

Ruby's confession to shrink, reported by Reuters from Monday Sunday Times 8/24/74 (here) and phoned to me by Pete Gamble, Mutual about 9:15 p.m.

The story is the Ruby kept telling this particular shrink over and over again that he was part of a conspiracy to kill JFK, that Buchanan's book tells it as it really was, and that Ruby was "framed" into killing LHO. Also repeated protestations that he was not crazy.

On my part first wonder at the timing and then that the shrink would let it out. He testified that Ruby was not insane (possible under McNaghten).

I don't doubt Ruby said it but I also don't doubt that he was crazy, within the meaning of his situation, not that he could not operate outside jail. I think his condition deteriorated, that is, in jail, and that he embroidered all kinds of patterns.

I referred Pete to Wade, knowing the contents of Wade's files but not being able to refer to them.

This will set the nuts all off again, with more than their usual irresponsibility. The timing of this silliness is not good for WW IV and makes me wonder.

And I have been in touch with the London Sunday Times. Directly and indirectly.

Pete is to phone me tomorrow and discuss all this. He was close to deadline.