

Dear Jim, re:CA75-1996; New Orleans leads

12/15/76

You will remember the pictures I once took in New Orleans and showed you and Bud, then Jimmy. These are the ones about which Bud once asked you how I knew to go to a certain place three years before other leads took us there. When I showed them to Jimmy one of these pictures, not of that building, tripped Jimmy up. He recognized a place of no real consequence. In this he disclosed a great knowledge of New Orleans than he had admitted. He had pretended it was a strange place to him.

I now believe he knew more about it than I was able to learn when I developed proof that he had been on a lark there with Walter on that money-order caper.

Well, the new records bear on this with slight and almost casual or off-hand mentions.

There is a sentence in a New Orleans FBI teletype referring to an investigation with negative results in as I recall the 500 block of Napoleon Avenue near St. Charles. Well, that takes us back to those pictures. I took some in that area 5-7 years ago. In my notes these are the ones where I discuss the press and the conversations with the housewives about them when they got interested in my picture-taking.

There is an L.A. teletype recounting a reinterview with Charles Stein. He said that Ray disclosed considerable knowledge of N.O. in their conversations. That teletype refers to Chalmette as "Chalmet (phon)."

These all go together and suggest Jimmy spent more time in New Orleans than any of the available evidence proves or than he has been willing to state or explain.

You will remember the picture I obtained of the back of the flophouse and the enlargement I had made from the negative. I do not have confirmation from these files of the interpretation I put on it. I do plan to use this in the book but at some point it can be a powerful argument in court to explain the stonewalling and the lying.

If my recollection is correct those extra copies I have yet to place in this special file of excerpts from the serials being provided contain references to the completion of tests at dates earlier than in the lab records were provided. I do believe that the lab and Washington was holding back to be consistent with developments and political needs. I will be tabulating times as I review prior to filing. If I have not already filed. Consistent with this is the discovery of the names Ray and Riley ~~and~~ by the FBI, which said nothing until the time of Bonebrake's fingerprint identification. If it is on the level then it is particularly interesting that Bonebrake made his identification from old LAPD prints, not others he should have had.

All of this makes these 29 volumes more important and the immediate need for them greater. In them we'll find the source of some of Hanes' notes.

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