

Jim Garrison - a future book for someone

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When I was getting Dallas and New Orleans field office FBI records and earlier, when I got the FBIHQ JFK assassination records I made duplicate copies of some for separate filing while preserving the originals exactly as I got them save for placing them in file folders and in order. I believe it then was beyond my capabilities to make as many separate files as I'd have liked to make.

There were a fair number of Garrison records in the referrals the FBI sent me years late, under date of 5/11/92. I did make separate copies of them and a separate file of them to be placed in what I call the subject files of these duplicates.

Especially after the Oliver Stone movie making a hero of the charlatan do I think that at some point someone may want to do a book on Garrison. It is for this reason that I write this memo.

While I learned in CA 78-0420, the suit for the New Orleans FBI records, that the FBI did have acknowledged Garrison records it withheld, I also learned that it had some hidden records, at least one separate Garrison file, possibly a tickler, relating to the JFK assassination. The Garrison records it and the CIA disclosed related to his endless new and frequently self-contradictory theories presented as facts. And they are endless!

While retrieval of all the FBI's records of which I did not make copies would be difficult without filing a separate FOIA request for copies of them from FBIHQ and from New Orleans, I think doing this would not be necessary for a book that could still be a definitive case study. I did get both New Orleans papers and I did get copies of some of his interviews that appeared elsewhere, from the Los Angeles Free Press to Playboy, and some of the TV show transcripts. I also made some notes on some of them.

Dave Wrono also has the Jennifer White clippings. They are mounted and much easier to handle. I was not able to mount mine. They include the San Francisco area papers and whatever Jim White got from the AP wire plus other things.

I did not make copies of Garrison's records, as most other did, in part because my interest in New Orleans was in learning more about Oswald, as to a degree I did, and in part because I believed it wrong. I also then had no interest in the nutty stuff and I foolishly believed that with his wildness Garrison was, as he said, fighting fire with fire. But Bud Fensterwald did copy them extensively and the copies he made should be in the Assassination Archives and Research Center files.

I did make a few separate files. On Boxley only when Ivon and Sciambra asked me to try to prevent what they had not been able to prevent, his wild planned commemoration of the JFK assassination's fifth anniversary by charging Edgar Eugene Bradley and Robert Lee Perrin with being Grassy Knoll assassins. Some of this in my separate Oliver Stone file. I did not keep copies of all that Ivon and Sciambra gave me to help me relating to the Perrin angle, I noted in searching at the Oliver Stone time but the essence of them is I think in the memo I prepared with which Sciambra confronted Garrison resulting in his abandoning his insane ploy and firing Boxley as his face-saver.

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