

To Jim Garrison from Harold Weisberg

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Hugh Ward, his father, Banister and Oswald

While I was with Barbara Reid last evening Jack Martin called her. I listened in and she taped it.

Morris Brownlee then came. He left to get Jack and return, which they later did, after Jack Working came.

Jack reported that Hugh Ward's father was the captain of the Marion Lykes, on which Oswald left for Europe, that he also was a radio amateur, that daily he radioed another amateur in Kenner who patched this call by phone to Banister's office and that Jack also heard them. They were to Banister. He said he would come over with his file on this.

What he brought was a copy of the memo he gave you, in two parts, including his new "Philby theory".

At that time, I could get nothing on this from him. However, I did get other things, for whatever they might be worth, including:

The police intelligence bureau has photographs of the Oswald literature distribution. The then photographer now runs a collection agency in the Audobon Bldg.

He suggests there is a connection between the "busting" of a homosexual nudist camp in the same general area and the Cuban camp. Hardy Davis handled balls. The property involved in the homo thing is that of George Dauenhower.

The camera girl at the Court of the Two Sisters from before 1963 has been Yvonne. The inference here is that her negative files may contain worthwhile things.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Interestingly enough, Jack also knew about Zapruder material you allegedly have allegedly showing the hitting of the sign by shots, etc. I gather he was referring to what I presume originates with Fred Newcomb.

It was more than usually difficult to follow Jack or to question him, more frustrating to try and hold him to logical thought or a single, unmitigated subject. He was sober. Morris went out for beer only once, getting only a six-pack. They later left, jovially, together.

Last time I was here, he phoned me from Houston (he said) and started to go into these things. I demanded he commit them to paper and give them to you. He said he would and I presume he did. In wondering how he knew I was in town, he would have presumed where if he hadn't been told, I think possibly he learned from John George. He was then also phoning Barbara and could have learned from her. But what is fascinating is that this, seemingly his first reference to Slatter, coincided with my first belated inquiry into him although I have known of this for a year. He also now says that Banister's significant files went to the George office of the States' Rights Party, again after I have been told this by another. Efforts to get anything but gibberish from him about the States-Righters were unsuccessful. But it does seem worthy of note that what he suddenly feeds me is what I had just learned, when he could have done this much earlier.