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Dear Orest,

Your clipping and the correct statement you added to it arrived several days ago. As you know, I agree.

There is a simple problem, however - proving it to the satisfaction of the average person. This, today, we have not yet done. I think the safety and future of the country require it. I have hopes that you and others like you may yet help do this.

Some people are afraid. You are not. In either case, the question is for someone who can piece the whole thing together to be able to have before him all the knowledge of those who fear and those who do not, for it is not likely that those who have the information can understand all it can mean. It often happens that people know things but do not really understand what they mean. Let me give you two different examples relating to you:

You have never told me why you were suddenly angry with me. We both know it is not anything I did or said, for I regarded you as a fine and helpful friend. One of the immediate possibilities is that this was "arranged", that things were done so you would react as you did, this cutting off the valuable help you were giving me.

And suppose the man who had that phoney drunk in your place was not the real Harvey Oswald? From your reading of my books, I think you can understand the possibilities of this. From you and from those who would never have spoken to me had it not been for your friendship and help, added to what I already knew, I am satisfied this was not the real Oswald.

Here two other things become important, aside from who this man was and who was with him. These are the identification of the Mexican (reporter?) and the license number and description of the car your people got El Estupides to report to the FBI. You can be sure he still has it.

Kent, also, may have information or meaning. If there is any danger to him, it can be only from silence, for then there is a reason to hurt him, not if he tells what he knows. I was not able to speak to him, as you know, and cannot now. But I think he would be wise to speak to Sciambra in Garrison's office and to tell Sciambra it is at my suggestion. (I'd still like pictures of those fine murals he did for you.)

Had I been able to afford a New Orleans lawyer to sue your neighbor, we might have been able to bring much of this out. When I see his "book", it may still be possible. Some of the lies in it are not subject to suit because they were first said by a Congressman. But there may be others. When I get a copy of the book, I'll read it and know...If it is ever possible to get a picture of his window with some of the sexy books that were in it when last I saw it, I'd like that, too, because some of his fascist friends, of whom he has many, say they are opposed to this thing.

Many thanks for thinking of me. Best regards,



SHAKING HANDS with Orleans Parish DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON at last night's testimonial dinner is ATTY. GEN. JACK P. F. GREMILLION. MAYOR VICTOR H. SCHIRO looks on at left. Woman in background is unidentified.

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# CIA Killed John Kennedy, Garrison Says at Banquet

"The CIA killed John Kennedy," Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison maintained last night at a \$100-a-plate dinner held in his honor at the Roosevelt Hotel. Garrison pledged to continue his probe into the assassination until he has proved his theory to the world. He also said his statement that the Central Intelligence Agency was responsible for the former President's death is "not speculation."

He called the Warren Commission report, which concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, shot President Kennedy "totally fraudulent."

"THE WARREN Commission report," Garrison declared, "told you what did not happen. The United States government was involved in the assassination."

"The CIA was the agency involved. The CIA killed John Kennedy. But they're not so smart that they can kill the President of the United States without someone finding out."

The district attorney thanked Orleanians for their past support and called on them for their continued backing until "some day everyone in the world will know that New Orleans is the city that found out what they did to John Kennedy."

At the end of the banquet, Garrison was asked by newsmen about the possibility that he might run for governor in 1971. "It's possible," he replied, "but I haven't given it much thought."

GARRISON'S comments came at the end of a night of congratulations and humor to celebrate his first-primary victory over three other candidates in his bid for re-election as district attorney.

Comedian Mort Sahl, master of ceremonies, set the tone for the change from levity to seriousness by cutting short his jokes to attack the Warren Commission report and the news media treatment of Garrison.

Garrison received a congratulatory telegram from Gov. John J. McKeithen, who was to have been the principal speaker but

was unable to attend because of his father's death yesterday.

On hand to praise Garrison were Lt. Gov. C. C. Aycock, Mayor Victor H. Schiro, state Atty. Gen. Jack P. F. Gremillion and Democratic mayornominee Moon Landrieu.

Banquet chairman was Cecil M. Shilstone.

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