Dick Gregory as the assassination expert

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After Dick held his first^Chicago press conference on Hunt in Dealey Plaza, plugged by use of the Zapruder film, Larry Finley said that what Dick said just wasn't even rational. He used the word, not I. (As of today his paper still wants him to interview Dick and I promised to give Dick this message Sunday when we are to do Black Journal together in New York City.)

I have been receiving clippings from distant points on this operation, indicating the most wide-spread coverage and attention.

In one appearance, I think in Waterloo, Canada, Dick said he knew he could not prove the man in those "tramp" pictures was Hunt but he wanted to move this into court so he could force "them" to tell us who these men are. Inference they is CIA and there is proof that the men were definitely connected with the assassination.

Yesterday I heard from three different people of another Dick story he is not spreading for use, that JFK really wasn't killed in Dallas but remained a vegetable and was spirited to an Island Onasis owns! The first two were from those who heard him say it, Policoff and Dave Simon, WTOP-TV director who aired Dick and the film. Jerry and Jon Newhall who is the third, told me that this originated with Peter Dale Scott, who was horrified that Dick took what he said seriously. It appears that Scott had told Dick this story as the kind of story not tokk be told.

In addition, he told Newhall that there are aerial pactures of JFK sitting in a wheelcahir on Onasis' island.

From Policoff, who was in Boston with Gregory and Grodin and others while the idea of the road show was germinating, I finally learned part of why I was not consulted on fact prior to this business. Robert and Chris were afraid I'd oppose it and perhaps prevent it.