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Dear Harold;

Last night, Feb. 12, 1999, the Discovery Channel covered in some detail the Corona program. It established 2 things: 1.) that Corona preceded the Mercury/Gemini/Apollo program by several years, and 2.) those were extremely heady years for the CIA and no mere president was going to take charge (control). Lockheed which was already working on space projects such as the WS117M program was assigned Corona's developemnt. Workers (most of them) were unaware of Corona, thinking they were sending mice and monkeys into space via the Discoverer Program in advqnce of manned flights. With Discoverer 14, Corona "got off the ground" with 17 orbits that mapped 1.5 million square miles of the Soviet Union and eastern Europe. Corona qyikly showed that the bomber/missile/nuclear gap did not exist - in fact, actually favored the U.S. Corona was launched in 1958, just as the W2 was winding down. Both were the brainchildren of Dick Bissell, a guy whose brilliancy got off the rails somewhere and his loyalties became misdirected!! Corona lasted until 1972!

Many times i had run across the Corona thing and this was the most detailed report i ever experienced concerning it.

It was part of a series on spies. Many Lockheed people and others who had knowledge of Coroa appeared on the show. To keep the Soviets from recovering the film, the cannisters were parachuted from space and caught in nets towed by planes. I recall those stories as having appeared in the newspapers.

I know not if this is any value to you, but, thought I would pass it on. The more I learn about Bissell, the more I am impressed that if he would have applied his loyalties properly history might be quite different!!

Weather here is above normal - like a windchill of 90°!! i see by TV that everything north of here is in a chill. Minnesota is very cold and lots of snow. Everytime I visit there people ask me how I can stand the heat in Florida!!! I tell them one has to "just gotta!!" My planned move across the peninsula will not change much for me except seeing my son and his family more often. Selling is not easy - or I should say, selling at a profit!! Too many similar places for sale! Kids up north inherit these places and when they are offered a \$20,000 lump. they jump!!!

Well, take care and I hope the best for you and Lil.
Best regards and God bless,
Paul H.



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Dear Harold;

I feel I am inching a bit closer to the footnote I saw that LHO partially paid back a loan with a rifle. The attached note is NOT the one I saw. This is from Epstein's CHRONICLES and, as usual, he does not give a source. It gives me faith, however, that I did not imagine that I saw a footnote - I am getting it narrowed down and can just about fix the page, page position, etc., in my mind. I am not very far from it - I can feel it!!!

The year and century are slipping into history. God, it seems impossible that we are at year 2000!! I remember when 1960 seemed as distant! The years do tumble by and we cannot help it - perhaps the new century will see the solution to the JFK crime???

Someone "out there" is wittingly or unwittingly walking around with the answer(s)!! Anyone with an ounce of intelligence can see through it!!! The officials cannot believe that everyone is so dumb!!! The Posner joke cannot be repeated!!

I apologize for my beer glass tale, since it cannot be very important in light of all your problems. I do hope the passing days find you and Lil faring better. What can I do??? The building captain lost his wife in October and has been moping around ever since. Two weeks ago, his daughter and I found him head-first in his bathtub!!

Strange, his doctor says he had a major stroke and a cat scan shows the right side of his brain severely damaged. Yet he carries on a "normal" conversation and recalls things from the past. It can only mean he never used the right side anyway - which makes sense in his case. There are other things that make no sense if one accepts the medical viewpoint. His Italian club guys tease him without mercy and his NY busdriver mentality makes him fight back which only makes it worse. I can't even make a good guess.

As you can see by ^(b) Epstein footnote, I am not dreaming and am baffled that I did not note it in my journal!! I will keep plugging away and come up with an answer. If I had any thoughts of attending the conference in Minneapolis, the fact that G.M. Evica is on the program takes care of that!!! He reminds me of the guy who invented an inflatable dart board!!!!

I do think of you two often and certainly wish my very best!!!

Regards,

Paul H.



P.S. I wrote to Weldon about his limo presentation at Lancer98 and he wrote that he talked to you about it in 1995.

Norman Fredricksen (geologist, Magnolia Laboratories; met LHO through Volkmar Schmidt, February 1963)

Elke Fredricksen (with her husband attended discussion group at which LHO spoke)

Betty MacDonald (librarian, Magnolia Laboratories; attended discussion group at which LHO spoke)

Ruth Paine* (met LHO and Marina in February 1963; Marina later came to live at her house, and LHO spent considerable time there, 100)

Michael Paine* (Ruth's husband; first met LHO in April 1963)

Oswald's co-workers:

Ray Hawkins (employee, Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall, Dallas)

Wallace A. Pope (employee, JCS)

John Graef* (supervisor, JCS; hired LHO)

Robert L. Stovall* (president, JCS)

Dennis Hyman Ofstein* (employee, JCS)

John Bowen (also known as Caesar Grossi, fellow employee at JCS)

Leonard Calverley (employee, JCS)

Oswald met while job hunting:

Helen P. Cunningham* (employment counselor, Texas Employment Commission)

R. L. Adams* (placement counselor, Texas Employment Commission)

Louise Lathma (job interviewer for Texas Employment Commission)

L. Stewart (manager, radio station in Alice, Texas; claimed LHO came to see him about a job)

I. G. Joiner (Dallas roofing contractor; says LHO applied to him for a job)

Oswald's relatives:

Robert Oswald*

John Pic, Jr. (LHO's half brother)

Mrs. John Pic (LHO and Marina went to Robert Oswald's house for Thanksgiving dinner, 1962)

Miscellaneous people with whom Oswald came into contact:

Robert Adrian Taylor* (gas station employee, Irving, Texas; claims LHO sold him a gun in March or April 1963)

Gladys Yoakum (typing teacher, Crozier Technical High School; LHO took a course from her)

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Tobias* (LHO's landlords at Elsbeth Street)

M. W. George (LHO's landlord, Neely Street)

People with whom Oswald corresponded:

Farrell Dobbs* (national secretary, Socialist Workers Party)

Bob Chester (Socialist Workers Party)

Horace Twiford (Socialist Labor Party)

James J. Torney* (executive secretary, Gus Hall-Benjamin Davis Defense Committee)

Louis Weinstock (general manager, the *Daily Worker*)

V. Gerasimov (officer, Soviet Embassy, Washington)

Joseph Task (Socialist Workers Party)

*The New Orleans Interlude:
April 25-September 25, 1963*

Oswald's relatives:

Lillian Murret* (LHO's aunt, with whom he stayed when he first came to New Orleans)

Charles "Dutz" Muirer* (LHO's uncle)