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Lonnie Hudkins' account of how he, Aynesworth and Bill Alexander invented the number S-122 for LHO appeared in the Baltimore News-American 3/11/75. If your local didn't carry it and you want a copy, I've got it. Essentially it is the story he told me and I reported earlier. However, I have reason to believe parts of it are not true. Privately Lonnie has no reluctance in discussing some untrue parts, like there was a real number only parts of which he remembers. (He is consistent in this because at the time Jaworski became Special Watergate Prosecutor I had two reporters phone him and to at least one he gave some parts of the correct number when he was caught by surprise.) As the story appeared it in no sense says Oswald was not some kind of informant or that Lonnie had no reason to believe he was. It also hides Alan Sweatt's name.

The reason he gives for disclosing this partial account now is his and his wife's reaction to the Gregory ABC show and in particular (unnamed) Schoenmann's use of those documents someone gave him. Misuse, really, even mis-citation. One might postulate that Lonnie's telling the story now for the first time in public is indicative of a continuing federal connection. Debunking any part of that otherwise effective and fairly honest show serves such ends. To the uninformed Schoenmann's inaccuracies were also effective.

One might argue this further on considering that Lonnie did not tell this story when it related to me and my work, although he was forewarned of its appearance and I had shown him those parts that relate to him so he could be prepared to defend himself.

If one were to continue with this theorizing, among the possibilities is that any controversy over WW IV would have helped it out, which no fed wanted to do. Another is that Lonnie and/or others might have anticipated that I'd have defended any assault on the book and with some if not complete success.

(By this I mean another's estimate of the possibilities. My defense of the story as I present it would have been more than adequate and in turn could have led to opening the whole thing.

I'd be surprised if there were no federal realization of this and I'm certain Lonnie knows I could and would have.)

If Lonnie were responding to the wishes of others, he would not have written this story when WWIV appeared and would have in rebuttal to Schoenmann, which became a kind of rebuttal to that entire show. Actually to the informed it was not really a rebuttal of all Schoenmann said and that can't be unknown to Lonnie. He merely addressed what he wanted to and ignored the rest, a not uncommon practice but not completely fair.

I've written more than I'd expected. I still have the shortage of 3M paper, so I'd appreciate the return of this after you read it. Best HW 3/2 16/75