

Leon Hubert - phone conversation of 11-9-68

As Jesse Core had suggested, I phoned Hubert, introduced myself (he had heard the name but thought I had written "the master's" thesis"), told him I had phoned only to see if there was anything he'd care to discuss with me. We got to talking and I explained that I found the former counsel reluctant to talk, to engage in a dialogue, unwilling to inform themselves, and in the position where their silence jeopardized their own reputations and, in my opinion, the nation. I cited a few things to him he apparently did not know, from work other than his, and from his work, I told him I had written of his Bieberdorf deposition. I suggested, since he had read nothing, he read my first two books and ask me if he had any questions. He did not know of the Zapruder story, seemed not to of the autopsy notes, the New Orleans end, esp. 544 Camp. He said that although he'd prefer not to, he was willing to meet with me, for as much as a day, but not this weekend. I told him if he prefer not to he should not, that I didn't want him to feel pressured or intimidated, that I was not taping the conversation (and I didn't) and that I had no intention of later belaboring him with it. He professed concern only over whether the deficiencies I alleged in the Report jeopardized the nation. I explained how I believe it does and he did not demur. I told him where he could get my books, told him how to reach me and that I'd answer any questions he might have.

I think when I return he may want to talk. If he has not read the books, there will be little point, however, and, surprisingly enough for a man with no doubts, he seems to have read none of the critical writing.

He was not aware that Boggs had recommended him because of his knowledge of the N.O. angles. I told him how to get this from the excess and, if the Arch did not find it for him, I would send it to him. With this and several other things I commented "Need I tell you what you as defense counsel could have done with this?" Where he was not silent, he agreed.

At no time did either of us mention the Garrison case or name. He asked if I thought had he worked on the N.O. end the case would have been different and I said that on the geography alone the story would have had to be different and explained. I also told him the FBI had conned them all and gave him the name and address of Roberto Martinez Martinez, who I had interviewed only this a.m., as another example. I told him I had not gotten the literature and of the misrepresented FBI reports, about the "renting" of an office, and he did, on some evidence, seem to be disturbed.