

Lonnie Hudkins - phone call from (330-10:00 a.m. 8/30/73 HW

Although I left a message for him to get in touch with me in his own interest through Al Coniff about a month ago, when Lonnie phoned he said his editor had just given him the message. He is coming here Sunday.

He has worked with Paul Rothermel, used to work for H.L. Hunt and gave Paul some of his stuff. This includes the notes of from Ruby of which Paul gave me copies, the piece of paper Oswald is know to have had and disappeared mysteriously (about the size of cigarette paper and for Hosty's protection. "Hosty was my neighbor and friend." And probably the McDermid telegram is still in Lonnie's possession.

The conversation is taped. These are random, immediate recollections. I made no attempt to pay full attention. Some of it, as the tape shows, was easy to anticipate, as were names and identities.

So open was the official shadowing of Lonnie that a federal agent sat at his desk and showed him pictures of himself on a trip to Mexico.

He is the one who broke the story of Oswald going to Mexico by bus.

He was CIA, worked on the plots to kill Jagan and Castro.

They bought 1,000 rifles from Sears and were about to ship them out of M.O. when the CIA clamped down via Coast Guard.

He knows Ruby was a Communist and an informant in the 40s, in Chicago.

Bobby sent one of his men to see Lonnie's daughter who at 28 has retired as head of the airlines stewardesses association to have a baby. I guessed correctly that it was Sheridan. Lonnie's word was that you don't kill your own teams. He says Castro spelled the scenario out in "his October speech," apparently 1963. The aborted plots were 1962 or 1963. He views the assassination as Castro's revenge. He knows I won't.

He is the only one who can "eyeball" the "man who was in the loft with Oswald."

He says Ford and Jaworski know the whole story and that David Nevin ghosted Ford's work, not Stiles.

He fears that the Castro story will eventually come before the Senate and it will then be rough on him.

He is a friend of Les Whitten's and is the source of that series of columns in which they located some of the money and returned it to the CIA.

The CIA man involved is back with the Agency, baby-sitting Miami Cubans.

McCord was in on the Jagan-Castro deals. Lonnie met him then.

Agrees Hassie has somehow emerged from the lobotomy old man Hunt had done on him (See Gasteur memo on this).

Myers, youngest sub commander WWI and oldest WWII, in on these plots. His name comes up in my own investigations, probably Loram Hall, Larry Howard, maybe Hemming interviews, tapes.

Still hears from H.L.Hunt, who drinks the extract from a cactus because it is good for hemorrhoids, which Hunt does not have.

Knows I want his end of Sweatt story for use in book and for historical record.

Claims assassination plots tied in with casino deals, gambling. When I named McLaney said "right."

He apparently believes that Bobby personally was in on anti-Castro assassination plot. I told him I didn't believe this (having 1963 in mind) that I knew of the Guantanamo story and others. He said he'd spell it out. (My source was Garrison on the first mention of Guantanamo, not the Anderson column, which later printed it. Lowie says he spoke to Garrison.)

W.O.Wilson, who had been mg. ed Houston Post when he worked for it, now mg. ed Post. He thinks Wilson killed the Jaworski story. I told him that I had him phoned when Jaworski was appointed special prosecutor.

He described Hobby as CIA, not ^{only} his foundation, but he may have meant the fund, not the man.

He started telling me all these things without prompting. Which leads me to wonder about the long delay in his returning my call and its coincidence with the appearance soon of WW IV and the transcript which he caused. More when he says he was part of two CIA assassination plots. (I did not know of the attempts on Jagan and I did not volunteer my knowledge of the Roundtable operations there and elsewhere.)

I did not question about McCord.

To his knowledge there was no Bobby assassination investigation. JFK assassination.

He did not know Douglas Methbridge by name but it appears from description and characterization that ~~that~~ Douglas was in on the attempt he described. His reaction on Canadian was strong. Douglas told me he was in on some plots. ("Rubenstein")

When I told him I had FBI Ruby reports and they did not say Ruby/he said he was present when they were altered. 1940s reports. He said Ruby was a Communist then. (I don't believe he had political beliefs or that they'd have had him.)

He said FBI lied often.

He fears writing this. May may take time off for a novel. Idea to write non-fiction as novel.

Concerned about having to give names.

Lives at Delair. Covers Harford County for News-American. Written by ~~man~~ Hearst, too.

(Hearst been to office for month?)

Dallas officials: mentioned Sweatt only.

FBI agents: mostly only.

Secret Service, no reaction. CIA: no new names. (Concern re phone)

Elliptical ref. to Seth Kevan. He felt great pressure. It was Ruby at hospital