr. SHILSTONE stated that in the past he has been a political ally of Governor MC KEITHEN and had contributed to the Governor's campaign and had, in fact, "master-minded" the Governor's re-election for a second term.

Mr. DENECHAND stated that about a week ago, he was informed by CARLOS CHIMERA, who is the operator of the Pere Marquette Garage, that CHIMERA had been informed by JOSEPH DIRGSA that rumors were circulating that the person referred to in the papers as the New Orleans industrialist was CECIL SHILSTONE.

Mr. SHILSTONE inquired as to whether he was under investigation in captioned case and was informed that the writer could make no comment. However, this was not to imply one way or the other, that all investigations and information developed in any case conducted by the FBI was strictly confidential.

Mr. SHILSTONE inquired as to whether the FBI could make a statement that he was not involved in this case and was again informed the FBI had no comment. He stated that when people had told him about these rumors, he informed them there was nothing to these rumors.

He said he had not attempted to ascertain the source of these rumors.

Mr. SHILSTONE inquired as to whether his appearance would be made a matter of record and he was informed that it would be. He stated that he had no information in regards to captioned matter. He said that one of the things he was concerned about was that if this rumor about him became generally known, it might cause some Negro militant to shoot him the same as JACK RUBY had shot LEE OSWALD.

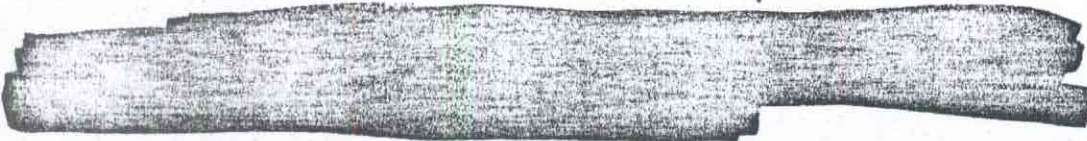
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At the conclusion of the interview, Mr. DENECHAUD stated that he had told Mr. SHILSTONE that it would do them no good to come to the FBI but that Mr. SHILSTONE still wanted to come to this office.

Mr. SHILSTONE was courteously thanked for his appearance at this office at the conclusion of this interview.

In addition to the above, Mr. SHILSTONE stated that he is also employed by the State of Louisiana in conducting saliva and urine tests on horses which run at Louisiana race tracks.

A review of the files of the New Orleans Office contain several references in regards to SHILSTONE in the file 89-69. This is the case involving the investigation of the Assassination of President KENNEDY and the references reveal that SHILSTONE was one of the original founders of a group known as Truth and Consequences in 1967. This group was made up of New Orleans businessmen who donated money to District Attorney JIM GARRISON to help him defray the cost of his investigation in the KENNEDY matter.



Serial 89, page nine of this file is the results of a credit check on CECIL M. SHILSTONE, 1662 Valmont, not further identified.

New Orleans file 76-2424 is captioned KENNETH NELSON BISHOP, Possible Parole Violator. This file reveals that information had been received that captioned subject had been arrested by the Lawton, Oklahoma PD and had in his possession credit cards of CECIL M. SHILSTONE of the Shilstone Testing Laboratory, 814 Conti Street, New Orleans, La. Investigation determined that previously Mr. SHILSTONE's wallet had been stolen.

New Orleans file 172-20-149 is a memorandum of SA REED W. JENSEN dated 8/24/67 in the case captioned DOUGLAS

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FONTENOT, Et Al, SPORTS BRIBERY. SA JENSEN interviewed the Chief Biochemist at the Shilstone Testing Laboratory, 814 Conti Street, in regards to various drugs used on horses inasmuch as this laboratory conducted various tests on the winning horses at the Louisiana tracks.

New Orleans file 172-16-61 is a newspaper article of the New Orleans States-Item, 10/5/67 in regards New Orleans domed stadium. This article indicated that the Shilstone Testing Laboratories was to conduct soil boring tests in regards to building the dome stadium. This article further related SHILSTONE is a political associate of the Mayor of New Orleans.

New Orleans file 62-2904 is a memorandum dated 3/4/58 from the ASAC to the SAC in which it was indicated that the Shilstone Testing Laboratory is an old and well-established business concern.