

TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION BETWEEN FRED NEWCOMB AND
JENINE MCCABE (CHARLIE BROWN) FEBRUARY 2, 1969
Time: Approximately 11:30 p.m.

Jenine said that she received a call from her sister in San Francisco and her sister said she saw an item in Herb Cain's column last week. Cain said a former FBI man from Sausalito was planning to publish Zapruder film soon. This is probably Turner and the publication is probably Ramparts.

I asked Jenine if she knew a girl named Michaline Garcia. She said that she had met her at a cabaret called the CLUB DE CINQ on the Sunset strip in Hollywood sometime last November. She went to this club with Steve Burton, Steve Goldberg and Harold Weisberg. And that Michaline works there as a waitress.

Jenine said Burton appeared to be romantically attached to this girl, who Burton said, was in love with Jaffe.

Jenine said that she heard Burton inform Weisberg that Miss Garcia was ex-French intelligence. She said that Weisberg doubted this but that Burton insisted that this was so.

I asked Jenine if she knew Paula, Jaffe's current mistress, and she said that she did. She said that Jaffe first started dating Paula about 2 years ago and at that time Paula was living with China Lee. And that Mort Sahl met China when she and Paula were roommates.

Jenine said that she had heard conversations that evening at the Club De Cinq to the effect that China Lee was the source of bad feelings between Jaffe and Sahl. That China was always trying, in subtle ways, to alienate Sahl from others. That China had "turned a knife" in Sahl to make Sahl hate Jaffe.

Jenine also said she heard the same story from Enrico Bandouchi (owner of San Francisco night club 'hungry i') and that he didn't trust China. That she was the worst thing that ever happened to Sahl, that he didn't trust China, and that she plays around with other men behind his back, etc.

(Note: I have heard Sahl say Enrico is his best, and oldest friend, and I have also heard Sahl say China lived in New Orleans at one time. That when the news of Garrison's investigation broke he was with China and asked her if she had ever heard of Garrison. China reportedly told Sahl that everybody in N.O. trusted Jim.)

I asked Jenine if she knew a Joe McCabe and she said that she didn't, but that someone else had asked her the same question, probably Hal Verb, she thought

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Does this stuff help you any?

FRED 

2/8/69

Dear Gary,

In your letter of 2/8:

If is Vogjoly. Looking forward. As you perhaps realize, Burton has been silent on this. If anything turns up, let me know as soon as possible. He is Andre Devereaux in the book.

If your boys come up with anything on Malcolm, if I haven't already I'll put you in touch with a Chicago friend, Russ.

You may be right on Barry. But I think, in the absence of specific assignments in the numbered files, his browsing through the others would at least yield a suggestion of their contents. If he did come up with anything, it would certainly be a guide to one of us in the future. Get your girl friend to become a good typist by summer and bring her along so she can type the list of what I have and we can avoid that kind of expensive duplication. When she isn't typing there will be other things she can do. Like filing.

In my mind there never has been any but a single doubt about Turner: agency. That I do not know, on the basis of what I do think it isn't necessary and makes little difference.

Rothemel did mean Penn. The other, ex and possibly present is Boxley. I've also heard from him, that is, R.

I think that is the same Savitt and I am aware of Helms-Merion.

I renew my encouragement that you concentrate on your studies, as I continue in the belief that aside from ~~their~~ importance to you, you can do most good by retiring, if necessary, until summer and spending it in Archives. Among the things I think you can forgo is writing poor Penn. I feel sorry for him. He will have to learn his own way.

Newman memo-Charlie Brown: I was at some kooky coffee shop with Steve and her the night I got in LA in October. Steve had a very dramatic tale of having to save a girl from suicide. It is quite likely he did say she had been French intelligence, but I have no separate recollection. I was tired, p'ed off that he had done none of the promised things, then had no pad though it was about bedtime for normal people. The coffee wasn't much good, either. So far Fred still adds up to nothing new or meaningful. If he did we'd still have to worry about dependability.

Re: Washington, as of yesterday it is still on. Let us say nothing and see what eventuates. My radiologist friend was here until midnight. It seems my suspicions do check out and that the scapula is perhaps the most moveable, floating bone in the body, a two-inch fluctuation between erect and prone not unusual. He will plot the different accounts of the alleged entrance head wounds for me on a real skull X-rays.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg