

August 18, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON

FROM: BILL TURNER

SUBJECT: FERRIE TELEPHONE CALLS

The ID toll sheets show Detroit, Michigan number WO 3-9330. This number has been changed to 223-5100. It is the number of the J. L. Hudson Co., a leading department store.

Reno, Nevada number FA 2-0082 was called a number of times. Presently reassigned. In 1962-63 it was listed to The Shadows on South Virginia Street, a hoodlum hangout. The licensee of The Shadows, according to a Reno source, was Ben Barnica. He was believed fronting for Tommy Serrano, Arnold Edsell and John Sands. Serrano is a heavy, linked with prostitution. Edsell ran houses in Oregon and Sands was known as "John the Pimp." FBI numbers are available if needed. Sands' wife was captain of the "Starlets," a chorus line at the Riverside Hotel. Barnica once was associated with a man named Grebble in the Rose City Bowling Alley and Lounge in Portland, Oregon. Ironically, the lessor of The Shadows was named Jack Kennedy.

August 28, 1967

For Lead files & Ruby
& Ferrie files.

Bill Turner

Jim Garrison

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FERRIE TELEPHONE CALLS

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Rememo reported that one of the numbers called from Ferrie's telephone was WO 3-9330. This number listed to the J. L. Hudson Department Store in 1963, now changed to 223-5100.

In rememo I could make no correlation with the J. L. Hudson Company. However, I now notice in CE 2978, an IRS report on phone calls charged to the number Earl Ruby in Detroit, the following: "...Cobo Cleaners has an exclusive contract with J. L. Hudson Company, Detroit, Michigan, to furnish custom cleaning services for their customers...."

The date of the call was May 9, 1962. It is possible Ruby was in New Orleans that day and used Ferrie's phone to make the call. It is further possible the person call was made for Earl Ruby at the Cobo Cleaners and referred to the department store, where he was known to be.

It would seem desirable to interview Early Ruby as to whether he remembers receiving a call from Jack Ruby on or about the date in question, at a time when he was at Hudson's. If so, another Ferrie-Ruby link would be established.

Incidentally, I note also in CE 2978 that calls were listed to Earl Ruby's number made to the James Welch Company in Cambridge, Mass. This is Birch Society founder Robert Welch's firm. The name Thomas Hill, a Birch official in Massachusetts, was found in Ruby's notebook.

** Note Address indicated by Jack Ruby for Thomas Hill is home address of Robert Welch in Cambridge.*

Handwritten initials: JR

October 1, 1967

*For: Lead files +
Ferre file*

Bill Turner

Jim Garrison

DAVID FERRIE - LONG DISTANCE TOLLS

I have checked out the following numbers as to whom they are listed:

Stockton, Calif. 209-HO 6-5066, presently the Clark Hotel
Sacramento, Calif. 916-449-2331 the U.S. Attorney's Office
314-MA 1-5560 St. Louis, Mo. City Hall
602-HE 2-2291 Bisbee, Arizona the County Attorney
Washington, D.C. 202-CA 4-3121 the U.S. Capitol

The listings were obtained by calling the numbers. I frankly am at a loss as to the possible significance of these calls. It is noted that the Sacramento number was called a number of times in mid-1962, with other listings such as 449-2900 and 449-2371 which may be rotaries of the same office. Also, a number of calls from Sacramento, number not noted, appeared on Ferrie's toll charges; presumably they were collect---from the U.S. Attorney's Office? The same pattern is true of the Bisbee number---someone at the County Attorney apparently called Ferry collect. However, I note there was a call at the same approximate time, collect with no number, from Douglas, which is very close to Bisbee. Two geographical notes: Bisbee and Douglas are practically on the Mexican border; they are not too far from Tucson, where Delbert Myers lives and where William Seymour is now living and driving a truck.

Harold Lipset determined that Walnut Creek 415-935-5407, called on a number of occasions, is listed to Ira E. Gunn, Jr. I made a pretext call to this number and determined from Mrs. Gunn that they are originally from North Carolina but have had this same number for the past ten years. I specifically asked for a Tom Gunn (the name appears in your interview of Donald Dooty as a friend and fellow traveler of Dooty's who attended the University of California). Mrs. Gunn said she knew of no Tom Gunn. The current Walnut Creek City Director lists Ira Gunn as a stock broker at William R. Staats (a reputable brokerage house) and residing at 470 Lakewood in Walnut Creek.

If any of this makes any sense to you, I would appreciate your advice. If you have no objection, I will try to get over to interview Ira Gunn.

September 9, 1967

Bill Turner

Jim Garrison

David Ferrie Telephone Calls

In a previous memorandum to you I indicated that Sacramento telephone numbers 916-449-2331 and -2300 were the United States Attorney's office. It turns out that -2300 is the U.S. government Centrex which was called first. -2331 is the direct line to the U.S. Attorney which was used on subsequent calls.

A source close to Rothwell Mason, Chief Deputy USA, Sacramento, advises that, as far as personnel of the office can recall, the phone calls in question were made back and forth concerning witnesses in a White Slave Act prosecution at the time. The prosecution was taking place in Carson City, Nevada, which at the time was in the US Attorney District covered by Sacramento. The case involved interstate movements between Northern California and Reno, Nevada. The telephone calls were received from and made to New Orleans attorney C. Wray Gill.

It seems highly probable that this answers the questions about phone calls made to Carson City, to the Clark Hotel in Stockton, and The Shadows, the hoodlum night club in Reno operated by known pimps (see nymemo 8/18/67).

However, it raises several questions. Why is a New Orleans attorney handling a case in Reno? Is it because there was a Marcello connection? Why were the Wray calls charged to Ferrie's phone? Was Ferrie involved in the investigation?

*Note: This appears to be Gill's
calls, rather than Ferrie's*