

Harry Dean called me when I wasn't home. I had Bill O'Connell speak to him. When I was in Los Angeles about a year later, 2/48, Dean again got in touch with me and I again taped him.

NEW TAPE: (telephone conversation)

w: Excuse me, I'm taking on the upstairs phone.

man: Well, anyway to make a long story short, I was in the same outfit Oswald was -- the Fair Play for Cuba -- he was an Officer of it but apparently he wasn't in it so deeply and in a different part of the country and at the same time -- now bear with me because this bears ~~xxx~~ explanation to a certain extent:

My wife likes to give me a bit of a rough time when I ~~talk~~ discuss this situation you see and I'd like to bust her in the eye just to be truthful about it.

The Feds contacted me -- the FBI -- when I came back and blew the whistle to them for a year while I was still an officer for that outfit in Chicago -- the Fair ~~E~~ Play for Cuba Committee -- I appear in a hearing report with the rest of them, you see. Now, I was never a Communist or a right-winger or a left-winger or anything -- I was merely interested in the Revolution which I aided a little bit.

W: Certainly.

man: Offered to fly for because I can push an airplane around a little. Now to make a more important point, after my time was up there which was a year, they Senate Hearings Committee held a hearing I was told by the FBI -- they didn't want anymore information from me and that was it. They didn't explain or ~~xx~~ anything.

That was sort of a let down. I was blowing the whistle on my former friends and now I was convinced by then that I was doing a proper job ~~the xxxxx~~ and they kicked me down, so I flew out of there ~~xxxxx~~ and came to California in 1961 -- the day they were holding the hearings there. They didn't want me around

So, here in 1962 I joined up with a bunch of Anti-Castro people, Cubans, Americans, and others and then I found my way into circles of the political right who were very effective in trying to do away with Castro. At least they were talking about it. Believe me, that's all they did was talk about it. Okay. I bought the right-wing line of ~~the~~ things and I'm not against ~~them~~ them right now, as a matter of fact. Except that I found out some things that horrified me and that was -- I peddled their line for them because I thought in turn they were going to help us get rid of Castro, you see. They were anti-Communist and anti-Castro and I hated Castro because ~~whixkthexxGmmmmixkxx~~ they went the Communist route and made a fool out of me and embarrassed me and wasted all of my efforts so I was going to get even and this ~~xx~~ right-wing group was the way to do it and swallowed it -- I thought it was a great idea -- the Americanism, patriotism, and all that stuff.

Now, as I look back -- I didn't realize at ~~that~~ that time -- ~~xxxxx~~ always the anti-Kennedy bit (he's a dirty Communist and this and that) and I figured that was just a bunch of hog-wash but I'll go along with these people just to get some action against Castro.

man: and individuals were donating heavily, don't you see. Well, the Birch Society was talking against Castro -- Cuba free in '63 and everything -- the individuals were actually giving money to these different organizations -- Preferably to Hall and Howard got it and the other people in New Orleans and Dallas and Florida and so forth. You see, the money finally got to them and the medicine that came from the doctors --

W: When you say Hall, you mean Lorence G. Hall

man: Right. You see his nickname, by the way, is Lorenzo. And Laurence Howard is Larry Howard.

W: Oh. I see.

man: I'm sure ~~Wax~~ Weissberg knows this -- the others know this too -- ~~ghix~~ that Larry Howard is a Mexican-American -- Lorenzo Hall is a Cuban-American.

Interviewer: I see

man: Now, Number 3 man was Guy Gibaldin -- a Mexican =American. A one-time big hero -- they made a movie about -- called "Hell To Eternity". A former marine -- you recall that movie.

They play it every year on Channel 9 -- the liberal folks over there. Well, anyway, these people I find later were going -- long before Weissberg and all the rest of those people came along writing books and it bore on my conscience and, of course, I informed the proper authorities about my involvement so that I wouldn't become pinn4d down when they finally arrested them, you see. Association with the assassins of Kennedy -- now, I immediately thought and I told old-lady Oswald so -- I said, "My ~~God~~ God, woman, your son is doing the same job as I was" -- that was my impression and you don't get wrong impressions when you're in a mess like that. Then, later on the evidence came out that he was this and that and I said apparently those people were the ones who did it and then I thought "They didn't want Kennedy dead. The right-wing was always trying to kill him. Gibaldin said he was going to kill him in '62 when Kennedy visited Mexico City. He had an office in Mexico City, by the way, running an anti-communist front called "The Drive Against Communist aggression".

I: This was Gibaldin?

man: This was Gibaldin, Howard, Hall, ~~me~~ me and all the rest and he was financed by some big business men here who I have the ~~list~~ list of names I became very friendly with.

Now, I don't know if you're getting this proper or not but with the way it comes out, ask me questions -- we can fill in the spaces.

He had some friends in the Mexican Federal police -- the FBI of Mexico who he tried to get to help with this Kennedy deal down there, do you see -- to shoot Kennedy, in other words when he was on a parade there in Mexico City -- and I thought, well the guy is crazy; he's not talking sense and he didn't really mean that he was going to ~~kill~~ kill Kennedy -- you see,

man: You see, these people -- Oswald and whoever they blamed for it -- even if he was involved or not, which I doubt that he was -- At least I think he was finking on them just like I was those people up there infiltrating -- but they hated Kennedy -- do you get it?

I: Yes, I do.

man: They hated Kennedy -- No Fair Play for Cuba Communists hated Kennedy. I never heard some of the old-line Communists say they hated him but I heard the right wing say they hated him. "That dirty bastard should be dead" "Godd amm him," and all that sort of stuff.

~~And-I-said~~ You know, when I was on their side, I believed what they believed in. I didn't believe what the left believed. You see, I finally got to believe what they believed and I couldn't ~~not~~ follow it -- it didn't make sense to me -- but I understood that they called him a Communist -- and actually I was against Communists and I went along with them just to do away with Castro and to aid the people who were going against Castro.

Now, he had this office in Mexico City -- Oh, this Federal police officer Captain Juan A. Aronda practically had Gibaldin assassinated for trying to present the problem of killing Kennedy there. They ran him out of Mexico City ..

I: He knew what he was up to, in other words?

man: Sure, he told him -- they had been friends for a long time with this anti-Communist stuff then Gibaldin tried to ~~xxx~~ sell -- remembering Gibaldin, Howard, Hall in one group with a bunch of other people _____ would be revolutionary --

I: Of course, I ~~remember~~ remember.

man: They all associated, you see. I knew this and I thought it was great. Anyway, he couldn't swallow the bull-crap that Kennedy was a Communist. Being Mexican, he wouldn't believe it, you know. He just couldn't see it so Aronda run Gibaldin out of Mexico City. That was it. They took his furniture he had in his office and seized it and noone knows about those things. If Oswald went to Mexico City, he went there (Here's another ~~thing~~ shock) Gibaldin and I went one day to John Russelov of the Birch Society and in San Morino -- in their old office -- down the street from their present one -- to get \$10,000.

You may think I'm some kind of a damn fool but I'm not. I want to see these dirty, double-crossing finks get what they got coming because they continue to be a threat to me -- if what we believe is true and obviously it's as true as the daylight that's now shining.

I don't care to prove it and all that stuff -- it doesn't mean anything to me.

I: But you want the information to get out?

man: That's right -- that's exactly. I'm looking at my briefcase that contains every name and address and everything I ever did.

I: Do you remember that portion of Mr. Weissberg's book where he talks about the visit to Sylvia Odeco's apartment?

man: She's part of our organization. Sure.
Certainly I remembered that one. I saw that in October of '64 and said -- my God, they really did it -- they've really reached out when Howard's and Hall's names appeared.

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I: What about William Seymour?

man: Billy ~~Sx~~ Seymour looked like Oswald and would say -- how come no one (I don't know if Weissberg said this or not) how come no one's ever gotten the whereabouts of Gibaldin -- you know the FBI -- let me tell you one thing first of all before the \$10,000 bit is finished here....

Mr. Hoover -- now what I know about the Bureau is this -- you can't blame him -- I mean you can blame him but for this point. National security was always drummed into ~~x~~ our minds -- any time I open my mouth, they talk about National security -- please don't say anything. Now, I agree with national security and it's immoral sometimes, you understand, but for national security reasons alone, he has done what he has done.

I: He kept the lid on this thing, in other words?

man: He put the lid on it and he aims to keep it on there at all costs. He has to because these people that are representative of the people ~~that~~ I'm discussing now are so powerful in the United States that they can knock the President off if they want if he doesn't toe the line.

They said -- the right-wing said this about the Communists but it isn't so -- it's the right wing that's really that way, can reach out this far -- like Mr. Hunt and a lot of these big shots whom I agreed with. They can do these things and they will if things don't go right.

Now, I'm surprised that the right used to cry about we don't have any money, we don't have any power, we don't have this -- why they organized that Birch Society and had it financed -- now, don't get me wrong -- I'm not an enemy of theirs -- and their book right now, their material, I agree with a great deal of it. but nevertheless it doesn't make Ruselow any less guilty of associating with Gibaldin and that bunch of creeps. The \$10,000 grand Gibaldin said he didn't get -- I waited outside the office. He went in to talk to John Ruselow.

Said he didn't get it but they talked for four hours. The \$10,000 was supposed to go to Mexico City operations ~~in~~ -- whatever that ~~means~~ means -- I was invited down there -- Gibaldin and I would both fly the airplane if I didn't get a co-pilot for him -- I never went down; I was afraid to go to Mexico because of the mess I had been in with Castro and he's got more protective agencies in Mexico.

I: In Mexico?

man: Yes.

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man: So, the \$10,000/he didn't get but I think he did get it, you understand. And John Ruselow -- he was suppose to kick back whatever benefits to the Birch Society -- that was Gibaldins work. It didn't ~~xx~~ ring a bell ~~xxxx~~ with me then, see, you know what I mean. Then, later on, a friend who was working in a Savings and Loan place and it turns out that this very poor fellow, Mr. Ruselow, whom I know quite well and I've said many times that he was in cahoots, ~~wik~~ you see. To many people, I've said this. I've never went into an explanation of this whole thing -- he made a loan of \$19,000 or \$24,000 the first of '63 - so he can't say he didn't have the \$10,000 to do it with.

I: Exactly.

man: I've got a copy of the loan, you see, and when ~~x~~ I saw that that even added up worse and I'm not one given to fear --

I: No, I understand.

man: I'm just telling you that's the way things are and when I see all these guys like Mr. Weissberg and what's his name up there in New York...

I: Lane?

Man: Mark Lane. I talked with him on the phone and he thought that I was some kind of a crackpot, but they're aiming at a thing that I've known for years and if they're ~~wik~~ really wanting to do something, then let them do this -- Let them say these things and I'll say them. We'll bring this thing to a head -- I'll tell you exactly why Mr. Hoover is covering up, from my point of view from having been an undercover fink for them for a year for national security reasons, I agree with him but he's still covering up -- there's a million other little things that happened in the interim and they are all written down.

I: I don't know if you will recall but I just wanted to ask you you know there was a Leopoldo --

man: Yes. That could have been the underground name of Lorenzo -- I thought it was.

I: Oh, I see. That came to Sylvia Odeo's apartment.

man: Well, I think it was Lorenzo. Leopoldo would work as an underground name. Howard wanted me to ~~w~~ run an office here in '63 before Kennedy was assassinated to inform the press -- make press releases and collect money -- which I didn't do because I was doing other things along a right-wing line -- to run an office, to give press releases on raids just as they were about to happen ~~w~~ against Castro, see.

Howard was a warrior and Hall was a political person that made speeches at the Birch Society meetings -- open meetings and closed meetings He was very ~~x~~ well accepted by them and he made a lot of money and ~~x~~ I found out -- I said to Gibaldin one day -- "Gibaldin, ~~wx~~ what's he doing with all this dough. Is he really putting it into the anti-Castro operations?" Every penny of it goes into there I guarantee you.

man: I took his word for it at that time because he was sort of the leader of things and another thing -- Gibaldin, when he came back from Mexico, he ran a drive against Communist aggression which was financed from here, I have all the literature and remember all the details.

He'd make speeches all around, Arizona, Canada, Detroit, he was all around and therefore helped build up the network we had.

So, everything you see is A,B,C.

I: Was there such a network in Dallas, too?

man: Sure it's in Dallas -- Jurer was part of our -- I'm associated with Jurer members here now who are inactive, by the way. Nothing going on or at least they're keeping quiet. They probably suspect me of being some kind of a fink, I suppose, but I really think because we were such good friends from quite a while back that there's really nothing jumping right now. Naturally they take advantage of the situation. Right now it's not profitable ~~xx~~ or possible.

I: Where is Gibaldin now?

man: He's hiding out in Mexico. You see all those guys took it quiet. When the FBI ~~xxxxxxx find him~~ can't find them, boy, you know they're well hidden and they couldn't find Howard ~~as a~~ ^{or 444} for a long time but I saw Gibaldin about six months ago over in Almonte, a Mexican restaurant, -- he and one of his former ~~xx~~ backers who was a big ~~xx~~ wheel in the Goodyear Freedom Forum -- His name was Ray Blishman.

(the tape at this point was acting strange -- goes back to last paragraph or so and starts to play over from where interviewer says "Where is Gibaldin now?")

Now for Ray -- _____ million doctors, we got \$10,000 worth of medicine for anti-Castro operations in the Mexico City deal.

I: Was there any link between this group and Ruby ~~d~~ with his activities in Cuba.

man: Ruby -- well, I don't really like to talk about that guy because I can't stand anyone that I -- I feel sorry for him the way he died and all and I knew he would just like Lane and Mr. Weissberg knew -- but you know, he was ~~the~~ a dirty rat who was in ~~xxx~~ the scheme somewhere.

I don't even like to talk about a back-shooter, in other words. He's a hack shooter -- I've got no use for him -- he's cheated everyone and then he's helped make the big lie, don't you see.

Obviously, that woman who said he was involved, he probably was involved. I'd discuss it with her if I were researching the situation.

I: Now which woman are you referring to?

man: I think Mr. Lane or Mr. Weissberg wrote about some woman that put the finger on Ruby as being the pay-off man.

You see, we were all in Cuba at different times.

I: You were there, too?

man:q Sure, just for a brief time after the War to visit the government down there. I visited some of the big ~~wheel~~ wheels. Now, anyone who went there came back either for or against or they had some deal going with the government -- They were involved, in other words, they didn't just go there to look around because the peasant armies are marching and the people are building -- things are really going on down there -- you just don't go there to look around -- it's not a good tourist spot -- it's a revolutionary activity so Ruby was there and that convinces me he was involved some way.

I: Did you know anyone there by the name of Pradskin or Pratkan or anyone by the name of McWilly?

man: I knew those ~~men~~ ^{James}. They are in the same reports I'm in.

Oh. NO. No. I just heard the names; I don't know them. I must say at this time I don't know them. I can't associate them with....

I: They don't ring a bell?

man: They do ~~xx~~ ring a bell but not with my activities. I don't know them at all. I just read about them and I don't want to bring that in with the reality of what I know.

I: certainly.

I: Well, it's been very interesting in any case and I don't know when Harold will be out here again but I know that he would enjoy ~~meeting~~ meeting you when he does come and I'm sure that can be arranged and, in any case, the number that I called that wasn't your home phone, was it? Or am I talking to you from there?

man: That's my business and home both. It's a little cleaning business we have going.

I: Well, I'll be in touch with you then in any case and I'm very grateful for your call, that's all I can say.

man: These guys are batting their brains out; I don't know what their angles are. They may be very honest, ~~xxxx~~ upstanding, non-political non-religious people who are really trying to do their job and I'd like to think that were the case but it doesn't matter what they say, their real motives -- the point is they are fishing around and finding out a whole lot of things and I don't want to be ~~xxxxxx~~ in the middle of it when they fish my name out of the hat. ~~xxxxxx~~ If you know what I mean. I would rather blow the whistle now and get it over with. Have someone use it and then I'm in the clear

I: You speak about people knowing how to fly airplanes -- you know it was speculated that a plane did take off or was scheduled to take off

I: from Redburg field in Dallas the afternoon of the Assassination.

man: No kidding. I never heard that.

I: Yes. That's in one of the articles by one of the authors on the case some people even felt that a small plane did take off -- that it's destination was Mexico or one of the South American countries.

man: Gibaldin's flown a lot of miles back and forth but...look, here's a very simple solution. Gibaldin naturally wouldn't be involved directly -- and he might even have been sitting there in an airplane, I don't care about that -- but where was Billy Seymour that day,

whom I think, you know, run upstairs and put Oswald on the spot. I really think that. He was just a dirty little rat like a lot of these people who were trying to make a name for themselves -- to be big movie heroes...

I: Did these people have expertise in firearms and weapons?

man: Well, yes. I learned stuff myself and you know, people wrote manuals by hand and passed them around to the groups who were training ~~xxxxxx~~ a no-name key -- that's the name of the Key -- No-Name.

There was also a place near New Orleans and Howard -- they had expertise. There was a local Canadian guy down there training them and Howard and several others that knew how to ... what ~~it is~~ they wanted was medicine -- you know, if you wound, right away they wanted to throw some powder on it or whatever that powder is, I forget. And Aspirin mostly -- stuff like that in case they were wounded, you see.

They knew all the fundamentals of killing, wounding or being wounded or killed, you see. The fundamentals, the important things in a raid.

I: Of course.

man: I would say Howard was an expert because he sure got an awful lot of men and arms against Castro.

Now, let me give it to you straight and then I'll go. I don't give a hoot about any of those people anymore. I think they have used me up, but I don't want to be around when the ax falls and at the same time, I want to see the ax fall.

I: You want to get the information out while you have the chance.

Man: That's right. And if these birds, which I definitely imagine was the case, were involved -- whether Oswald was or not doesn't matter to me ~~now~~ now -- I still think he was doing the same job I was ~~doing~~ doing because -- before I even read a word on it I knew it, you see.

I: That Oswald was doing your kind of work?

man:q Yeah. I'm the one who brought his old lady over here to the Joe Pine show one day. Did you see that?

I: No. I heard that she was here though.

man: It was in 77 '65 that I appeared on there and I told briefly what I was involved in and I said you know, I had the impression your son was doing the same thing. And they shut me up right away and the Federal Bureau would never speak to me again after that because they told me to shut my trap, you see.

I: Tell me, can I reach you at this number. When is the best time to call when I do get in touch with you or do you wish to just leave it that you can reach me.

man: Well, it would be sensible just to have it that way, wouldn't it?

I: All right. Whatever you like. But this is a good time to call me. Early in the morning. I'll transfer some of this to Harold, if you like, at least I'll give him a report on its ~~xxx~~ _____/

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I: _____ about General Walker. Do you deduce from that, you ~~xy~~ say you know Walker, do you think it's true that he might be involved?

First of all, do you know that Oswald was supposed to have taken a shot at General Walker.

man: I think Howard took a shot (laughter).

I: You think Howard took a shot at him?

man: Certainly. He was in Dallas and all those other crumbs...I don't believe Oswald did. I don't care, you see. I don't want to try and prove anything. I'm just trying to tell you who did what and why.

I: Oswald supposedly had someone with him. ~~They~~ There were perhaps two people involved.

man: Billy Seymour or Howard who was always hauling his big Mexican carcass around trying to pull some kind of a caper? Right. I believe it. Oswald was a fink. Just like I was, a fink. We did things to which we were completely opposed. We committed treason for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, you know what I mean. We did things that even the Communists wouldn't -- they blamed the Communists for doing. We did it. We led them. We organized them. And we would do things that would put us in such a light, such a position and we knew -- we'd even go take a shot at someone if we had to -- if that was part of getting us to infiltrate some organization.

I: Exactly.

man: So. There ~~is~~ it is. It's horrible but true and it's very likely that someone else did it or Oswald did it to infiltrate and never intended to ~~is~~ hit. You never know. It's something that bears investigation if possible. Certainly the very coverup of the situation, obliterations here and there of things indicates that there are some more things involved which I'm glad to see people investigating.

I: Do you think it is conceivable that Oswald, when he went to Mexico, was endeavoring to see Gibaldin or was Gibaldin there at that time?

man: Yeah. That's exactly what I'm thinking. You see, look alike Billy Seymour -- and another thing, that Gibaldin told me that really hit me hard and I hated his guts for it -- I ~~mean~~ mean not hated him like I wouldn't burn his house down but I hated him -- because later on he ~~said~~ said -- before Kennedy died -- he said "Gee, I know a guy who looks just like you", here's me, a picture of me; I'm going around wearing this Texas hat and my rifle and then I go out and shoot all the time -- and Gibaldin knows this -- I'm a chewing tobacco Texas-hat wearing gunman, do you get it?

And he's got this picture of me like I'm some kind of a big, fat fool. And he's telling me "I know a guy who looks exactly like you".

And I said "that poor bastard" and so forth. He ~~did~~ told me this several times and that gave me the impression that he was trying to tell me something. ~~Then~~ Then, later on I realized that "By God, it could have been another one of these Billy Seymour deals, trying to get me, with my own reputation as an NRA member and a shooter, and all this, to get me involved in this deal _____."

I mean this isn't from what someone else investigated. This is from what I ~~realized~~ realized later on and it worried me plenty.

Anyway, it's a long, miserable situation and those people -- hate is what drove them ever forward and I suppose a little money too but more actual hate than money.

I: Well, I think that's obvious.

man: I think I'd better hit the trail. I'm ~~going~~ holding you up there.

I: That's all right. I appreciate it in any case and we'll be in touch then.

man: Good show.

I: okay. Thanks so much. Bye now.

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