

Ferrie and Oswald

“There is no credible evidence that
Oswald knew...David Ferrie”

(p. 148 of 1993 hardcover edition of
Gerald Posner's book *Case Closed*.)

Is that so? Decide for yourself.

KENNEDY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

Name Jerry Paradis Date 12/18/78 Time 3:20
Address New Orleans law firm Place by phone 504/###-####

Interview:

I called Paradis to discuss his involvement with David Ferrie and the CAP in New Orleans during the 1980s.

I told him that we had seen his name in Ferrie's FBI interview from November 25, 1963, and that Ferrie had stated that Paradis was the commander or instructor of the CAP unit during the period in which Ferrie was associated with it in around 1964-65; and that Paradis had been the instructor during the period in which Oswald was alleged to have attended. In the FBI interview, Ferrie had recommended Paradis as the person who could tell the Bureau that Oswald and himself were never in the same unit at the same time.

I asked Paradis if he was ever interviewed by the Bureau back then and he stated that he had not; noting that he has never previously been questioned about any of it.

Paradis, now a corporate attorney, stated that "Oswald and Ferrie were in the unit together. I know they were because I was there." He stated that "I specifically remember Oswald. I can remember him clearly, and Ferrie was heading the unit then. I'm not saying that they may have been there together, I'm saying it is a certainty."

Paradis stated that he like (sic) Oswald, but that he was quiet. He stated that he rarely discussed anything with Oswald except CAP business and instructions. He said: "I really only talked about flying with Lee." He further stated that he was in the CAP for a couple years, but that he saw Oswald at the meetings for only a few weeks or months. He said: "I can't say how many times he came to the meetings, but he was there quite a few times." He stated that he would guess "at least ten or fifteen meetings." He stated that Ferrie was present at all of these meetings, saying that Ferrie never missed coming "and was always there."

He stated that he and Ferrie became fairly good friends and that he respected Ferrie, though he was somewhat unusual.

Paradis stated that he does not know of any relationship between Ferrie and Oswald other than their contact at the CAP meetings, and recalls that there was nothing unusual about their relationship there.

He stated that Ferrie was a "fairly stern, but generally likable" guy, and that the unit primarily studied aerodynamics, navigation, and meteorology.

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He stated that these meeting with Ferrie and Oswald at the CAP occurred at New Orleans Lakefront (sic) Airport, and that Ferrie and some of the others occasionally went to Moissant airport. He stated that Ferrie later left the Lakefront airport and worked only at Moissant with the CAP.

He stated that the unit used to meet twice a week, on Friday nights and on Sunday afternoon.

He stated that he always thought it was "funny" that Garrison's people never interviewed him about the CAP; he stated that he was also a personal acquaintance of Garrison's aide, James Alcock, but never discussed the case with him.

He stated that he (sic) last saw Ferrie sometime in the early 60s after Ferrie was fired by Eastern for homosexual activity. He stated that "Ferrie was really bitter about that. A very bitter guy."

I asked him if he was aware that Ferrie worked for Marcello, and he stated that he had never heard that before, and was surprised.

Paradis again repeated that he has been surprised that the FBI never interviewed him, and stated that "I sure could have told them when Oswald and Ferrie were in the CAP. I could have given them what they wanted." He also repeated that he does not believe the relationship between Oswald and Ferrie "meant anything really," and does not think that Ferrie "was a bad guy or anything like that."

Interviewer Signature _____

Typed Signature Mike Ewing

Date transcribed 12/16/78

KENNEDY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

Name Anthony Atzenhoffer

Date 1/2/79 Time 11:45

Address Gretna, Louisiana

Place by phone: 505/_____

Interview:

I called Mr. Atzenhoffer to discuss several points which were not entirely clear from the report of Bob Buras's interview with him in October.

Atzenhoffer stated that he believes that Ferrie was in fact instructing the Moissant CAP unit at the time that Oswald was a member. Atzenhoffer stated "I can't recall seeing the two of them together. I don't have that detailed a memory. But I'm sure they were there together at the same time." Atzenhoffer stated that Oswald was very quiet and was mainly friendly with Ed Voebel, who Atzenhoffer also knew.

Atzenhoffer stated that "Ferrie was always around the unit during those days. I can't say that I know anything about Ferrie and Oswald being together anywhere else except at the meetings."

Atzenhoffer also stated that the "experiments" that Ferrie tried to recruit CAP cadets for were supposedly to be conducted by the Medical School of Tulane University.

Interviewer Signature _____

Typed Signature Mike Ewing

Date transcribed Jan 3, 1979

The following is excerpted from an interview of Mr. Robert Boylston conducted by HSCA field investigators Bob Buras and L. J. Delsa on October 17, 1978 at the Hilton Hotel in New Orleans.

DAVE FERRIE paid [him] over one thousand dollars for tuition at the University of Loyola in New Orleans and never once asked for it back or even referred to it....

....Boylston remembers Ferrie over the years as always talking about secret orders of a military or intelligence nature. He was usually saying things to impress others of his knowledge. He talked of knowledge of some secret order during the Lebanon Crisis in 1959. In 1960 he knew of secret orders about Cuba. Dave once was wounded and stated that he was shot over Cuba in 60 or 61. Around 1961 Ferrie talked a great deal about a "group" who knew what was going on in this country and was going to take care of it.....

FERRIE did know a lot of people and when the CAPC Drill Team went to National Competition Boylston, John Irton and Jim Graffeo went to Dallas, Tex. three days in advance. Ferrie gave them a name to call when they got there and when they talked to this men (unknow) he had reservations for them at a motel. Ferrie later flew back on an Air Force C-47. Boylston remembers being a little surprised when the Warren Commission said that Ferrie didn't have contacts in Dallas. The man that set up the motel and the people that got him the C-47 were personal contacts as far as Boylston could ascertain. Ferrie would motivate people by flattery and discipline and always had an effect on the people around him. Boylston was warned by Ferrie not to ever talk about the training going on over the Lake or anywhere no matter what happened. Ferrie said not to talk about it even if "it" didn't go. Boylston didn't know what "it" was and to this day don't (sic) want to know. He felt then and still feels that some of the people around Ferrie and Ferrie were not playing when they talked about "taking care of something".

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/27/63

**The
following
FBI
document
was
declassified
before
Posner
started his
book on the
JFK case.**

ROY MC COY, 108 Fourth Street, Chalmette, Louisiana, telephonically contacted the New Orleans office of the FBI and advised that his wife had received a telephone call from DAVID FERRIE during the afternoon of Novemeber 27, 1963.

Mr. MC COY said that he was not at home when FERRIE called but according to his wife, FERRIE was interested in any photographs which MC COY might have in his possession. These photographs were in reference to MC COY's former association with the Civil Air Patrol of which he was a member during the early 1950's. He said the meetings of his group were held at the New Orleans Airport and that for a time, DAVID FERRIE was the head of this unit. FERRIE also asked MRS. MC COY whether the name of OSWALD was familiar to her.

Mr. MC COY said that he had not returned FERRIE's call but that in conversations with his wife, it was her impression that FERRIE was seeking information about OSWALD and photographs of OSWALD to show that he was not acquainted with OSWALD.

Mr. MC COY said that to the best of his recollection, Oswald never attended any Civil Air Patrol meeting at the New Orleans Airport nor did he ever meet OSWALD.

On 11/27/63 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 89-89
By SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER Date dictated 11/27/63

M E M O R A N D U M

March 1, 1968

TO: Jim Garrison, District Attorney

FROM: Andrew J. Sciambra, Assistant District Attorney

RE: DAVID FERRIE

Today I talked to MRS. DORIS EAMES in regard to her meeting with DAVID FERRIE. It was reported to us by MARY LEE LASAVIA that MRS. EAMES had said that DAVID FERRIE came to see her in regards to where the OSWALDS were right after OSWALD left Texas. MRS. EAMES today said that DAVID FERRIE did come to her house but it was not until after the assassination and he was not looking for the OSWALDS but only wanted to know if MRS. EAMES had any information regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD's library card. MRS. EAMES had stated that he had seen OSWALD in the public library and FERRIE wanted to know if MR. EAMES had also seen OSWALD's library card and, if he had he wanted to know whose library card OSWALD had. MRS. EAMES also said that she cannot ever remember seeing anybody with the OSWALDS or go to the OSWALD'S home. She said that they were loners and didn't associate with anybody.

[Doris Eames was Oswald's neighbor while in New Orleans in 1963.]

Through the photograph adduced by Frontline, and the documents preceding the above one, we now know that the last line of the above FBI report is wrong. Ferrie knew exactly what he was doing hunting down any photos of he and his longtime friend Lee Harvey Oswald. After all, **how does one explain a member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee associating with a CIA contract agent involved with the Bay of Pigs, Operation MONGOOSE, and paramilitary training for Cuban exiles?**

Posner also tried to state that even if there was a link between Ferrie and Oswald through the CAP in the fifties, there was nothing between them in 1963. **Then why is the following report in Garrison's files?**