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Mary, Cary only,

This is not to aggravate you but in making a note on more information relative to what I'd already told you a little about. Today I heard the respect the Bud, Flammonde, Sprague appearance on the Fred Gale Show on WJLA, NYC, a couple of Sunday's ago. I asked for an expert a dub to have for our side's showcase of horrors. These guys still do not know the simple, basic, uncontroverted facts of the JFK assassination and improvise what foolish people have not given them about the others. What they actually said will seem incredible to you, especially its emphasis. And, the things reported about Flammonde, his book and his trip to Europe and Bud are there, too. Flammonde has no publisher, three having turned him down on this (but he has contracts for four others and isn't doing them), thus there was no publisher to pay his expenses on that trip to Europe, what Bud told Jim. He is no investigator and has never done any investigating, except, as he specifies, on this trip (and the hogwash he dribbled and drizzled about that was all in the papers and what is credible in my work two years ago). So, Bud took as his investigator a non-investigator (Flammonde emphasized he is only a writer and uses only what he collects, which is certainly true) and didn't take the investigator to whom he was committed, and it seems fairly obvious to me, paid his expenses.

Bud said, when the questions of suits came up (twice-no mention of mine the first time) that he had filed a series for me! Which is one way of saying that he abbreviated, in a single case, after holding me up for months, a single one of the six I prepared and filed that! Right now I'm all clogged up with legal work beyond me and there is no help from him-only long delays. My last two phone calls have had no response and in two days I must do something. He is now pretending in his office that he agreed to file none for me!

When the question of the Bay investigation came up, Flammonde did all the talking, Bud said not a word, and there is no mention of the fact that I did it or did and am publishing a book on it. When Gale once made some statement about me inevitable, talking about the others working on the case, Flammonde said that I had probably done more work than anyone outside of Bud himself. Bud, however, for whatever it is worth, did go out of his way to speak very well of the Dallas group. He never mentioned me or anyone else outside his committee, the membership of which Sprague placed at 200. And in this sense if anything happened to any of the top dogs, there was nothing to worry about because there were these 200 waiting in the wings to carry on.

A few of the specifics of the "evidence" may interest you. Bud ridiculed the WR Tippit story on the ground that Oswald would have had to run at not less than 25 mph to get from that scene to the movies by the time he got there! That is some rate for 5-6 blocks and 25-30 minutes! He also says only two frames of the Z film are important, 313 and 314. And nobody took any notes when Lat was questioned. Sprague agreed on Z, but gave another single frame, I've forgotten which, which he thought might have some significance. And Sprague's contribution on the King case, repeated for emphasis (that is, two times in the show), is that seven people saw the assassin shoot and all said it wasn't Ray. Considering that nobody saw anything like him, based on Sprague's published record, this is, for him, temperate....One thing that is interesting is that Bud, without ever indicating it to me, has completely reversed his position on the approach we should take. He began his committee with the idea that we had to solve the crime and that no other approach could work. He has come around 100% to the position I then took, the one I've had all along and that one he has totally abandoned. Of course, he, too, knows some of those who fired in Dallas, but it would be dangerous to mention their names.