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MEMO RE FENSTERWALD AND SPRAGUE TALK AT PENN

Yesterday, Bud and Dick Sprague were the guests at the U. of P. Law School "forum." The topic was the "Legal Aspects of the Kennedy-King Assassinations," although that particular aspect was hardly discussed. Bud gave a brief introduction about the CTIA, and then Sprague gave a painful, condensed version of his photo presentation.

Before the forum started, I went up to Bud, who recognized me: "You come from Frederick, don't you?" he said. He asked me if I had seen Harold recently, and said he was sorry he didn't see Harold more often on a social basis, but that he had many disagreements with Harold, "Nothing serious." He added that "Harold is mad at everybody now," to which I said "With good reason in those cases of which I know." He said that Harold was now working on the Ray h.c. with Jim, saying that Harold used to think that Jim was "pliable," but no more.

About 100 people showed up. some leaving at various points during the two hour forum. I wasn't sure exactly what I should do. At first I wanted to clobber Sprague during the questioning, but I decided that nothing constructive could come of it. I'm sorry I didn't try to correct the record where I felt obliged to, like with certain statements about the Kennedys. In the end, because they were deliberately holding off on calling on me, I decided to ask Bud about pending lawsuits in the hopes Xhe might reveal future CTIA plans that Harold was not aware of. It was a bad choice. X

I can't write down everything that happened, but I was taking notes in case anything I thought might be important was said. In the following, I'll just expand on my notes.

When Bud spoke, he said that CTIA had filed FOI suits and that "a number" of other suits were ready to be filed.

Sprague was absurd, as was to be expected. He began by saying that Sirhan did not kill RFK and that the JFK and MLK killings were connected. The photos, he said, prove that 4 people fired 6 shots, and that JFK was hit at 189, 226, and 313. The assassin who fired the fatal shot hid in the cupola behind Z. He showed the Newcomb copy of Z.

Sprague spoke about Wecht as one of the "successes" of the CTIA, because now the pix and X-rays are not suppressed. He said that Wecht is now going over his findings and will publish an article in a medical journal. The CTIA will condense his article and publish it in their newsletter. He said Wecht had "a number of interesting findings," which he would not reveal, other than that the single bullet theory was "dead."

After Sprague, Bud spoke in more detail about the FOI suits. He spoke of the Ray suit as if it were all his doing. Then he said that the CTIA has filed a suit for the spectro on behalf of Harold Weisberg who is "one of the ablest of all people in this field."

Questions were then taken. First asked "Who did it?" Sprague said that he could only speculate but that he likes to speculate for the purpose of "stirring interest" and getting the

media interested. He said that he agrees with "most" of what Garrison said in Heritage of Stone, as far as explaining who killed Kennedy. Bud said that his approach was to go after everything in the Archives in the hopes of finding out who was really guilty, but he later admitted that the suppressed documents probably do not show the real assassins "because the WC did such a lousy job."

Bud said that there was no doubt that LHO was an FBI informant and that he worked for several gov't agencies. He said "LHO was a man of great importance to the U.S. government." He added that we cannot rule out the possibility that Castro had JFK killed because RFK had hired assassins to kill Castro. Bud said he had known this for a long time, from personal sources. He said that the WC knew LHO was an agent because Carr had told them so, but that the WC had burned the transcript of Carr's testimony. He said that he had discovered this when he checked the steno records, because he uses the same firm the WC did.

Sprague was asked about why were the Kennedys silent. He quoted a statement Lane made about 2 weeks ago that RFK knew exactly who killed JFK, but was scared to do anything about it. Bud said that RFK had been investigating the assass until the time of his death, that he had a telephone lead and he was trying to dog it down, and that he had a committee working on it in secret. Bud added that the Kennedys had suppressed nothing but the pix and X-rays. Everything else was withheld by the FBI and the Arch.

I forget which one said it, but there was talk that JFK might have been sicker than is known, and one of them mentioned that Wecht thinks JFK may have had "a small benign brain tumor." This apparently referred to the unidentified structure.

Bud was asked about Ray's guilty plea, and he said that he had to guard his words, but that Ray knew and was with the gang that killed King, but that he has so far refused to talk and will talk only when he is in federal court.

Sprague, in response to a question, said that Garrison's credibility, "as a whole is extremely good."

I was the last person called on with a question, even though I constantly raised my hand. By this time, I had decided only to try to get some information from Bud. Not many people were left in the audience. I asked Bud about those FOI suits which were "ready" to be filed, what docs are they for? At first he was evasive, but I told him I wanted to know the specific documents he was going after. He said he is especially interested in the classified docs re LHO Mexico trip, but he said that CTIA will try to get everything that is classified.

In general, the audience was impressed with the presentation. No one asked a critical question or was derogatory. I suppose no one was thinking, and it is very easy for young people now to believe and accept the kind of things Bud and Sprague were saying. There was no coverage of this forum in the school paper or in any Ph&la paper that I saw.

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