

# Assassination USA

IT E D G A N D O L F O

-June 30, 1990 Edition-

THIS NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF MY LATE BROTHER, JOHN GANDOLFO  
AN OPEN LETTER TO SEVERAL OF MY FRIENDS/COLLEAGUES:

*not true.*

I sincerely hope and trust that you, my many subscribers, will bear with me at this time for what I will here relate. Let me preface it by saying that two months ago, my house was broken into while my wife and I were at a hospital for my bad back. Upon our return home we discovered that a bit more than \$14,000 was stolen, in addition to approximately 40 video and audio tapes. It was, obviously, a "BLACK-BAG" job which the FBI & CIA are so famous for. At any rate, since we had only a little in our bank, unfortunately, it depleted our financial savings for the most part. Then, to make a long story short, I was contacted by my mother who informed me that my younger brother, John, had died from the cancer which had contracted all throughout his body. He had just turned 52 years of age. Since we all know of the large cost of a funeral, and since my mother and I and wife Anita were virtually bereft of ANY money to pay for his funeral. With this problem in existence, I resorted for help to several of my fellow long-time JFK researchers. They came to our assistance magnificently, to say the least!! Among those who IMMEDIATELY sent me-from \$100 to \$200, were Richard E. Sprague, Judge Jim Garrison, Mark Lane, Dr. Cyril H. Wecht, and Harold Weisberg. Because of their financial assistance, I and my mother, were able to have my brother buried in dignity. Unfortunately, I haven't been able to repay any of them back yet, but I WILL do so as soon as Anita and I get more on our feet financially. I know that by divulging this I may well cause embarrassment to these friends/colleagues, but I've always felt that the good deeds of people SHOULD be made known to others, so I beg their forgiveness should their embarrassment ensue. Now that I've said this, I'd like you all to know my very personal opinions of these, I feel strongly, GREAT PATRIOTS OF THIS COUNTRY!! They are, indeed, patriots, because they did NOT, lemming-like, adhere and conform to the "national security" while our NATIONAL HONOR was at stake, relating to the events surrounding the assassination of our beloved President Kennedy, in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963!! To wit:

1) JIM GARRISON: Naturally, I first heard of Jim on February 17, 1967 when the New Orleans States-Item newspaper published the front page headline that he had uncovered a plot in the JFK assassination. Well, I then immediately began a subscription to that newspaper and saved every article ever written relating to this case, which now reside in several very large scrapbooks I retain. When I visited New Orleans in late 1967, I visited Jim's office and although he wasn't there, I presented one of his staffmembers, Andrew Schiambra with copies of several hours of audiotapes of that tragic day in order to hopefully assist Jim in his investigation. (My father was born in New Orleans and I had many relatives there.) By that time, I had begun doing radio shows relating to the case, during which I would oft-times present developments occurring in New Orleans with Garrison's investigation, which were given only very sparse and one-sided publications in the New York area, as well as elsewhere in the country..mostly against Garrison..by the C.I.A. owned establishment news-media, naturally. From the time the House Select Committee On Assassinations was constituted, I was in regular contact With Jim, and he with me, regarding the evidence Garrison had provided to the Fenton team which was completely suppressed by that master of cover-up, Robert Blakey, chief counsel of the HSCA. And now, 26½ years after the JFK murder, Garrison continues to provide the TRUTH to our citizenry, that The C.I.A. killed JFK!! I retain tape-recordings of MANY conversations I've had with Jim, and I continue to quote from his dialogue on the radio shows and lectures I still do to the present time. Naturally, the U.S. government's proclamations to the contrary, Garrison's investigation remains the only TRUTHFUL investigation ever conducted relative to the JFK assassination!! I remember that once in 1988 I talked to the news director of Long Island cable TV's Channell 12, during which I implored him to contact Garrison to get the full story re the case and thereupon, told Garrison that he wanted to get that truthful side of the case and Jim exclaimed to me that, "THAT'S THE ONLY SIDE OF THE CASE!" (HA-HA) How true, how true indeed! Throughout all his "DANCING WITH THE CIA", as he calls it, and ALL the massive power used by the CIA and other official circles to continually besmirched Garrison and his integrity, etc, etc, he remains a most honest, courageous, incorruptable and decent individual whose friendship I will ALWAYS treasure, and whose ultimate HUMANITY I will always greatly admire!! Whenever I despair over the outright LIES I am made aware of by any lying-bastard scoundrels in any segment of the news-media, I find myself always invariably reverting to Garrison's truth in the matter and THAT

thought reaffirms my sometimes faith in my fellow-man. I've oft-times said on the various shows, lectures, etc, I've done that when the true history of this this (JFK) case is written and observed, Jim Garrison will be recognized as one of the true patriots of this country who served America best in its hour of need!! I cannot speak higher of ANYONE! Thank you, Jim.

Richard E. Sprague:

I first met Dick at New York University's radio station where, unbeknownst to me, he was to join me on May 5th, 1975. I'll never forget how very nervous I was during the first of the two half-hour shows we did that day. I couldn't say ANYTHING right, and, between shows, I said to him that I really had a very good knowledge of the JFK case, but that since this was my very first time in a radio studio, I was quite nervous. He told me that one must get used to the fact that he/she is being aired. I told him, and myself, "Ted, just make-believe that you're home and relax and you'll then be able to divulge the facts of the case with a more relaxed mind. I did that and I must say I was quite good on the 2nd show, during which I talked more about the RFK assassination than I did on the JFK case. Later, in late 1977, it was my honor and privilege to have Richard and the late Rush Harp on one of my own Manhattan cable-T.V. shows, entitled, "Assassination U.S.A.", and also they both appeared on another of my TV shows along with Richard A. Sprague, first Chief-Counsel of the HSCA. Were it not for Rush Harp, NONE of these TV shows would have been videotaped because HE supplied the tapes for them and, among other things, I will always be indebted and gratefull to Rush for that!! Of all the researchers I've come to know through the years, and also have done radio & TV shows with, Richard E. was easily the most contemporarily knowledgeable about the HSCA and the immense Blakey coverups. After all, Dick was a photographic consultant to the Committee for awhile for Richard A. Sprague while it was an HONEST investigation before Blakey came upon the scene and undid everything. And remember that Dick was the possessor of ALL of the photographic materiel pertaining to the JFK case. Through the years, I had more taped conversations with him on a continuing basis than with any other researcher and he always has been, and remains, a veritable fount of information to me re the JFK, RFK & MLK assassinations. I, and Anita, are equally proud and happy to cherish his friendship throughout. He remains a man of integrity, decency, intelligence and humility and, to this day one of only 2 men employed by the HSCA who has had the courage and conviction of flouting the Committee's "NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT" and to

inform us all of the nefarious coverup practices perpetrated by Blakey's Bastards, the only other man being Gaeton Fonzi, one of the HSCA'S investigators.

MARK LANE:

Mark is, perhaps, the most eloquent of speakers relating to the assassination of JFK, and was one of the earliest pioneers who initially provided the truth about the governmental mythology and how it differed with the factual developments which were, and remain, largely suppressed by the "straight" media. He was the ONLY witness to testify in OPEN PUBLIC SESSIONS before the Warren Commission way back when. Of course his differing views than those propagated by that nefarious group were completely disregarded by them in what the media called, "the greatest investigation in the history of criminology." (Remember that??) Lane lectured here and abroad continually during that early time, and his prodigious work entitled, "RUSH TO JUDGEMENT" remained on the best-seller list for quite a long time. Mark did 3 shows with me, along with Dr. Cyril Wecht, on my "ASSASSINATION U.S.A." cable-TV shows, one with myself on KPFK in Los Angeles and one on the 24th anniversary of the JFK assassination on the ABC-Radio networked, Ray Briem, show for 3 hours. That was quite a revelatory show, indeed, as I introduced knowledge about my, then, newly-written, book, the "HSCA Coverup." During that show, Mark revealed the almost totally unknown fact that he and Victor Marchetti had taken E. Howard Hunt to trial for being involved in the JFK murder. The jury concluded that Mr. Hunt was, indeed, involved, and..question??? Have you ever read about that in any other publication other than these, my, newsletters or any radio or TV news show??? It simply was NEVER reported out anywhere, which isn't really all that shocking when viewed in light of the mass-media suppressions of many other truthful revelatory news regarding this subject through the years, right?? As you perhaps recall, Mark represented James Earl Ray before the HSCA'S open public hearings in late 1978. Naturally, I have all the audiotapes of that entire farce and was quite pleased when Mark told them all off in reference to their coverup activities pertaining to, especially, their besmirching the character of Grace Stevens who was the ONLY person who saw the man running out of the bathroom and down the hallway of the rooming house from which it is erroneously alledged that Ray fired the shot which killed Martin Luther King. Looking back on it now, I suppose that Mark told them, i essence, something along the lines of what all of us researchers would have liked to have told them were we allowed to do so, right?? Mark's work in these cases has certainly been of historic

proportions. We are, indeed, indebted to him for that!

DR. CYRIL H. WECHT:

Cyril has, for long, been at the forefront of providing the truthful medical evidence to our citizenry through the years in all forums, radio, TV, the Rockefeller Commission, the HSCA, etc. As mentioned, I was proud to have had him on 2 of my cable TV shows, and he is primarily responsible for completely shattering the "SINGLE-BULLSHIT (OH, PARDON ME), SINGLE-BULLET-THEORY" so crucially important if the conclusions reached by both the Warren Commission or the HSCA are to stand. I remember well that, back in the late 1960's he along with Paris Flammonde would do numerous, 5-hour radio shows with Long John Nebel on WMCA radio here in New York, and I would stay up all night listening to, and taping these most informative shows. I began my association with Dr. Wecht by numerously calling them up during these shows and adding my 2 cents into the subject. Later on, of course, his most-brilliant testimonies before both the Rockefeller Commission and the HSCA completely destroyed the governmental views concerning one of the most crucially important aspects of the JFK case, the afore-mentioned S.B.T. To my mind, the significant thing about the eminent doctor is the fact that, as I have oft-times said to myself that here is a professional who is very secure in his work who didn't NEED to get involved in this case, and yet, out of the true decency and courage of his convictions felt compelled and impelled to "set the record straight", so-to-speak, for the edification of the citizens of the world, stepping forward to give the lie TO the lie which has been foisted by our government regarding this "crime-of-the-century."!! He has succeeded admirably well in doing so, indeed!! Thank you for all of that, Cyril!!

HAROLD WEISBERG:

I first saw Harold Weisberg when he appeared on the very FIRST TV show in this country dealing with the controversy relating to the JFK case. It was presented on Metromedia Channel 5 TV in New York on November 12, 1966. Along with Harold were Mark Lane, Penn Jones, Leo Sauvage, and a defender of the Warren Commission whose name I don't recall..and the show was hosted by Jim Bishop, of all people, who himself later wrote a book on the case entitled, "THE DAY KENNEDY WAS KILLED". (Of course the book supported the governmental conclusions.) I remember that Harold was particularly adamant about the fact that the W.C. severely cropped large portions of the famous Altgens photo, which corresponded with Zapruder frame #255. He kept yelling,

"HOW DARE THEY DO THAT//"  
He was very angry..and rightfully so, obviously. His early "WHITEWASH" series of books provided much hitherto unknown information and evidence which was not readily available at the time, and his book, "FRAME-UP", relating to the MLK case was of equally significant dimensions. Harold has always been at the forefront in securing secret documents under the "FREEDOM-OF-INFORMATION" act, and continues to do so, even though now in failing health. In 1977, he was successful in obtaining more than 80,000 pages of secret FBI -JFK assassination files as a result of his lawsuits for them. I must say that there have been a few occasions when Harold and I have had differing views, especially about matters relating to the practices pursued by Blakey and the HSCA, I will always respect his rather detailed precision and meticulousness re basic evidence in both the JFK and MLK cases. Oddly enough, we both have never discussed the RFK case at all! His contributions towards truth have been many and varied and I respect him for his tenacity and stand through the years. We owe him much for this.

ADDED NOTE:

My sincerest respect will always be prevalent to the late Mae Brussell. I retain tape-recordings of our many conversations thru the years during which she convinced me that she is the most prodigious compiler of the PRINTED public, and, not-so-public data relating to practically EVERY conspiracy existant. While I lived in Los Angeles, she was kind enough to invite me to her home in Carmel, California in 1976. I spent 4 days there, during which time I saw the most massive compilation of printed files ever. I fondly remember one day, in particular. We were both sitting in her living-room while she was cutting out various articles from the several newspapers she regularly subscribed to, when the thought occurred to me, and I said, "Do you realize that you and I are the most prodigious compilers of information in the whole world, you with the PRINTED and me with the TAPED??" She replied, in a sort of amazed way, "Do you know, that's RIGHT??" Up until that time I had compiled nearly 4,000 hours of tapes on the 3 cases. It was quite a remarkable fact, indeed!! I was fortunate enough to have done 3 radio shows with Mae while in California, and I'll always treasure a taped interview of her I conducted during my visit with her there in "Carmel-by-the-sea."

Well, then, this, the above will hopefully serve a duality of purposes..to thank, very sincerely, the afore-mentioned help, financially and otherwise, that has been given me by my colleagues/friends relating to my late brother, and informing you all as to the quality of people involved in these continuing revelations about the great issues of our times. Don't forget to obtain Garrison's "ON THE TRAIL OF THE ASSASSINS" new book. Thank you.

## THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

### COVERUP

-7-

BY TED GANDOLFO

The House Select Committee On Assassinations was established on September 17, 1976 by an overwhelming vote of the House Of Representatives by a vote of 280 to 65. The Committee's mandate was to fully investigate all of the circumstances surrounding the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Very shortly thereafter, I sent to each member of the Committee copies of 35 hours of crucial tape-recordings including CBS-TV and NBC-TV reportage of the entire date of November 22, 1963, beginning 14 minutes after the first bulletin was announced that shots had been fired at President Kennedy in Dallas. Up until the day the House Committee On Assassinations was established, I had compiled what is acknowledged to be the largest tape-recorded library in the world relating to the JFK assassination, nearly 4,000 hours total. In late 1976, Richard A. Sprague was chosen to be the Chief Counsel of the Committee, and at that time, a number of us researchers indicated that we were very pleased with his selection. We felt that Mr. Sprague was the very best choice to be the Chief Counsel of that Committee.

Some people disagreed, however, especially after the first press conference that he held in Washington upon assuming that position when he said, "Every single document from the files of the FBI and the CIA that was relevant to either murder would be subpoenaed", and that "Every single witness would be called who was within the continent of the United States, or Hawaii, or Alaska who had information relevant to either of the two murders." Mr. Sprague fully intended to interview in depth every competent researcher and to use their information in his investigations. He also in-

tended to obtain and study the evidence of Jim Garrison's investigation conducted in 1967.

Sprague's idea was to investigate the possible involvement of the CIA and the FBI in the two assassinations and in the subsequent coverups. During the time that Mr. Sprague was the Chief Counsel, the Select Committee On Assassinations issued an Interim Report dated March 28, 1977. On pages 8 and 9 of that report, under the title "Development Of The Investigation Into The Assassination Of President John F. Kennedy", here are some of the published statements made.

1) "The Select Committee is actively pursuing several new leads which indicate that Lee Harvey Oswald was associated with CIA supported Anti-Castro groups and which suggest that his reported Pro-Castro activities and possibly his alleged trip to Mexico City may have been deliberately designed to mask those associations."

2) "The Warren Commission had concluded that Jack Ruby never knew Oswald and had never seen him before Nov. 22, 1963. The Committee staff has spoken with a witness who has never been previously interviewed and who stated that in November of 1963, prior to the assassination of President Kennedy, the witness was personally introduced to Lee Harvey Oswald by Jack Ruby."

3) "On January 27, 1964, members of the Warren Commission met in Executive session to discuss evidence which had surfaced indicating that Lee Harvey Oswald was an undercover FBI informant at the time of assassination. Specifically, the evidence indicated that Oswald was employed by the FBI from September of 1962 up until the assassination at a salary of \$200 a month. His FBI number

was allegedly either 172 or 179.

The evidence came from two sources, but the Commission did not investigate the matter, and simply accepted a statement by J. Edgar Hoover, that Oswald was not an informant for the FBI."

4) "Recently, an FBI informant advised the Committee that he had seen an FBI agent and Lee Harvey Oswald meeting together on numerous occasions in various New Orleans bars. The informant states that he had previously denied seeing Oswald and the agent together because he was threatened by the agent. The agent has denied the informant's charge." (The informant was Orest Pena, and the agent who threatened him was said to be FBI agent Warren Dubreys.)

5) "A witness, who was an FBI Security Code Clerk in the New Orleans Field Office from 1961 to 1966 alleges that the FBI agent sent a teletype to all of its offices 5 days before the assassination warning of a reported conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy on his proposed trip to Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. The witness further states that the teletype disclose that a militant revolutionary group was to be involved in the assassination. The FBI has denied sending such a teletype."

6) "The Committee has information which, if corroborated, establishes links between Lee Harvey Oswald and the CIA. Documents in the possession of the FBI, some of which are in the public domain, indicate that the Bureau destroyed relevant evidence and proffered misleading statements to the Warren Commission. Our analysis of the investigative procedures of Federal Agencies is a potential subject of action by our Committee and the Congress."

These are some of the areas of investigation that the Committee, under the leadership of Richard A. Sprague were pursuing. And in that same month of March, 1977, the campaign against Mr. Sprague began and I think that, as we look back on it now, we can see that the campaign was coordinated by the intelligence organizations of this country. The first clue that was true was that Jeremiah O'Leary

of the Washington Star newspaper played a leading part in the campaign. The Church Committee Report in 1976 revealed Mr. O'Leary to have been listed by the CIA in its own files as a "Propaganda Asset" of the CIA. The Church Committee also revealed that Mr. O'Leary was listed by J. Edgar Hoover as a man who would, and DID, publish false material about the death of Dr. King at the request of the FBI, something he had done regularly in the past, and something which he began doing AGAIN in terms of the coordinated attacks of Mr. Sprague. And they were coordinated. David Burnham of the New York Times was also brought in, from Philadelphia, and he launched a series of attacks on Mr. Sprague also. All of this was CRUCIAL to the takeover of the House Select Committee because Sprague HAD to be removed. And Burnham wrote 5 stories in the N.Y. Times. One of them was placed on the FRONT PAGE of the Times. The most recent article that he relied upon dealt with a story written seven years ago, and he went to the morgue of the Philadelphia newspapers to get it. Mr. Burnham stated in these articles that Mr. Sprague used incorrect prosecutorial procedures to convict a person unjustly. The story was absolutely untrue. After these stories by Burnham were written, they were followed by an editorial statement of congratulations for Mr. Burnham for having utilized his investigative skills in attacking Mr. Sprague. The campaign against Sprague continued and, because of it, it was determined that if Sprague remained as Chief Counsel, the Committee's continuance would be voted down and abolished unless Sprague quit, at which point, Sprague quit, saying that he did not come there to PREVENT an investigation from taking place. A man named Robert Blakey came in as the new Chief Counsel, a man APPROVED OF by the FBI and CIA. Mr. Blakey's background had been as an attorney for the U.S. Department Of Justice. He immediately made it clear that NO files would be secured from the FBI or the CIA about Lee Harvey

Oswald or anyone else, and I can state authoritatively that although the Committee was empowered to subpoena ALL of the documents which it thought relevant by an Act Of Congress, in 1976, not one single page has been subpoenaed from the FBI or the CIA under Blakey's leadership, NOT ONE SINGLE PAGE. A researcher on the Committee named Donovan Gay, who was the Chief researcher for 16 months, the man who was the keeper of the most important secrets in Washington, D.C. the evidence which had come in about the deaths of Pres-

## JFK ASSASSINATION

ident Kennedy and Dr. King, was fired from his position by Mr. Blakey. Blakey told him, "You can no longer be here because the CIA said that we would have a better relationship with the Committee if you were removed." And so, Mr. Gay was fired.

On March 10, 1978, Bob Lehner was fired also. He was the attorney in charge of the King case. Blakey explained that he was being fired because he wanted to bring in someone from the Dept. Of Justice who would be APPROVED OF by the CIA and the FBI.

When this congressional investigation first began, we all thought the Select Committee was going to investigate the circumstances surrounding the murders of President Kennedy and Dr. King. Part of the circumstances were examined by the Church Committee of the U.S. Senate which in 1976 issued a report saying that the FBI and the CIA, at the very highest levels, starting with the Director of each organization conspired to lie to the Warren Commission, to MISLEAD the Warren Commission. And part of the job of the House Select Committee was to investigate the COVERUP of the facts surrounding the two assassinations, the COVERUP perpetrated by both the FBI and CIA. Now, it had all been reversed. Instead, the FBI and CIA are investigating the House Committee On Assassinations

and determining for THEM who can be hired and fired. Mr. Blakey made it plain. NO ONE was hired or retained who had not been CLEARED FIRST by the FBI and the CIA, and, I suppose the bottom line of all of this is, even the investigators in the field, some of whom were the very best investigators in this country on the subject who did uncover crucially important information were compromised by the conduct of the chief counsel, Robert Blakey. I will give you but one example. One investigator named Gaeton Fonzi uncovered a document related to the JFK assassination that was so potentially explosive that it may be the single most important discovery since the Committee was established. It is called "The Spanish Document", the code name for it. Mr. Fonzi, who uncovered it, gave that document to Mr. Blakey with the understanding that it could only be shown to a very small group of people with the "need to know" within the Committee and to no-one else. Mr. Blakey AGREED. After the investigator left his office, Mr. Blakey had many copies of the document made and then sent one over immediately to the offices of the CIA in Langley, Virginia, thereby forever compromising the integrity of that investigator. There were early indications of what Robert Blakey would do. His professional experience included the fact that he worked for the U.S. Dept. Of Justice from 1960 to 1964, and on the very day that Blakey was hired to be Chief Counsel of the Select Committee, he held a press conference. The date was June 20, 1977. During that press conference, he gave indications of what he was going to do, and what he was NOT going to do. Here are some quotes of questions put to him by the news reporters there and his answers to them.

Question: "Your description, Mr. Blakey, of the manner in which this investigation will be conducted, at least from a philosophic standpoint, is directly at odds from which we have been told up to this point by your predecessor Mr. Sprague. He told us that these



are 2 murder investigations. You are telling us that this is NOT the case, that you are investigating as a LEGISLATIVE matter?"

Blakey: "That's correct."

Question: "You intend to restructure the investigation? As I understand it, in the beginning, the Committee was going to take a very broad scope look at all of the evidence, all of the documents, etc. Are you going to restructure this investigation?"

Blakey: "Those decisions will be reached, but frankly, I doubt they will be made public."

Question: "So the Committee is staying on that course and intends to cover all the ground?"

Blakey: "I'm not terribly sure that we have a common understanding of what it's purpose is. It is my understanding that this is a legislative committee pursuing a legislative investigation, and NOT pursuing 2 murder investigations. During the course of that legislative investigation, I would hope that all the questions people might think relevant IN THIS CONTEXT will be answered."

Question: "All questions relevant to the 2 murder investigations which they are NOT investigating?"

Blakey: "I think that is fair to say."

At no time since he gave that press conference has Mr. Blakey indicated that there is any reason at all to doubt the truthfulness of what he said then. Nowhere has he violated his original prejudices and original statements he made that day. A survey was conducted on February 5th and 6th, 1978, of the thirteen people who were on the Select Committee from the outset of their work there. Each of them has said that they had seen massive evidence which proved beyond question that there were definite conspiracies in the murders of JFK and Dr. King, but that what had occurred was the absolute CIA and FBI takeover of that Committee.

On January 25, 1978, the Committee issued a ten page interim report on their procedures. In a chapter entitled, "Security Considerations," on page 7 they state:

"Security breaches could undermine the Committee's ongoing relationship with Executive Agencies which furnish information to the Committee only upon the condition that the information BE KEPT SECURE. As a result, the Committee has adopted stringent security procedures.

All staff members on the Committee have received or are in the process of receiving TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCE.

The FBI, as an accommodation to the Committee, conducts the background investigations for these security clearances. The CIA then reviews the background investigations done by the FBI. After consultation with the FBI and CIA, the full Committee makes a determination regarding an individual's security clearance." A COMPLETE TAKEOVER of that Committee by the CIA and FBI, and NOWHERE was this development reported by the news media. So we began to see a continuation BY CONGRESS of the coverup which originated with the Warren Commission Report in 1964, which was immediately proclaimed by all segments of the media as being "The greatest in-

vestigation in the history of criminology."

The media said that BEFORE they had read one single word of allegedly "supportive evidence" contained in the 26 volumes. During two of many shows I did on KGO radio in San Francisco, in 1978, I informed the large listening audience of the suppressions of crucial information by Robert Blakey. I requested the listeners write letters to Blakey asking him to respond to two things in particular. Number one was an appeal to him to abolish the "Non-Disclosure Agreement" perpetrated by the CIA and FBI and secondly, to answer the charges made by myself and other researchers that he was covering up vital information which resided in the Committee's files.

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

Ted Gandolfo's

"ASSASSINATION U.S.A." NEWSLETTER

Please send "Assassination U.S.A." check one

( \$20 for 1 year ) ( )

( \$38 for 2 years ) ( )

Payment is by check ( )

Payment is by money order ( )

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TED GANDOLFO-1197 BRUCE STREET-  
FRANKLIN SQUARE, N.Y. 11010

\*RESUBSCRIBE NOW\*

Editor's Note:

The dialogue, below, between Judge Jim Garrison and myself has been confirmed by Robert Blakey, himself, during a conversation I had with him on September 20, this year during which he admitted, for the first time EVER that there was, indeed, a Clifford Fenton Report re Garrison's evidence of direct C.I.A. involvement in the JFK assassination. But Blakey lied to me when he said that Garrison's evidence, given to Fenton, was published in both the 12 HSCA JFK volumes and in the Committee's Final Report. More about this later.

On a copy of a letter sent by Mr. Blakey to one listener, who sent a copy to me, dated Feb. 16, 1978, Mr. Blakey wrote, "No coverup is in progress." On another copy of a letter to another listener dated March 2, 1978, Blakey wrote, "While other information which a staff member receives may not be divulged for the duration of the Select Committee's existence, it MAY be divulged AT ANY SUBSEQUENT TIME." Both of these statements are provably false. The "Non-Disclosure Agreement" is for LIFE, and secondly, there exists in my personal files (taped and printed) ample evidence of a gigantic coverup of the facts, primarily orchestrated by Mr. Blakey. On Feb. 11, 1978, the former New Orleans District Attorney, now Judge, Jim Garrison, who had conducted his own investigation of the JFK murder in 1967, called me on the phone. We talked for half an hour.

Here are some quotes, from listening to the tape of that conversation, from Mr. Garrison. "Since I last talked to you, Ted, I've talked to the investigators that are based here in New Orleans that have just come back here from Washington, and they are very enthusiastic and they have been stimulated by the attitude up there in Washington in the increased interest in the New

Orleans scenario and the new assignments they have been given. In the last 2 weeks, the interest in New Orleans which has been mounting in recent months has absolutely doubled, and some of the top people who were here last month are coming back again in the next ten days or so. They are especially interested in Clinton, Louisiana, where we found Clay Shaw and David Ferrie with Oswald, and they are coming back here to go on their second trip to Clinton. These are the top investigators and legal people from Washington. They are satisfied now that they feel that there is so much momentum, and especially enthusiasm about the New Orleans developments, that there would be an EXPLOSION." Later in the conversation:

Garrison said, "They (the Committee) have TAPE RECORDED MEETINGS IN WHICH THEY ARE SPECIFICALLY DISCUSSING THE ASSASSINATION WITH CLAY SHAW AND DAVID FERRIE PRESENT...DETAIL I asked Garrison, "You're talking about what Perry Raymond Russo said?"

Garrison answers, "No, no, SINCE THEN. They have gone beyond that, into NEW AREAS we hadn't reached yet. We had the right people but we didn't have ALL THEIR MEETINGS...PEOPLE

PRESENT AT THE MEETINGS. I wish I could tell you of the progress they have made. ITS PAST CONSPIRACY, ITS PAST PRIMA FACIE, ITS SOLID EVIDENCE ON TAPE. I mean there's NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, but it doesn't seem to be reaching... Blakey seems to have cotton in his ears ON PURPOSE."

I then told Garrison that I had called Congressman Louis Stokes, Chairman of the Committee, and also Congresswoman Yvonne Burke, a member of the Committee, informing them of the nefarious coverup practices being employed by Mr. Blakey, and that they both strongly denied that he was doing this. I also told Garrison that I had also called Congressman Christopher Dodd, also a member of the Committee, and that Mr. Dodd had told me that he hadn't seen ANY evidence of a conspiracy in the JFK case. Garrison replied, "Ted, the next time you talk to a Congressperson on the Committee who says they've seen no evidence of a conspiracy, why don't you tell them to do something like this. Why don't you say, without warning to Blakey, why don't you just call the Chief Investigator on the JFK case and ask him if there has been any evidence of a conspiracy. By the time Clifford Fenton finishes speaking, it will be about 6 hours later. That will be the end of Blakey." There were other things discussed that day between Garrison and myself, but the above will provide a small indication of some of the conclusive evidence of a massive conspiracy, involving persons affiliated with the CIA.

This evidence was totally suppressed and NONE of it was ever published in the twelve volumes of the HSCOA Final Report relating to the JFK assassination. Recently, on July 25, 1982, I had a phone conversation with Clifford Fenton during which I told him of some of the above statements made to me by Mr. Garrison, and I asked Mr. Fenton if these statements were true. Mr. Fenton vehemently REFUSED to confirm or deny or even to discuss the

matter, stating to me that, "all of the evidence which the Committee had was in their Final Report." When I told him that Garrison's evidence was definitely NOT INCLUDED in the Report, and when I again asked him if he personally saw and heard the conclusive evidence, in Garrison's office and elsewhere, of a CIA conspiracy to kill JFK, he became livid with rage and hung up the phone on me.

For another indication of the coverup which was conducted by Mr. Blakey and the Committee, I return again to the January 25, 1978 Interim Report of the Select Committee, page 8-it states, "In both the Kennedy and King investigations, a careful analysis of all the ballistic evidence available is being conducted both to evaluate the investigations that were performed regarding each assassination, as well as enable the Committee to reach an independent conclusion concerning the identity of the assassin or assassins. Ballistics tests serve to identify the rifles that fired bullets found at the scene of a shooting. The Committee has assembled a panel of ballistics and firearms experts to perform such an analysis."

Shortly before this Interim Report was issued, I had a phone conversation with a member of the investigative staff on the Committee. He will remain nameless because of the secrecy oath agreement which he signed, but he is an unimpeachable source of information, and during that conversation he told me that the Committee had ALREADY conducted precise neutron activation analysis and spectrographic analysis of the complete bullet and the fragments of a bullet, or bullets, found in the presidential limousine and also of the slug which was recovered from Dr. King's body.

He told me that these tests proved conclusively that they were fired from at least 2 different rifles in the JFK assassination, and that the slug removed from Dr. King's body was proven to NOT have come from the rifle

allegedly fired by James Earl Ray.

This crucial evidence also is nowhere to be found in the Committee's Final Report. It was completely suppressed by that Committee.

In June, 1978, I wrote in my personal notebook, the following information. The title is "Assassination Committee Surrenders To Intelligence Forces." I will quote a brief portion of what I wrote that day. "The Chief Counsel Of the House Select Committee On Assassinations, G. Robert Blakey, is a 'legal hit man for organized crime' and he has permitted the Committee to be 'captured by the FBI and CIA.' The key figure in the surrender of the Select Committee to the Intelligence interests is Robert Blakey, it's present Chief Counsel.

In charging that Blakey had odd and recent connections with organized crime characters, it is a fact that on February 4, 1976, Blakey associated himself with Moe Dalitz, one of the early activists with organized crime in America. On that date, for a substantial sum of money, he sold his expertise to Dalitz as an 'expert' in the area of organized crime. Blakey refused to disclose how much money he was paid, leaving only that question in doubt. He refers all questions regarding his services to Dalitz to his attorney, Louis Nizer. Nizer is also the attorney for Dalitz. Nizer wrote in his preface to an edition of the Warren Report that the issue of the JFK assassination was now closed and that only "neurotics" clinging to "pride or a more sordid interest" would refuse to accept the Report's findings.

Now, Blakey, his client, is OSTENSIBLY investigating the Warren Commission Report. Blakey was recommended for his position by Committee member, Congressman Christopher Dodd, who had been a law partner with indicted former FBI director L. Patrick Gray. Many of the most frightening and recurring questions presented by the JFK and King assassinations are those dealing with the roles of the

Intelligence Agencies. The Church Committee has revealed their criminal excesses and their close cooperation with organized crime.

When the original Chief Counsel, Richard A. Sprague guested on my weekly cable TV show entitled "Assassination U.S.A.", along with researcher Richard E. Sprague, Richard A. Sprague told us that he refused to yield to the Intelligence Agency's demands that he and his staff sign "Non-Disclosure Agreements" as this would have given the FBI and CIA the authority to decide what the Committee could disclose. Blakey quickly entered into these agreements and then required Committee personnel to sign agreements which prohibited each of them, including himself, from releasing or commenting upon any information relating to "Substance Or Procedure" that was learned through Committee contact. Thus, those very police agencies which have participated in a coverup of the facts in these assassinations were now charged with passing on the eligibility of those who would judge their conduct. Blakey said to one charter staff member, of the several he fired, "The CIA would be more comfortable if you were gone." The CIA has not explained how this activity does not violate it's charter prohibition against domestic activities.

The HSCOA should have been freed from the stranglehold of the Intelligence Agencies. It should have dealt with the CONFLICT OF INTEREST presented by Blakey's ties with organized crime and Louis Nizer, defender of the Warren Report, and with it's own violation of the rules, before it could have pursued the truth about the assassinations of King and Kennedy. Other evidence of the Committee's coverup include the following:

Undoubtedly, the most eminent forensic pathologist in this country is Dr. Cyril H. Wecht of Pennsylvania. He was past president of the American Academy Of Forensic Sciences and has personally conducted more than 20,000 autopsies in his illustrious career. Dr. Wecht testified before the Se-

lect Committee in open public hearings in 1978 about what he had observed when he viewed the secret autopsy photographs and X-rays of President Kennedy's body in 1972 at the National Archives.

Dr. Wecht stated that it was his firm opinion, as a result of viewing and studying this material, that shots had to have been fired and had to have struck the President from at least 2 different locations in Dealy Plaza that day. His most expert testimony was completely disregarded by the Committee.

When I recently called Robert Blakey, I asked him why the Committee chose not to believe Dr. Wecht's testimony. His answer to me was "Because Wecht was WRONG." Undoubtedly, a more truthful answer would have been that Dr. Wecht's testimony, completely demolishes both the Warren Reports and the House Select Committee's basic conclusions... that both shots which struck the President were fired from above and behind him. Richard E. Sprague, the photographic genius of the JFK case, the only man who owns every photograph and film taken of the JFK murder that day, and who was, in fact, paid consultant for the Committee, and also Robert Groden, also a photo analyst, both presented showings of all these photos and films taken that day in Dallas, including the famous "Zapruder film", and based solely on this photographic evidence alone, they proved beyond question that there was indeed a conspiracy in the presidential assassination. This evidence was also completely disregarded by the Committee.

The whole series of Hearings was like a rehearsed play, a Blakey extravaganza.

That is, until a little bit of scientifically based evidence came along to point it all. That is the acoustical evidence proving at least one shot from the grassy knoll was fired. Professors Mark Weiss and Ernest Aschkenasy in sworn statements made to the Committee in open public hearings stated that as a result of

highly scientific acoustical tests performed on a tape recording which was made on an open microphone on a motorcycle of a Dallas policeman in Dealy Plaza that day, that they both were 95% certain, or better, that at least 4 shots had been fired at President Kennedy, the 3rd of which was identified as having been fired from the grassy knoll behind a wooden fence located to the right-front of the presidential limosine in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, exactly where two-thirds of the witnesses were never called to testify before the Warren Commission or, for that matter, before the House Select Committee either, as to what they had heard or what they saw. But the House Committee concluded in its Final Report that one shot fired from the knoll "completely missed striking the President." One wonders how they were able to make that determination, since it is a known fact that approximately one hour after JFK was pronounced dead in Parkland Hospital; two doctors who observed and attended the president's wounds called a press conference. These two doctors were Malcolm Perry and James McLelland.

Dr. Perry stated that the wound at the front of JFK's throat was "an ENTRANCE wound." Dr. McLelland stated that the cause of death was "the result of a bullet which struck the president IN THE RIGHT TEMPLE." During the aforementioned telephone conversation I had with Robert Blakey recently, I asked him to explain why these two doctors were not called to testify before the House Select Committee. His answer was that he didn't intend to answer any further questions from me, and he hung up the phone on me at that point.

As a result of the aforementioned acoustical evidence of a shot fired from the right-front of JFK, several meetings in the basement of the Pentagon and in Langley, Virginia must have been required. The net result: Admit a simple conspiracy of just two people. That is what the Committee and Blakey have done.

The Congress is finished. The

CIA and FBI and Blakey saw to that. The field is wide open to the Intelligence Agencies. Blakey and their lackies to establish for once and for all that only 2 people were involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. No organization or group in America has the power to stop the CIA/FBI, Blakey and Company from doing this. The Congress, The Justice Department, The Courts, The Media, The Executive Branch in toto, NONE of them can combat the power of the CIA/FBI. This has been demonstrated over and over again since 1963. The only person I know of who served in any capacity with the House Select Committee On Assassinations and who is courageous enough to discuss the matter at all is a man I am proud to call a friend and colleague. That man is researcher Richard E. Sprague. I heartily commend Mr. Sprague for that all-too-rare courage and for his belief in the RIGHT of the people to know the TRUTH about the murder of our beloved President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963.

The only way that the people of this country will ever learn the complete truth about these 2 assassinations would be if other people who were employed by the HSCOA would also come forward, and tell the people about the evidence which they saw or heard about during the Committee's existence.

I am of the firm conviction that this country will remain a nation of, by and for the people, as our heritage so proudly proclaims, if, and only if, we find out, *finally*, the truth about who killed John and Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. Then, and only then, can we be successful in the prevention of future assassinations of the great political leaders of our times. Only then can we TRULY be free.