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LOW DAVIS

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For: Right Wing file
Banister file, etc...

GEORGE HIGGENBOTHAM

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Former investigator for Guy Banister, 1960-61. Only social contact 60-63.

At present Higgenbotham has been arraigned on a charge of Marijuana possession. His attorney is Gill, Jr.

The first night he was here (538 St. Phillip) he showed me stats of three letters from Banister to him concerning Banister's providing him with false credentials and a cover for infiltrating Communist groups. His code name was to be "Dale".

He, Higgenbotham, says he saw Martin Macmillan in Banister's office a few times. His reason for covering ties with Banister he attributes to a definite nervousness upon seeing crates obviously of military supplies in the back room. There were also BARB. files and apparently meetings were also held there.

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For some time he said that Banister and Courtney worked closely, however Banister did not have a good opinion of Courtney, considering him too mercenary and a "loose-mouth."

Higgenbotham also says there was quite a bit of radio equipment in the back room.

Lou Davis was at Banister's frequently.

Rockwell Nazi party stayed at Niko Slatter's apartment on Royal street, before they were removed to Plaquemine Parish.

B — Young man named Tddie Porter, who is now on the west coast, told George he knew Gerald was a "hustler" on Royal street. George said Porter did not specify the time, or if he did George doesn't remember. Porter is gw.

Higgenbotham was kidding Banister about sharing a bldg. with people passing out leaflets of the street and Banister said, "Così it...one of them, is one of nine."

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Higgenbotham suggested following up 'the possibility' of a connection between Richard Louchli and Banister. He said, "rumour has it that the very arrested Louchli in the Covington area for selling arms to Latin America." But Higgenbotham considered it odd that Louchli was never out of business and business seemed to even improve. He had a publication called "The Counter Insurgency Council" and was friends with the issuer THE SPECIAL ARMY FOR AFRICA (S.A.F.A.) in Colombia. It was all literature concerning recruitment procedures, guerrilla warfare, Army manuals of warfare, text books and instructions of how to organize a fighting group.

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GEORGE HIGGENBOTHAM:

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Much of what George said was difficult to orientate. He would say, "You might check this out," or "Here's a name," and when I asked would say, "I'd rather not say." And then he kept throwing in, "This may have no meaning, I'm not sure I have anything that might help," until I was never sure whether this was meant to be bait or not. A lot of things he said he would prefer to discuss in detail only with Jim Garrison.

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Concerning the camp across the lake, Higgenbotham suggested the following names:

DERRICK FRIER (was unsure of spelling)
Was a Grand Courier for the Nazi Party....Lived on St. Charles Avenue in '62....They now live in Covington area.

LOREN BUTLER...Suggested looking for this man, who was a friend of Frier's, and was a high official in Nazi Party.

RAY LEBENHART (or BARNARD).....A bus driver out of the Magazine Street Depot. Very active in the Nazi party. Used to place Party slogans and posters on the walls of the depot.

"Bernard Butler of the Blue Shirts" CD 194:9-10

Higgenbotham knows Joe Newbrough of course, but insists he did not know Bill DeLaell. When he brought the Lauchli material, etc., he did not go into too much detail, probably assuming (correctly) that I wouldn't understand too much, although he trusts me as much as he does any woman. Whether much of this is significant or not, I can't say. But Higgenbotham is NOT playing games; he is in too much of a bind and he is willing to cooperate in any way. This is one person TOMMY FAULKNER will go to any lengths for, (regardless of the consequences) and the first person Tommy has begged me to help in any way you can". Higgenbotham was a pallbearer at Tommy's Daddy's funeral and Tommy says "When I was a crippled kid without a friend in the world, George came and played Chess with me and was my only friend."

Higgenbotham has lived at the same Lowerline Street address for about fifteen years. Is a gun collector, has survived many political changes, and apparently his sexual proclivities tend to young males. He believes the Pot found belonged to a young man with whom he is no longer friendly. His attorney is Gill, Jr. (mentioned previously). He felt that much of his information would not be considered, because in his opinion Low Davig was and is a key factor in the subversive activities in this area, and because of this information, George would not follow him to a conclusion. He feels there was an organized leadership involved in a conspiracy, that appears so far on the surface. Particularly in respect to the acquisition of supplies, training organization and leadership. He says it's logical because those things were available. It certainly wouldn't hurt to talk

with him.

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