Rodriguez Alvarez

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Dear Art,

I first heard about the Dominic Galvin- Alvarez Rodriguez disinformation from a BBC TV crew and then as a result of a silly story in one of the major British papers, most of which are scandal sheets. I suspect your Macon picked it up from such a sheet.

Glad to get the clip. Thanks. Baseless but disinformational. If not inspired.

I'd heard that there was a news item saying that Freep had suspended. Not quite the business of Lane running it, as he's been suggesting. Meaning radio news. Nothing in print has come here.

Jerry Ray tells me that Lane has told him that there is just a brief delay and that he has written the ning edition. It is titled "The Framing of ames Earl Ray." C tchy title, something like Frame-Up. Catchy line, too-something like sucker bait.

The power fight is not surprising if one faction is Lane/Freed et al. Otherwise I have no knowledge of who is on first - or last.

I'd be delighted to address the LA bar after Ball. I'd like to hear his remarks and responses to questions in any event.

If there are other requests it is not impossible that Ball might favor me over some of the others.

If you have to sell, I'm the author of the first and of most of the books, was largely responsible for the amending of FOIA, have used it more than anyone else and have published more of the corpus delicti evidence so obtained than all others put together.

Rather than "Warren Commission eport Update" I'd like to talk about something like "Basic Evidence the Warren Commission Never al and How FOIA Delivered It To Me." I'd even prepare the speech and bring samples.

But I doubt they'll want the other side andbelieve those on the scene will fight hard to get it. Like Lane, Lifton, etc.

Think I've won another major battle with D of J and FBI. Know soon and will let you know if and when.

Anything you see or hear or can taps relating to Epsteinker or his Legend will be helpful. CIA job, ultra faction, plus help from FBI. Have not yet read. Got today.

Hope the rains did not wash trouble onto you all.

Our best, and thanks,

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Dear Hal:

A couple of FYI's:

...I'd never heard of the Bacon piece before???

...Ball item indicates he still feels he has to apologize to protect his??? I will be out of town on the day of the speech but I hope to have it taped and will be more than happy to send along a copy...I'll also urge the president of the LA bar association to invite <u>you</u> out for a rebuttal. (hope you don't mind and would feel physically up to such a trek).

The Flynt organisation locally has all but shut down due to the Georgia ambush attempt...My information has it that there is a tremendous power fight going on within for control, almost as if he'd expired. I think he'll fool them all, especially the gunmen. However, the Freep here has ceased publication and a planned second special edition on the JFK assassination, has been scrubbed.

My very best to you and Lil...

WARREN REPORT — Attorney Joseph A. Ball, senior counsel of the Warren Commission that investigated the assassination of President John Kennedy, will address the Trial Lawyers Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Assn. at noon March 23 in the Biltmore Hotel.

Ball will speak on "Warren Commission Report Update," an analysis from his first-hand experience. Luncheon tickets at $7.50 are available through the association, 606 S. Olive St., Suite 1212, Los Angeles 90014.

ARBITRATION—A program on arbitration and reference of disputes to referees will be presented by the Assn. of Business Trial Lawyers at a dinner meeting April 4 in the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Panelists will be retired Superior Court judges Kenneth Chantry and Steven S. Weisman and attorney Hillel Chodos.

Assassination Plot in Ireland? J.F.K.'s '63 Tour Examined

Sometimes you hear an amazing bit of news that is not strictly Hollywood gossip but is so startling that you must pass it on.

Like something Patrick, the 5th Earl of Lichfield, dropped casually in a conversation at the Bistro the other day when I had lunch with him. The Queen's cousin and favorite photographer was in town for a few days with an exhibit of his work.

Checking further, I found out that Dominic Galvin, a 44-year-old former dock worker from Cork in the Irish Republic, claims that John F. Kennedy almost was assassinated during the late president's Irish tour in June 1963.

Galvin has made his allegations to Britain's ACT, the Assassination Committee for the Truth, and the London Sunday Mirror, one of the world's largest newspapers. Both are investigating.

The alleged Irish plot was led by Alvarez Rodriguez, a

James Bacon

Cuban army officer, according to Galvin. His 14-year silence gains new emphasis in light of recent CIA investigations by congressional committees.

The Irishman said he first knew Rodriguez when the latter was a ship's officer. Galvin said he met him again in Cork in 1963 and was told then of the assassination plot but the murder attempt was suddenly cancelled.

To add further intrigue, Galvin says the Cuban squad was ordered to Dallas and that Rodriguez later was murdered himself.

So far Galvin has not stated why he kept quiet so long.

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