Please read & forward. Thanks M.L.

My note to Mr. Garrison is as follows:

Last March my daughter Elizabeth called me from Baton Rouge to tell me she had worked with Perry Ray Russo in 1965 when she and a friend, both students at LSU, were employed by Mr. Mike Ogden of New Orleans to do general office work and help set up a camp for a Young Republican group. This was a summer job and the girls were to have had an apartment in Slidell but that fell through and my daughter called to ask if she could live in the house with the Ogdens and work in New Orleans. After speaking with Mrs. Ogden xx we gave our consent to this arrangement. Later I discovered the plans were changed because some money Mr. Ogden was expecting did not arrive. My daughter was paid only for the first week or two (Mr. Ogden owes each girl several hundred dollars) In spite of the fact the Ogdens had no money they had a Mexican maid, lived well and occasionally went out of town in a private plane. My daughter explained that Mr. Ogden's father had once held a large amount of property in Cuba and she believed that Mike Ogden had lived there, but they had lost all their money when Castro came on. Mrs. Ogdens family were well-to-do, but the couple didn't want to borrow from relatives. Mr. Ogden was waiting for some large sum, such as $55,000, to come to him so that he could develop a piece of property someplace and when he received it he would pay them. During that summer she did not mention Mr. Russo; she talked about the letters she wrote to several extremists (I believe General Walker was contacted) and far-righters asking them to speak to the Young Republican campers and she talked about the busy life the Ogdens led and the fact that she tried to talk Spanish to the Mexican maid who indicated she was not being paid either. My husband and I were a little amused at the thought of our daughter working for these two "Vanity Fair" individuals, especially because she was more interested, she said, in the experience than the money (fortunately) and because we are Democrats.

When she called to tell me about Russo because she knew I had been researching certain aspects of the assassination case, she couldn't tell me much except that Perry was a sort of fair-haired boy around the Ogden house. He used Mrs. Ogdens car, was given money when no one else was and was catered to by Mr. Ogden. Because this couple had been having such a hard time financially that Mrs. Ogden had to do a lot of menial work to set up the camp, my daughter found this a little ridiculous. In a later call she told me that Mike Ogden had saved Mr. Russo's life when he tried to commit suicide (it was not clear when this attempt was made). At the time my daughter was living with the Ogdens she was engaged (and is now married) to a charming young man and perhaps, therefore, was not as intereste in Mr. Russo's activities as she might have been otherwise.

* This note is in addition to a letter I sent last March in care of, I believe, a Mr. Gervich. Mr. H. Weisberg asked that I again forward this information as Mr. Gervich had resigned and perhaps the letter was not utilized.

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