

Route 7, Frederick, Md. 21701
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Dear Bill Barry,

For other reasons I intended writing you this morning. Then I spoke to Marty Singer, who told me of your story for Sage. Great! I've been doing a little more work on that. For your information, there is an apparent tie in California between the National States Rights Party and the more extremist Rangers, who are more violent than the right-wing Minutemen. I have some documentation, expect more (I have just returned from California), and it will be available for your story if you or Marty want it. If there is anything I have published on this that interests you, please feel free to use it. And if there is any other way in which I can help, please ask.

It is in connection with Cuban activities that I had intended writing you. I had a long interview with Loran Hall last week. He told me of TV newsreel coverage of a flight from Miami about 10/8/65 to Guatemala, involving Gerry Patrick Hemming, Howard Davis (pilot) and several others in connection with the Bourke matter. This might fit other things. If the pictures are available, I am certain ^{also} Jim Garrison would want them.

If there are any available pictures of the raids on Ha-Nam Key of about that period, those showing faces in particular, that also would be potentially quite valuable. After Patrick left, Hall was in charge for a while, and Howard. Once when Howard left temporarily, he returned to find Masfarer's groups had moved in. But in general, any faces in the camps of that time are needed.

Hall could not recall the station on which he says he saw the broadcast.

He is, incidentally, a very sick man and was in considerable pain and under sedation when I interviewed him.

If you can now provide the name of the States Right organizer, I can run it through the considerable list of names we now have and will tell you what, if anything, it means to us...And one other thing could be interesting: was there any homosexual activity that came to light in these training camps? Many thanks, Harold Weisberg



MIAMI, Fla., (AP) — NEWSMEN LISTEN TO TAPE OF ASSASSINATION (AP) —
Miami, Fla. (AP) — A group of newsmen gathered in Miami today to listen to a tape recording of a man who said he would be assassinated. The man was identified as a man who was assassinated in Dallas on Nov. 9, 1963. The man was described as a man describing the responsibility of the assassination.

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Bruce S. Lewis

Mr. Lewis:

Enclosed are three clips which contain all of the locally published material on the Del Valle death.

I have done extensive work on assassination stories and one of the first things I did when learning of the murder was try to find connections between Del Valle and a possible assassination plot.

To date, there is absolutely no known link between Del Valle and possible conspirators.

The Enquirer story is a fraud. The first reporter sent here by the Enquirer was told ~~xx~~ all the details of the murder by police. He went back to N.Y. and was taken off the story.

The man who replaced him was the man who first claimed Del Valle was in on a plot. He finally wrote the Enquirer story. His story was manufactured from imagination.

The only firm fact in it is that Del Valle and David Ferrie apparently died on the same day.

Del Valle was never in touch with Jim Garrison.

He was added to Garrison's list of people to investigate on the day his body was found. He was added to the list because I told Garrison's chief assistant about him.

Del Valle's claim that he ran guns and people in and out of Cuba is interesting in light of Nancy Perrin Rich's story about Jack Ruby bankrolling such an operation. His alleged involvement in Cuban exile politics is interesting because of the many ~~possible~~ Cuban-assassin possibilities.

But it is also interesting that Garrison is not in the least interested in him as a possible conspirator. And that is because there has been not the faintest basis for linking him to any assassination plot.

If you have any concrete evidence which disputes any of the above, I sure as hell would like to know about it. If you have any information which needs to be checked through Miami area sources, I can check it.

Del Valle was a conman, an intriguist of petty proportions, a miniscule leech sucking the hairs of local gangsterism. But I doubt if he was an assassin--or had knowledge of the assassination beforehand.

And the Enquirer should have come to the same conclusions on the basis of the evidence fed to it from Miami.

Bill Barry

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J.F.K. ASSASSINATION LINK

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Secret Service Mum On Recording Here

By **BILL BARRY**
Reporter of The Miami News

The Secret Service has a policy.

It's: "No comment."

The Service invokes the policy whenever newspaper reporters ask questions about cases under its investigation.

Nearly a month ago, The Miami News discovered a tape recordings made here on Nov. 9, 1963 — two weeks before President John F. Kennedy's assassination in Dallas.

A State's Rights Party organizer predicted on the tape that Kennedy would be killed with a high-powered rifle, from an office building. He said the plan was in the works and that somebody would be picked up quickly, just to throw the public off.

Before Kennedy was killed, the police informer who coaxed the organizer into talking for the hidden recorder, gave a Secret Service agent a statement about the conversation. The agent picked him up at night and they rode around town until the informer's statement was finished.

Nearly a month ago, The News asked a Miami Secret

Service agent about the tape. The agent said: "I can't comment. And you can't quote me on my 'No comment.'"

The News broke the story Thursday. It was picked up in many major American cities — especially in the South. It made headline news in London and several Canadian cities.

The News then asked Assistant Secret Service Director E. A. Peterson some questions about the tape and about the man who had discussed assassination on it.

He said: "We wouldn't comment at all on anything like that."

Just a short while before, an agent in the service's Miami office had telephoned his headquarters in Washington and read The News story to his superior over the telephone.

He said: "That's it. I'll mail it up. That's all I know about it."

He was also asked about the tape and the man who had talked on it.

He said: "No comment."

The service has a case file on the tape and the man who made it.

The file is marked: Closed. But questions about the

file remain open — and unanswered.

The News has tried to find the man who came to Miami as organizer for the State's Rights Party. He left shortly after talking about assassination.

Miami Police Intelligence men say they do not know where he is. Their informer who talked to the man says: "I have checked everywhere I can think of to find him. I have checked the place where he lived and tried to find out if he still owns property there. Nothing.

"I've checked other people who knew him. They don't know where he is. I can't get a line on him anywhere.

"I'm beginning to wonder

...

The informer said: "He was glad when Kennedy got killed. But he was scared. He figured he knew the people who did it. He figured they knew he knew. I just can't figure what happened to him."