

Dear Mr. Randolph,

1/6/95

Thanks for the SASE.

The file I have on the training camps is in the basement and I cannot handle the stairs. I was at one, hardly a camp, and the sheriff took pictures for me of the one Ricardo Davis had, I think as a scam. It is possible that the Davis one is the one I found easily. There was another one to the north of Mandeville, of the Minutemen, and one I learned about from a deputy who had married Davis' ~~girl~~ girl friend for that area. This one was in the state park, in a woods near the water, and they ran small, fast boats from there with as I recall most smallarms. *17-foot boats*

My recollection is that the camp I saw, probably the McLaney house, was just off Pontchartrain Drive. If that's the 190 then it would have been at Big Branch because I remember being on the parallel street at right angles to 190, I was on the one toward Lacombe. The house was on the next street. There was at least one house toward 190 from it. That was a black man's and he told me he is the one who reported those crazies. They brought all their stuff in on an open U-Haul trailer and in policing the grounds the dead grass and other trash got out of hand and he thought it would burn the house and it would all go boom. Including his house. I have a picture of it in that folder. If it was not there it was at the next place with parallel streets at the 190 number.

I wish I had a clearer recollection of where I interviewed that young woman. It was at a crossroad and on the side toward Lacombe, with a store on the other side of that X-road. She worked in a gas station, small luncheonette. We sat in a booth when I interviewed her and when I returned to interview her husband, from what she told me, of the wild drive on which she was with Davis, it was off the main road and on a rough shell road.

Garrison's people did not even know where that place was! Gave me a phony address.

I do not remember when Ferris was on Atherton. He could have lived there then.

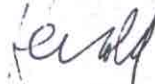
Metarie is on the other side of the lake touching the side farther from the Lake at B.O.

My late step-mother lived in Covington, farther away. Past Lacombe.

I did not look for the Minuteman camp but I got no reports of any real training or shooting at any but one camp. There were reports of some shooting at it.

Wish I could help you more. Thanks for your good wishes, and a good year to you,

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thanks again for allowing me to visit you at your home last June. I certainly enjoyed meeting you.

In going through some of the notes I made after reading "*Oswald in New Orleans*" I saw you mentioned the training site for the anti-Castro Cubans as being off the Lacombe-Mandeville Road, near your step-brothers residence. (Pg. 395).

I have always been curious as to the exact location and was hoping you would mark the location for me on the enclosed map. If a more detailed map is necessary, if you would mark an approximate location I will send a magnified copy back showing road names.

Did Jim Garrison's investigation extend to contacting the owner of this site, McLaney? I didn't see his name indexed in in "*Heritage of Stone*", "*On the Trail of the Assassins*", or "*American Grottesque*".

You also mentioned (on Pg. 178 and 179) that David Ferrie once lived at 331 Atherton Dr., Metairie, Louisiana. Was this at the time the training camp was in operation?

Again, many thanks for any assistance you can provide, and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Yours truly,

William F. Randolph

P.S. I have been checking the bookstores for your new book but haven't seen it yet.