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There is a letter dated October 29, 1963, from "Larrie to Dear BERNIE & BILL".

He refers to the Stevenson incident as "a great victory". What he says may be largely self-serving because of his own political orientation, but he said that "the overwhelming majority" of Dallasites are rightwingers "...This town is a battleground and that is no joke. Never before have Dallas conservatives from the GOP to the John Birch Society ever been so strongly united."... Thus far, I am the only organizer of the demonstration to have publicly identified himself.

... I am a hero to the right -- " He has been frequently interviewed by all media. He also says, "What I worked so hard for in one year - and nearly failed - finally came through one incident, in one night!"

- He says he has made all the necessary arrangements for the organizations they were starting and the rest was up to them on their arrival. This is Commission Exhibit 1032, p.836.

Under date of October 1, 1963, Schmidt again wrote "Bernie", this time a longer letter, appearing on p.837-9, and enclosed in an envelope of the Young Americans for Freedom, a photograph of which appears on p.840. He refers to the private oath they have taken, "to our country". The business of their pretended dedication to the country mixed with their ~~xxxxx~~ hopes for profit from one of their enterprises as a consequence is in language reminiscent of that of the Silver Shirts of an earlier era. He exhorts them to equal his sacrifice and to come down and put their "bodies" into the job.

He refers to himself as the former Southwest executive secretary of the YAF and says he has "worked out a deal with the chairman of the YAF Adult Chapter in Dallas. His name is Dale Davenport and I put him

into the position ...". Davenport "will allow us to use his YAF chapter for Cusa purposes." He said that whoever controlled the YAF adult chapters controls all the chapters in Dallas and whoever controls the Dallas YAF Chapters controls Texas YAF, and whoever controls Texas YAF controls the YAF for the southwest.

In ~~the~~ a postscript he says his brother has begun working as an aide to General Walker and refers to the "huge demonstrations" in connection with Stevenson's speech.

In Exhibit 1045, pp.843-5, in a letter from Munich to Schmidt dated January 7, 1963, Weissman reports that "one of our female friends has^{very} recently been refused a security clearance because of her association with several men of questionable political activities. We are ... the only people who could have caused this."

Schmidt indicated a relationship with Gen. Walker and other conservatives in the Dallas area in Exhibit 1036, pp.846-52, in a letter to Larry Jones dated November 2, 1962.

This letter also abounds in anti-Negro feeling. On p.849 he says, "Also, down here a Negro is nigger. No one - and I mean no one - is ever to say one kind word about Niggers. Only liberals do that. Liberals are our enemies. Never forget that! Set Bernie straight on that. ... Don't preach race hatred. Don't say anything good about niggers - but don't talk about harming them either. The Cpnervative isn't 'agin the Nigras, he just wants to keep him in his place for his own good'."

And on p.851, "Arrangements are being made for me to meet with the head of the Dallas J.B.L., also Gen. Walker, and C. L. Hunt, the texas oil millionaire. I have already met the top editors of the

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to immortality, to a rich, full life. I, for one, despise anonymity, nothingness. I choose greatness, immortality, wealth, power, and influence. And, Bernie, so help me god, I am going to have these things. Whether I go down in history books as a great and noble man, or a tyrant, I am determined to at least be recorded in the history of our times. Yes, I chose to make my attempt at greatness; where do you stand sir?"

A statement of the goals, etc., of conservatism, USA, is Exhibits 1041⁻² pp.863-72.

In Exhibit 1044, pp.874-5, Schmidt reveals his strategy for taking control of YAF, Southwest, and says "Once we get rid of the Chairman, YAF Southwest is ours - with an independent treasury." The "private club" to which he has referred appears to be "Du Charme Lounge". They frankly describe the hostesses as "hustlers", getting a commission on what they sell. On p.875, there is more information about Warren ~~(Bakert)~~ Carroll saying he, "is a scriptwriter for Life-line, H. L. Hunt's television and radio series. ... Warren makes about \$700 a month. ... a former CIA man (don't worry). He has been checked out. Hunt checked him out." Schmidt has been using the envelopes of the Young Americans for Freedom. In Exhibit 1047, beginning on p.878, he is using the stationary of the "National Indignation Convention". At the top of almost all of the 7 pages he has printed and underlined "TOP SECRET" and at the bottom "DESTROY". The letter is undated and begins by saying, "We have arrived!" He has proposed a merger of his Cusa with the National Indignation Convention effective August 1963, following which, "We'll get rid of our new 'partners'". He is to discuss it the following day with Frank McGehee,

who he describes as "obviously the boss". He says it has expenses of about \$10,000 a month, coming from donations.

This series of documents is one in which Schmidt paints himself as an aspiring Hitler. In Exhibit 1047, for example, he says, "I am building you ppeople up into supermen. ... I must have complete loyalty and dedication now."

In a postscript to Larry Jones, Schmidt says, "If I left our map of USA against the wall behind my desk in ~~AFRC~~^{AFRC}, - go get it, it will still be there. Plot the Continuity Centers on it." Jones apparently is still in Munich, the envelope is to an APO.

In a letter dated February 2, 1963, addressed to "All Members", Exhibit 1049, pp.886-8, he begins by saying, "We have succeeded. The mission with which I was charged in Dallas has been accomplished. We are in - all the way. Here is the story:" He talks about a gathering he attended of conservatives at the home of Dr. Robert Morris, president of the Defenders of American Liberty, with Morris; two members of the Dallas University faculty named Kubek and Woods; George Ward, a Dallas City detective; an editorial writer of the Dallas Morning News, Ken Thompson; Clyde Moore, KRLD newscaster and "former PR man for T. L. Hunt (sic); and several others. He gave them hell for going nothing, and was pleasantly surprised when they agreed, and apparently they decided to take over the Young Americans for Freedom. He quotes Clyde Moore, the KRLD newscaster, as saying that after taking over YAF "we can use YAF to get us off the ground". Thus, he said, the Dallas chapter of YAF was born. He said they are going to start YAF chapters YAF chapters in Munich and to spread elsewhere through Germany. He points out the "YAF national advisory board in-

cludes 37 congressmen."

Exhibit 1051 on p.890 is entitled "Membership List", with 5 partners; ~~Maxx & Maxx Harry~~ No. 2, Larry C. Jones, as "chief, security division" and 11 members, all named.

December 5, 1963, FBI report on Weissman, Exhibit 1052, appears on pp.891-7.

Weissman said he would cooperate fully and discuss Cusa and its organizer, Schmidt. He gave the FBI Schmidt's letter to him dated October 29, 1963, in which Schmidt says he is "the only organizer of the demonstration (against Stevenson) to have publicly identified himself". He describes the tremendous publicity and public reaction he has gotten. Schmidt says as a consequence of this "Cusa is set". Weissman and Busley left for Dallas in response to this letter November 4, 1963. Weissman "freely admitted that he had sought to use his political connections to further his business opportunities". They planned to protest the arrival of President Kennedy but not with a demonstration. They decided on an ad. Weissman said the black border on the ad was his idea, that the "American Fact-Finding Committee does not actually exist, and that it was a name made up by Larrie Schmidt and Joseph Grinnan, whom he described as an independent oil man."

Weissman's name was used "in order to offset anti-Semitic charges ... against the conservative movement in Dallas ..."