

JDW, HR, self: Something cooking on JFK

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From today's calls there is a concerted feeding of peripheral and non-stories on JFK. Of the more important elements (I'm omitted two) I can say only that it is stypical for both: Abderson and WxPost-Woodward.

Woodward had phoned a few times before this year, each time nibbling at a JFK story.

Today he was more specific. Whatever his sources is it the tale of a sheriff who told the FBI in advance that JFK would be offed. There are several of these. I gave him those, others and referred him elsewhere.

Anderson's man had other things in mind, none new stories so decided they had been fed them. Ruby in Cuban jail with Santo Trafficante; Ruby in CUBA because CIA had a report saying it had so heard (quite unlikely, not new and already rebutted). Ruby as FBI informant

What may be behind this new flurry is an effort to get the Downing resolution out of the Rules committee. The pot-boilers think there is a chance. I discussed this with Anderson's man and astounded him by telling him I'm opposed to it even though I'm the first to ask a post-Warren Congressional investigation.

He admits nothing could happen this year but would it not be a good basis for next year. Not so, I said. It would be achieved with non-evidence easily destroyed and with the attempt next year the basis for it also would be destroyed. I don't know if he saw it or not.

Believe it or not, another call after 9 p.m., just now.

This tends to bend, whether or not by design, with what I believe is an effort to use the Rosselli death as a disinformation deal.

In this deal, which sounds like Budmark, to coin a label, one record has it that Ruby got to see Santos in the Cuban jail. What Anderson was not given just came to mind, the subsequent investigation of the source- no good at all.

The pot-boilers don't care if they get burned. Or we.

I feel badly that other things were on my mind this morning and I didn't recall in time. Now must make a note for Les to cover them if it kicks back. If the kid did what I suggested the CIA gave them disproof of gulled them. I'll forget when I get busy if I don't make a note. I have no way of knowing if this new campaign will spread out but it looks like a campaign.

Best,