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Dear Miss Truman,

I've been wondering what you saw me do in relation to the Opague.

Thanks much for the Scott column. I'd not heard of it. As you can imagine, what it relates to is nothing like what it appears to be, and is, in fact, a leak of an official nature. Shows they are doing it.

I have never been a "reluctant witness" before any Congressional committee, have never been a witness before the Senate Internal Security Committee, and when I was a witness before HUKA, they never gave me any testimony. Also, I never leaked any confidential information.

EBAC had a former Silver Shirts on their payroll. I did get a letter from him, along with many others, that he had forged while on their payroll. I am innocent in their entrapment. The whole thing went before a grand jury which refused to indict as he did indict him. Then the case came to trial he agreed a plea and with the intercession of Martin Dies got only two years, as I recall.

This also broke Kelley out, as you may recall.

The truth is that the whole case of documents I got was handled by the FBI, to whom I gave them. They kept part and returned the rest, which I still have.

Whether or not it is advisable I will eventually find out. It is too inconsequential to worry about now. However, it is interesting to know who is working with the agents and how. So, if you see anything more like this, please let me know privately. Don't think I've ever heard of Secret. Probably one of the million boys so dear to the political right in and out of Congress.

They have not in anything but leak scandals, and it is not likely they will. It is all over. The fact that it goes, and these other things, in any public circle, is not of the slightest concern.

But again, thanks.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thanks for your letter. I assumed you would have read Scott since I assumed he was nationally syndicated. I seldom bother with the Tulsa World, especially their editorial page. You certainly should see this: it might even be actionable. While it is obvious to me that the man is lying by implication, it might not be so to others. Anyway, one thing is certain, he is saying that he has seen records, and it means that MEAC and the SISCO committee are "leaking information." No one with half a brain, and most especially anyone who has read your books and experienced the integrity therein will ever put any stock in trash like this. It is part of the attack on Garrison, too.

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# Garrison's Charges

By PAUL SCOTT

DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM Garrison's controversial New Orleans investigation of the Kennedy assassination is beginning to attract some belated Congressional attention.

Staffs of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee are quietly checking into Garrison's wide-ranging inquiry to determine exactly what he is now up to.

At present, the attention of these Congressional probers centers around Garrison's interest in and handling of (1) an official of the Ku Klux Klan and (2) a former Congressional committee employe, who has given secret testimony before the New Orleans grand jury.

Significantly, both of these persons were reluctant witnesses in past Congressional investigations not related to the Kennedy assassination.

The KKK official involved in Garrison's investigation is Jack M. Helm, the former exalted cyclops of the New Orleans, Louisiana, unit of the United Klans of America. He is now head of an independent KKK group which he organized.

Summoned before the House Un-American Activities Committee in January 1966 during the committee's probe of the KKK, he was an uncooperative witness.

Helm, an operations manager of a New Orleans construction company, invoked the Fifth, First, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution in refusing to answer any of the questions put to him by committee members.

The transcript of the committee hearings shows that one of the questions Helm refused to answer concerned his appearance on a speakers platform with three persons who were arrested in connection with the slaying in Philadelphia, Mississippi, of three civil rights workers.

Testimony was presented during the hearing by a committee investigator that "At the rally

Helm stated, 'No Congressional investigation will ever deteriorate this (KKK) organization. We'll still be here when they are dead and buried—and I hope it will be soon.'"

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GARRISON BEGAN HIS PROBE of Helm on a tip from Jules Rocco Kimble, a self-avowed member of the KKK, who also claimed he once worked special assignments for the CIA. This the CIA denies and Garrison claims he will prove.

According to Garrison, Kimble reported that on the day after the death of David Ferrie, one of Garrison's suspects in the alleged Kennedy assassination plot, he drove Helm to Ferrie's apartment. Helm then came out with a satchel full of papers which, Kimble says, the KKK official then placed in a bank safe deposit box.

At this stage of his investigation Garrison refuses to say whether he has located the safe deposit box or recovered its mysterious contents.

However, aides of the district attorney are hinting that he has the key and that the box's contents will be revealed during next month's trial of Clay Shaw, the New Orleans businessman charged with being involved in a Kennedy assassination conspiracy.

Garrison is also probing an allegation of Kimble that Walter Sheridan, the former Justice Department trouble-shooter for then Attorney General Robert Ken-

nedy, once counseled him not to talk to anyone and to go to Canada.

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THE FORMER CONGRESSIONAL employe whose furnishing of information to Garrison has interested Congressional probers is Harold Weisberg, author of books on the Kennedy assassination attacking the Warren Commission, the FBI and CIA.

According to records of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and the House Un-American Activities Committee, Weisberg is the same man who testified in 1940 before a House committee that he bought forged documents in an attempt to link the Dies committee to the Silver Shirts.

At that time the Silver Shirts was a militant right-wing organization on the Attorney General's subversive list. The documents were used in an abortive attempt by a Michigan Congressman to smear the Dies committee, forerunner of the present House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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THE RECORDS OF THE SENATE Internal Security Subcommittee also show that Weisberg was dropped from the staff of the late Senator LaFollette's Special Investigating Subcommittee for allegedly leaking subcommittee confidential information.