

Wiley Yates

This material is as believable as what Hall says, perhaps more so, but that doesn't say enough.

He persistently avoids saying where he works or in what capacity.

There is another coincidence with the date, a date I believe not adequately accounted for by the opening: That is the time "HITMAN" II started circulating in the Dallas and Texas area for the first time. I then heard from a number of people involved in the story. There is the first extensive use of the suppressed Hall-Howard material here. On next to the last page he refers to the "drastic changes" in Hall's appearance making it difficult to identify the men from "old photographs". I know of no other point at which the use of old photographs is mentioned, only this book. Letter to Jim dated 8/23/87

It could still be coincidence that it is at this time he chose to write Jim. However, I think if one were to speculate about motive, he might have been motivated by a desire to not be involved, through Hall, or to divert attention from himself, aside from simple cooperativeness.

The date he places Hall's old car in Dallas is inconsistent with Hall's account. He has May or June, (Hall later in year).

It seems unlikely that when they are so politically antipodal that Hall was a friend of Masolo Ray. This is consistent with framing him, for the FBI indications are that Ray sent the man to jail.

In general, he has a little more detail to offer, not under questioning, than I think he would have had with the little or no involvement he suggests he had. Perhaps he did recall mention of the keys, Big Mine particularly, and "No Name". It is likely that with no personal involvement he should have known or had records of three different addresses for Patrick, including a drop in California, plus Bob Brown's other identification, other than his business?

His memory is going back about 5 years on this, if he kept needless records that long.

His account of Hall just laying around is inconsistent with that of others who were with Hall on perhaps other occasions.

His mention of his own conviction on a federal firearms violation is consistent with Hall's description of him, of a gun buff who had almost every rifle made, whose garage was loaded with explosives, and who could split an apple at 500 ft. Hall also portrays him as an extremist of the radical right, consistent with their friendship, and says he is an oxygen technician who might have worked at Fordland.

There is no Wiley Yates listed in the 1963 Dallas directory, although there are several Yates' with the initial "W".