

Dear Jim,

12/6/95

In Friday's mail, in an AARC envelope, cancellation suburban Maryland, I got an FBI Bringuier record on me and one of the CIA's, from Bartes. I presume you sent them. The CIA's reflects other records on me still withheld, as this had been. As you may remember, they told us in 1972 or 1973 that they had given me all. How about phoning and asking for the rest of that all?

I then had no interest in Bringuier or in his store. The Garrison detective was driving me around after my grand jury testimony before taking me to the plane. I was about to take pictures of Pena's bar La Habana (the record gives that as the name of Bringuier's store) when Bringuier came charging out in a crouch shooting away with a 35mm camera. If the detective had not been there he'd have jumped me. We'd never met, I'd never spoken to him and had no interest in doing that anyway.

Bartes was something! I'd phoned and asked to go see him. I now do not remember why but it may have had to do with the CRC or their use of that 544 space. He said he'd come to the motel. I may well have asked him to go to my room so I could tape him and it is even possible I had something there I thought might interest him but threat? How in the world could I threaten anybody? And as far as mad is concerned, what about? More likely disgusted at the show he put on, beginning with the approved spook apparel. Stag Slouch hat, de rigueur gabardine raincoat with all the belts, flaps and epaulets, etc. I had no interest in seeing him so I could tell him anything, as this says. I am sure I wanted to ask him something. I probably have a memo on that someplace but it is not worth the time for checking.

What can be of interest is the caption, "OSS (MUSULIN). Is OSS a coincidence? And what about MUSILIN? What do these things mean?

The subject is redacted in part, Garrison investigation not redacted. Then there are references, presumably relating to me, to three prior teletypes, all of late December, 1967. And this originates in New Orleans, probably domestic contact because it is addressed to "contacts" at HQ. Maybe not to domestic contacts, though.

Late November, 1967 coincides with the introduction of Oswald in New Orleans, which I released ^{sure} with a press conference on it. And Garrison had cartons of the books he was giving away.

In any event, this is all assassination information and if you can find time to phone your contact at CIA and ask for all of it it might be disclosed. May have been and we do not know. But we were assured that they had given me all after Larry Houston's intercession, as I recall. They'd lied to him to begin with as we proved to him.

I wrote Oswald with no subtitle but the publisher added two different ones both inferring a CIA conspiracy. Reasonable basis for the CIA to have records—not disclosed?

Best,

Harold

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OSS (MUSULIN)

SUBJECT:

GARRISON INVESTIGATION - FRANK BARTES

REF: YOUR TELETYPE 78512, DATED 27 NOV 67, OUR TELETYPE 0009, DATED 27 NOV 67, YOUR TELETYPE 78543, DATED 29 NOV 67, OUR TELETYPE 0011, DATED 30 NOV 67

1. HAVING MADE AN APPOINTMENT WITH ME, BARTES CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING TO GIVE ME SOME INFORMATION HE THOUGHT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE AGENCY. AFTER OUR DISCUSSION OF THAT MATTER, HE TOLD ME THAT ON 12 MAR 68 HE HAD, AT THE INSISTENCE OF HAROLD WEISBERG, AUTHOR OF "WHITENASH" AND OTHER BOOKS ABOUT THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, MET WEISBERG IN THE LOBBY OF THE FONTAINEBLEAU HOTEL HERE IN NEW ORLEANS. WEISBERG REQUESTED BARTES TO GO TO HIS ROOM IN THE FONTAINEBLEAU SAYING THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO TAPE THEIR CONVERSATION. BARTES REFUSED AND SAID THAT ANYTHING THAT WEISBERG HAD TO SAY TO HIM COULD BE SAID IN THE LOBBY. WEISBERG INSISTED THAT HE HAD THINGS IN HIS ROOM WHICH HE WOULD LIKE FOR BARTES TO SEE BUT BARTES STILL REFUSED TO GO TO HIS ROOM. WEISBERG WAS VERY MAD ACCORDING TO BARTES AND TRIED TO BLACKMAIL HIM BY SAYING THAT HE KNEW OF PEOPLE WHO INTENDED TO HARM HIM. BARTES DOES NOT SCARE EASILY AND HE TOLD WEISBERG THAT IF HE KNEW OF SUCH PEOPLE, HE SHOULD REPORT THEM TO THE POLICE, THAT IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO HIM, WEISBERG WOULD FIND HIMSELF IN TROUBLE. ACCORDING TO BARTES, WEISBERG HAD SOME VERY BAD THINGS TO SAY ABOUT BOTH CIA AND THE FBI.

2. BARTES SAYS THAT HE REPORTED HIS MEETING WITH WEISBERG TO THE FBI IN NEW ORLEANS AND GAVE THEM A RUN-DOWN OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH WEISBERG.

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