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Dear Dave Zitch,

Your instincts and suspicions are mature and, I think, warranted. I knew of Arleigh Burke's membership in CCFC, say the S-I story, etc. But you refer to one thing I'd forgotten: "...his involvement in the clandestine committee to investigate the CIA blunder in Cuba". Can you refresh my memory? Was he a member of the committee JFK appointed?

I doubt at this point that Garrison will get into such things. I am reasonable confident he will not get into this aspect or the CCFC of Gaudet, etc. However, he might if he wins this case and those of us with continuing interest should continue to learn what we can so that we can still do what we can. My interest, therefore, is undiminished, and I do plan writing in which this will likely be appropriate.

For your information, in the course of doing other work, I have traced the continuing presence of the LAR in the Trade Mart back to 1960, possibly a little earlier, always with three blank room numbers adjacent to theirs in the directory.

There are unsubstantiated rumors of involvement with some of the principles in Garrison's case with this or a similar corporation with Cuban operations, and with activity in Cuba. It is not clearly established and at the moment my recollection is vague.

Please excuse my haste. Thanks for your continuing help.

Sincerely yours

Harold Weisberg

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Dear Harold,

Just a brief note. Regarding CCFC, one of its charter members ~~Adm.~~ Arleigh Burke made news in ~~the~~ N.O. State's Item Feb. 7 page nine. Burke is the new director of FREEPORT SULPHUR CO. in N.O. (The article mentioned Burke's involvement as chairman of many companies and his involvement in Boy Scouts of America.) No mention is made of his membership in CCFC. (~~check~~ ^{SOURCE?} letter head of CCFC which confirms Burke's membership in CCFC). If the CIA brass who ~~were~~ planned the Bay of Pigs were involved in the JFK assassination conspiracy, then Arleigh Burke, because of his involvement in the clandestine committee to investigate the CIA blunder in Cuba, might be of some interest to the Garrison investigation.

According to the N.O. Information operator Feb. 11, the FREEPORT SULPHUR CO. in N.O., under new listings, is listed in the COMMERCE BUILDING but that this company has an unpublished phone number. (?) The operator says that there is a general number for the Commerce Building (529-4393) *but says that she is not certain if it will do me any good.*

I suppose the major question is whether or not the F.S.CO is a front office for the CIA N.O. branch in relation to the Garrison investigation. However, I don't want to ~~be~~ ~~misleading or mislead~~ you since this assumption is ~~most~~ highly speculative at this time.

Sincerely,

David Zittel