

I note Taylor's address, but otherwise he is unknown to me. On most things Touchstone and I would undoubtedly disagree, but here we are in substantial agreement.

Since I saw you I have learned more than twice as much about Ferrie and have more than twice as much documentation. Some of his connections are pretty clear, as are some of his friendships and other relationships. The Bureau never began to let the Commission know what they knew of him, going back for years.

I now believe I can prove, beyond reasonable doubt, that the real reason he fled New Orleans - that was hardly a "vacation" - was because of his relationship with Oswald. The entire Bureau story, as given out at first, of this flight, is fiction and dispited by their own files that I now have, although my official request was denied not many months ago.

I also have some of what must be in the Bureau's files and of which there is no indication of its existence. Naturally, you know from this that the Warren Commission files is not my source. Neither is Garrison, from whom I've heard only twice since I last saw him, which was before the Shaw trial.

Wish there were some chance of my getting down there again soon. More and more I am accumulating what it is to the narrow business and personal interest of Dallas and Dallasites to be known, to remove the federally-imposed stigma....It is strange that so many do not realize that vigorous, honest criticism is sometimes a defense of those capable of being defended.

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Dear Mr. Touchstone -

There is no intention that you be classified as "Left", but this little tract has left a strong impression on me. Especially that part of it referring to Mr. Garrison.

As a well-wisher and a reader of your writings, I feel obliged to call it to your attention.

Sincerely,
Austin B. Taylor

Dear Mr. Taylor: I am neither leftwinger nor rightwinger. I search for truth and the truth is that Oswald was not a loner. If you would re-read the articles we published about David Ferrie beginning in 1964 you would be convinced that Oswald was not by himself. JFK was no good. He was ordered to death by people who are no good. The death sentence on him was probably passed by Sen. Herbert Lehman who mysteriously died a few days later. I am no fan of Mark Lane. I am no fan of the CIA. The Warren Report raised more questions than it answered. We also know the background of Yakov Rubenstein, alias Jack Ruby. Pseudo-conservatives and misguided but ignorant people have
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tried for a long time to make this a "left vs right" program.

Mark Lane DID go to New Orleans and meet with Garrison and he has succeeded in using this meeting for self-serving interests, as well as tricking well-meaning but ignorant critics of Mark Lane to switch to the support of Earl Warren, Hale Boggs, etc.

Mark Lane looks like a patriot compared to some of the Reds who helped write the Warren Report.

This was internecine warfare between factions in the conspiracy to control the world. Oswald and Ferrie were dupes, as I see it.

Of course if any of our people are naive enough to say that organizations like the CIA are "rightwing" and that the so-called "Establishment" in New York City is "anti-communist" then it would be possible to see how they might be completely confused on this subject, concluding falsely that it was a "left vs. right" affair.

If The Councilor ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ceases to print truth in order to conform to preconceived notions, popular conclusions or to follow the consensus, then The Councilor would have no reason to exist and I could get back to the job of making a living for my family.

Perhaps I can put the case this way: Many communists are sincere nihilists who believe the pap exuded by Karl Marx. If so, they are being deluded.

Communism is the weapon of the conspiracy, and not the goal of the conspiracy. It is used to whip enemies, to apply terror which will cause the people to turn to those conspirators in New York and elsewhere who finance and underwrite the ~~XXXXXX~~ leadership and nudging of communism.

Kindest regards,


Ned Touchstone