

In WHITEWASH II I exposed this and gave the real identity
of Colonel L. Robert Castorr, then of Dallas, now of Arlington,
Virginia. This identity had been pointed out to me in an earlier
letter that I now know was written by Mrs. Shirley Martin.

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Owasso, Oklahoma (who also supplied me with some of the newspaper
clippings the Commission would have been well advised to have used).
At that time I pointed out that both the FBI and the Secret Service,
independently or collectively, did not even consult the phone book
to learn this colonel's first name, to find and, if not grill him,
to at least ask him if he had anything to say. With the involve-
ments of Cubans in the assassination, and with that part of the very
investigation of everyone in the Secret Service from Rowley down
was theoretically engaged in, how are ~~we~~ to understand their failure
to meet this minimum required of them? How are we to understand it
when Rowley's own letter uses these words? "that Colonel Castor
was 'playing the role of an intelligence officer'". How are we to
understand that Father McChann, after the studious effort made not
to find him, was then not called as a witness - not in the Sylvia
case, not in the "role of an intelligence officer" part?

There are so many coincidences in this strange case, more because of official dissembling but, nonetheless, very many. Coincidences are part of life, but in the story of the assassination and its investigation, the statistics on their occurrence seems to have been drastically upset.

One involves Colonel Castorr. Before publishing WHITEWASH II: THE FBI-SECRET SERVICE COVER-UP, I telephoned his home and office without reaching him and left with his secretary the request that he phone me reverse. He was silent.

Christmastime 1966 an old friend stopped by for a copy of that book. Several hours later he called in great excitement. It is quite a shock, he said, to have lunch with a man and then go home and read about him!

He had lunched, on business, that very day with Colonel L. Robert Castorr, whom he had known for some time, and was little short of astounded to read of him in WHITEWASH II. My friend gave

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the colonel his copy of the book. By New Year's Eve when they were together at a party, the colonel had read it and expressed an interest in talking to me.

"Any time, any place, at his convenience," I said, "on the record or off. I suggest that we tape-record it, for his protection."

Several times thereafter I got messages that the colonel's obligations would take him out of town for varying periods. In each case there was a suggestion we could have lunch upon his return. He and my friend discussed the book. The colonel confirmed his friendship with General Edwin A. Walker, ~~his interest in running guns to Cuba,~~ and said, "That fellow Weisberg knows what he is talking about." But he never made the date. We did not meet. That, as I said in WHITEWASH II, is his affair.

It is unfortunate for a number of reasons, one of which is the unwillingness of people to believe what might be true if expressed involuntarily where they might well have credited this same explanation if volunteered. Circumstances sometimes make innocent events and associations seem sinister. And as the story continues to come apart under analytical probing, more and more questions suggest themselves.

~~For example, in the colonel case of the mentioned man in the story of The False Witness, one of those Loren Eugene Hall declined to mention? Was he at the DRE meeting with General Walker? If so, what did they do with whom did they meet and talk so close to the assassination - and about what?~~

There are many things that may be inferred to connect
with the assassination in several ways. They may be
unwarranted inferences. His silence does not so pass
as a big difference between being involved with General
~~in the assassination, the murder of the President,~~

~~and the fact that he was a witness to the crime.~~
It is considered in so awful a thing as the murder of the President
that suspicious and unwarranted silence is its own entrapment.

The Commission had an evasion for everything. It did not
do its failure to do the obvious, to call those witnesses
and to ask the unasked questions.

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