

September 23, 1969

Mr. Paul Rothermel  
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Dear Paul:

A couple of weeks ago, while helping a friend of mine make an index of a notebook belonging to Bud Fensterwald, I came across a page with several underlined headings. Each heading had several names under it. The headings were: CIA - Miami, Alpha 66, FPCC, and Second Front. Under the heading Alpha 66 there were two names...Frank Fiorini and Sue Fitch. Under my name, there was some background information about me which was correct. Then it said "Can say sent by Penabaz." I took this to mean that that was supposed to be my entrée to some sort of Cuban exile deal. Frank Fiorini is listed elsewhere in his notes as a "bag man for the Mafia." When I saw this, I went straight through the ceiling, and wrote Bud the enclosed letter.

I have never known what his game is, but I am sure it is the same old game. What do you think?

Please keep all this in confidence. First thing you know, I will be tagged as a bag woman for the Mafia.

Best regards,

*Sue Fitch*

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Also enclosed - my answer to his answer.

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September 10, 1969

Mr. Bernard Fensterwald  
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Dear Bud:

While helping Mary Elizabeth index your notebook, I was amazed to find the enclosed notation in your handwriting.

It is news to me to find that I have some connection with Alpha 66. I do not belong to this or any other such organization. The other person mentioned under the heading with my name - Frank Florini - is mentioned elsewhere in your notes, as a "bag man for the Mafia".....Am I also supposed to know him?

I do not go around whispering "Sent by Penabaz." I do have other credentials. I hope your other research is more correct. If not, I do not predict a very bright future for your work.

I would be interested to know which of our balmy friends gave you this bit of information. I think it is very funny.

Regards,

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September 16, 1969

Mrs. Sue Fitch  
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Dear Sue:

The notes to which you refer were made in Miami a couple of years ago during or after a meeting with Fernando Penabaz; I apparently did not have any scratch pad and wrote on the back of one of my standard biographical sheets.

The notes covered many subjects, including Alpha 66, Frank Fiorini and you. At that time, I was acquainted with no researchers in Dallas. Penabaz, who knew you, suggested that I contact you, and, in so doing, he said that I might use his name as reference. There is no connection between you and the other half a dozen items on the page.

However, if all researchers are going to be as raw nerved as you, we truly do not have a very bright future for our work. In all candor, I enjoyed being with you immensely from a social standpoint; you are fun and bright as a penny. And I did and do appreciate your help. ~~However, I find working with you difficult because of your extreme suspicions about almost everyone.~~

I have stumbled across some additional leads which might indicate a purposeful attempt to point the finger at the Hunts. Yet, I am reluctant to mention them, as I will probably be tagged with some "bad motive."

Likewise, the flap over the Buchanans. If they are knowledgeable, we should be attempting to extract their knowledge; if not, we should scratch them as a lead. This is something you could do for us if you would.

Also, Paul Rothermel, who, by his own admission, knows much more than he has imparted to me. Assuming as I do that the Hunts were not

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involved, I cannot help but wonder why all the secrecy vis-a-vis those of us who are trying to find out who was involved.

In brief, I am truly sorry for the shabby state of our relations. I would like to improve it, but, honestly, I do not know how.

Best regards,



Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.

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cc: Mrs. Mary Ferrel  
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Dear Bud:

Your letter was quite interesting. I am sorry you didn't mention Pat Penabaz to me while you were in Dallas. I do know him, and I do think he is a brilliant man.

I will tell you, again, that it gave me quite a start to see my name under the heading, ALPHA 66, and further to see it under the same heading with Frank Fioroni, whom you elsewhere identified as a "bag man for the Mafia." I do not think you would be so cool about it if the situation had been reversed.

I was amused by your comments regarding my suspicious nature. You are right! I do not dare ignore or mistrust my suspicions. Too many of them have been extremely correct.

It would be almost impossible to explain, to a non-resident of Dallas who has not lived the ordeal of the last 6 years, what has happened here. Starting with the first announcement, within minutes after the assassination, that the President was the victim of a "right-wing hate conspiracy" - continuing through the Jim Garrison investigation (with his slurs about conservatives in Dallas)- and up to and including today, there have been many people in Dallas seeking information. They have come alone, in pairs, in teams, and in groups - some of them using assumed names. Many of them have left here, after accepting the hospitality of residents of this city, and have written vicious articles about Dallas. Frankly, we are fed up with this. Obviously, this has come from members of the far left-wing.

In view of the fact that your Committee is loaded with quite an assortment of members of the left-wing (which I mentioned in my first note to you many months ago), I think you received a rather generous reception in Dallas. Do you really believe that the far left is the only group interested in finding out who murdered the President? I can assure you that they are not.

It is my considered opinion that the President was killed as the result of a Communist conspiracy - probably Castro orientec. Lee Oswald was a Communist, and a part of that conspiracy. I believe this so deeply, and my research indicates it so conclusively, that I do not care to waste time chasing rainbows. I am sure that the unanswered questions could be answered if this theory was pursued with the same enthusiasm that has been wasted in the attempt to convict the city of Dallas and it's citizens.

Regards,

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