

NEW ADDRESS: Rt. 7, Frederick, Md. 21701

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Dear Bill,

Here is a carbon copy of the retyped transcript of the Liebel 5/2/67 "confession" at the UCLA honors-course ciafee clatch. As I told you over the phone, it took several days to straighten out the totally unusable partial transcript made by the transcription service. This one is complete. That is, it includes everything that is on the original tape. The student ran out of tape toward the end.

Where there are words we could not make out, we have put dots in. Where there was absolutely no doubt about the sense, we have put the approximate words in parens. Where there is doubt, question marks. Nothing is omitted that we can make out at all.

I will go to town and mail this today, so you can get it as rapidly as possible. I leave tomorrow for a short trip. If I can, I'll read this before I go; if not, I'll try and read it on the plane. If there are any serious corrections, I'll let you know immediately.

I will mark the place(s) that we talked about. There is one I didn't call to your attention. I have a considerable number of appropriate and as-yet unseen documents, like the suppressed FBI reports on the investigation of Sergio Arcacha Smith, the Cuban Revolutionary Council and the 544 Camp St. address (and I have the Oswald literature with that as his return address). Liebel mentions Ferrie's name as connected with Arcacha (one of the many indications of Ferrie's CIA connections. I have developed some of my own). I have the suppressed FBI reports. They show Ferrie was known to have threatened Kennedy's life. I have the appropriate pix, etc., pretty much the whole schmeer of what Liebel reveals he knew about and did nothing about, and this is CIA, Oswald's connection with the CIA side, Ferrie's and Arcacha's (and the CRC's) with the CIA (which organized the CRC at the Sklyark Motel, Miami, 3/19/61).

Garrison's latest subpoenas reveal more of the Oswald-radical-right associations. Hall and Thornley are both radical-right (Thornley is in C in N.O. on pp 90-2 and 124).

Important as these suppressions are, I think the most significant admission still is that the basic conclusion on conspiracy-which is anything but a "conclusion"- was written in what amounts to the dark of night, when the report was on the press, without even a typist to check on Liebel-who acknowledges he was wrong! That, really, is immaterial. He was wrong, but not for the reason he gives. That is his customary non-sequetur-and he misrepresents that, too. Here was not the end but the beginning of an investigation. Confirmation of the presence of these men at the home of Sylvia Odio is confirmation of a prima facie case of accessory before the fact and, either way, a probable proof of conspiracy, for either it was Oswald, and these men were his companions and privy to a plan to murder the President or it was not Oswald and these men were setting him up as a pigeon in that assassination. It is, I think, an irrefutable proof that the Commission's end had to be its

beginning, under the charge of the President. Liebeler knew this, for he is a lawyer, now teaching law at UCLA.

With the documents and pictures, I think it can be quite an expose, both infinitely serious and at the same time, very sensational. Further, in the near future, I will be able to confront Liebeler with it, and I'll be able to tape record his responses. If you can do the story before that, there could be quite a follow-up. One agreed-to date is 3/22. I'll be in Calif again 2/3.

Going along with this, I'll be making a study of what the Commission had included in the Report that Liebeler took out. It is part of this story, for from the index, I know two of the things he did take out. I'm having someone give me every page reference to the chapter he changed, by name, so I'll know every name removed. I am confident that from the names I'll know the essence. I now know, from Liebeler's tape (his reference to Sylvia being behind the Nieman-Mercus jewelry counter, which she wasn't, that he knows the story of the woman who was -and of the self-separation from church duties of a priest. I know part of his story and can locate him now. I have traced him to a certain small area. His name is one of those removed.

The second marked part of page 2 indicates that he has classified data in his possession. 75% of the Ferris reports are still secret in the Archives. I think it is inevitable when this story appears that Garrison will issue a subpoena for this data. If Liebeler can have it, there is no reason to deny it to a court. And I have much more on this-on what Liebeler has that he is not supposed to.

Other marked places, pp. 1, 15, 16, 17 (redrafting of Report begins here), through 24, with the most important toward the end.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg