

3/16/67

Dear Shirley,

With my thanks, here are the clippings that arrived this a.m. and of which I've made photocopies. The one on the guy in jail did not have the "jump" with it. I didn't forget it; it wasn't there.

Let me take your accompanying letter first:

No explanation of calls to radio stations, no questions asked of which I know.

I do not have the statement attributed to Ferrie that it would not be hard to kill the President from the bushes. I am supposed to have everything released. Can you, quicker than quick, give me the source? I am past my deadline now and my heart sank when your envelope did not have some of the things I expected.

I do not have any statement by Martin. I have statements quoting him.

I have nothing on Sentana and would appreciate anything you can send. The Auto Bumper Corp sounds familiar. Someone else in this case worked there!

Nothing on Thompson

Naming Lewallen's attorney excites. There is one Piazza in the hearings, connected, as I recall it, with the Jesuit institution at Mobile. But there is another not in the hearings said by another pilot Magyar to have been Ferrie's best friend. First name George. I've found no evidence he was ever interviewed.

One of the things you were going to do is to send Lewallen material.

I've already written my three chapters on the training base, but I'd still very very much want anything you can send. The NOItem story you referred to, 3/4. This is important to me because I have no record of what was seized. I do, very much, want to make this as complete as possible because I tie it to other things.

The name McLaney is familiar. I believe I have him in some of the reports and as you give him. He and his wife, I think, lived in Cuba. I have nothing on his brother.

Your references to Archcis are provocative, but you included nothing on him. I've not written that part yet. He is important to me, as are his organizations. He also ties to others. May I have this, fastest, please, any and all?

The novedades story is likewise important and consistent with what I've been saying. Have you an English translation.

Russo- the stuff about dressing his dolls in fatigues has not appeared in the papers here. Ferrie was a queer queer. All that stuff on Ferrie in your paragraph numbered seven is new to me and I'd like it. You quote States-Item 225,67 On p. 3 you have reference to the Houston Chronicle Martin similar quote, which also I'd like.

N.O. Item 2/22/67- on intimidation.

Clipping with Shaw's inventory.

Don't have Times-Peayune 3/2/67 on coffee house.

Have you the "Al" clipping? That you quoted also is not complete.

You didn't send Lewallen picture referred to in your 28/11 card. Or was there another envelope? Your letter is undated.

Can you please again check my letter of 3/9 and lend me anything in it that you can, or anything referred to in yours of 3/6? On the clippings, etc, is there a place in Owasso where you can get these Xeroxed and mail the Xeroxes? I say this if there are any you do not want to leave out of your possession. I have an old thermofax I use. Old and slow, but only a nickel a copy. Again, thanks for everything, but you left out what is for me immediately the most important. I hope you have time when you get this to mail what you can immediately. You lack of a phone keeps me from phoning.

Sincerely,

Has there been an explanation for the calls Ferrie made (Nov 23, '63) to WSHO and WDSU from Houston?

You have no doubt seen the Archives documents regarding Ferrie's statements that Kennedy ought to be shot and it would not be heard to kill a President "from the bushes." You have no doubt seen Jack S. Martin's statements. (Ferrie was allegedly driving a 1961 blue Comet Station Wagon in November '63.)

The Allen and Scott column is from the Tulsa Daily World. It is recent, within the past week or ten days. *Please return only those marked.*

Do you have references for the following names:

1. Emile Santana, 31, on probation in Miami, reported missing by probation officer. Santana was flown to NO by Garrison, then returned to Miami. Santana is presently employed at Auto Bumper Corporation, Miami.

2. A. Roswell Thompson, NO taxicab operator and NO representative for National States Rights Party. In my opinion, he may be the ~~██████~~ "Tommie" referred to in the Ferrie note. But this is my opinion only.

(Lewallen's attorney, Piazza, says Lewallen never queried by Warren Commission.)

3. Alberto Garcia Menocal, Cuban exile leader, Mexico City, claims Cuban Embassy and Mexican police have not told "one fifth" of what they know on Lee Oswald.

4. March 4th, NO States-Item headline: '63 La. Arms-Cache Case Reported New DA Focus: Michoud Worker Quizzed (Dante Marachini) Items Seized in Raid July 31, 1963, in an unoccupied cottage at Lacombe were 20 empty 100-pound bomb casings, 48 cases of dynamite, napalm and firing caps. The FBI said the explosives were designed for use by persons planning a "military operation against a foreign country with which the United States is at peace."

A. William Julius McLaney, owner of above-mentioned cottage; NO resident.

B. Jose Juarez, occupant of cottage at time of raid, Cuban exile friend of McLaney, according to Mrs. McLaney. McLaneys lived in Cuba until 1960.

(Have reference to McLaney's brother who ran gambling casino in Cuba with him and is member of Mafia, I think. However, have misplaced this reference and will have to find it before this can be verified unless you have it already. Let me know. It could possibly tie in Ruby.)

5. Sergio Arcachia, Dallas, former leader of a Cuban liberation group, former NO resident. When police picked up two youths in car on Aug. 31, 1961, the youths directed police to Arcachia's house who vouched for them. In car was pistol and kit with wig. Arcachia's wife said Ferrie had been at their house earlier and pistol and kit and wig belonged to him. Arcachia refused to talk to Garrison's men in Dallas unless Dallas detectives sat in. Garrison's men refused this it is alleged. (Police officer in NO (NU) says men picked up in car were Ferrie and Oswald, but Oswald not in country then. Next day officer denied this.) *see p. 5*

6. Novedades, Mexico City paper, says federal police in Mexico are questioning 14 people who met LHO during his trip there. Daniel R. Nava, editor, says most of these people are Cuban exiles.

7. Perry Raymond Russo, 25, student at Loyola U., NO, when he knew Ferrie. He said that the assassination of a president was discussed several times by Ferrie in general conversation. On two occasions Russo saw Ferrie in the company of Spanish-speaking persons dressed in green fatigue uniforms and helmets. Russo said he met Ferrie through a friend who was a member of the CAP. The friend told Russo he was training with Ferrie in jungle warfare "to help bring about more democratic government." The friend's family had contacted Russo in an effort to break "Ferrie's hold on their son." NO States-Item, 225,67

see p. 3

Ferrie occasionally spoke of himself in the third person. Speaking of his work as a private detective, he said: "Ferrie is a pilot, but in complex cases involving science several attorneys have found it advantageous to have me investigate for them."

Dr. Chetta, coroner, said that Ferrie's death was natural; however, severe retching could bring on the aneurysm. According to Dr. Chetta, "matter" found on Ferrie's bedsheets was being examined to see if Ferrie had been nauseated before death. No further information, however, on this.

NO city directory lists Ferrie as a "psychologist." States-Item, 2/23/67

NO States-Item, 2/22/67: In 1961, Ferrie was booked in Jefferson Parish with committing a crime against nature and indecent behavior with juveniles. NO police reported Ferrie had attempted to intimidate one witness, a 16-year old boy, who told officers that he signed a paper promising not to prefer charges against Ferrie. See p. 3

Other youths told police Ferrie took them on airline flights to Houston and Corpus Christie, Tex. on different occasions. One boy told officers he had flown to Cuba with Ferrie and another reported to police that Ferrie had asked him to drive a Cuban citizen to Miami.

Noted among Ferrie's personal effects (at the time of his death) were a number of identification cards. Apparently no money was in the wallet. There were pieces of paper with names and phone numbers on them.

Items from Shaw's home:

- 1 ledger sheet from 1963
- 1 map
- 3 pieces of rope
- 1 chain
- 5 whips
- Pieces of chain
- 2 pieces of leather
- 1 army cartridge belt
- 1 black hood and cape
- 1 black net type hat
- 1 black gown
- 1 shotgun and case (Shaw once told friends in NO he would never keep any kind of gun in his home)
- 1 black leather book cover with numerous papers
- 1 book entitled "Holiday for Murder"
- 17 folders containing various papers
- 1 green leather checkbook with odd papers
- 26 folders containing various papers and documents
- 3 manuscripts
- 1 brown leather folder containing personal documents
- 1 Underwood typewriter and case
- 1 white photo album with pictures
- 5 green checkbooks
- 1 green journal
- 1 black account book
- 2 carbon papers
- 4 paperback books
- 2 photo albums
- 1 pocket calendar '54, same for '67, same for '66
- 1 calorie counter
- 1 copy Wall Street Journal 2 / 6 / 61
- 12 hardcover books
- 1 letter holder, red leather, containing various papers
- NO States-Item 3/3/67

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Dallas Morning News March 5, 1967

Paper Reports Ferrie, Oswald Were Friends

Houston, Texas (AP)

Jack S. Martin...says...LHO and DW Ferrie were friends, the Houston Chronicle reported Saturday. Martin told the Chronicle in a copyrighted interview appearing in the newspapers Sunday editions that he had seen a photograph of Oswald in Ferrie's apartment and had met Ferrie in the company of a young man Ferrie introduced as "Lee"...(Martin denied his alleged 1963 story to Kohlman about Ferrie as "get-away-pilot for Oswald" In the Chronicle story Martin denied telling Garrison's ~~aid~~ aide Herman S. Kohlman "anything like that. I saw something to that effect on television, and I called Kohlman (in '63) and asked if he recalled Ferrie. That's all." (Assistant DA Kohlman is ~~xxxxxxx~~ a former newspaper reporter who once did a story on Ferrie.)

Martin told the Chronicle he met Ferrie in the early 1960's when Ferrie was arrested on a morals charge involving a La. youth. Martin told the Chronicle he asked Ferrie for a photograph of the young complainant, explaining, "Ferrie had pictures of all those young kids that hung round him. He liked to dress them up in helmet liners, fatigues and give them rifles, like they were playing soldiers." *(This check with Bureau's story - p. 1)*

Martin was quoted as saying that Ferrie, while thumbing through a stack of photographs, withdrew one and said: "That's that nit Lee Harvey Oswald. I had to talk him into joining the Marines to get rid of him." *see p. 2*

Please compare this story with the one circled in ink on p. 3. It is my opinion Ferrie hired Martin, who was a self-described private detective, to intimidate the "youth" (complainant). Thus, the request by Martin for a photograph. This leaves Martin open for much pressure.

Must close. Send back the newspaper clippings when you can. I am sorry about the typing but I just can't learn to type!

Yes; you can use my name whenever you like. I loved President Kennedy very much and I do what I can for him.

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Did you want the following: The Times-Picayune 3/2/67

"...the DA's staff has been questioning patrons of a former French Quarter coffee ~~house~~ shop which was frequented by Oswald prior to the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas, Nov. 22, 1963. The shop named the Ryder Coffee House was located at 910 No. Rampart before being demolished...Oswald at the coffee house on at least two separate occasions. At one time he was to have made a talk on the Fair Play For Cuba movement at the Ryder. One NO resident who patronized the shop said he was introduced to Oswald there. A woman who lived above the shop but now resides on the Gulf Coast said she too met Oswald but not in the coffee house itself...The woman said that Oswald indicated to her that he was lonesome in NO. She recalled him saying that there were a lot of people here but it's "really a cold city...God it's cold."

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Articles just received on Cab driver who claims to have driven Oswald and Ferrie to Ruby's club.

Cannot get excited about this yet until we have more facts. Since the cabbie claims to have put in his cab-driver service between January and March '63 and also claims that he drove Oswald from a bus station to Irving, someone is confused. Lee's trips to Irving (and from the bus station) would have been in October '63. Between Jan and March he was living on Elsbeth and Neeley. It is possible (just possible) that he could have been driven from a bus station to Irving in April of '63 while preparing for his NO trip. The article does not state definitively that the time of the cab driver's service (Jan to March) was also the time of the Oswald-Ferrie cab ride. However, it seems logical that this is being implied.

The story that Mrs. O. ~~called~~ called Zelden and asked him to defend Lee is a new one to me. Mrs. O. denies it and I believe her. Zelden's comment that he checked with a Dallas number and found out that this was Mrs. O's number is weak as Mrs. O. has never lived in Dallas, but in Fort Worth. What in the world is the purpose of such a story? Does it seem sometimes that someone is trying to lay a million confusing trails?

You may keep the clippings from March 9th States-Item as I have a copy of this particular paper. The others I would like to have back when you are finished with them.

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Dallas Morning News March 4, 1967

Dallas Case on Tipster Suspected

The man who reportedly started NO DA Jim Garrison on his Kennedy assassination plot probe apparently was once charged in Dallas with murder by abortion, law enforcement sources said Friday.

One Dallas investigator remembered the man as a "con man, an impersonator."

The man, who allegedly posed as a naturopath, was charged several years ago after the death of a young woman in South Dallas. He fled after she died but was arrested later by the FBI. The case later was dismissed.

"Were pretty sure this is the same fellow," one officer said.

Pictures of the man and his FBI number were located in old correspondence.

His record includes several arrests but only a few minor convictions.

Who is the above? Possibly Ferrie?

(Referring back to Archachia: Spelled also Arcacha. Archacha told the press in Dallas: "I know nothing..." Arcacha said he knew none of the persons...in the investigation of witnesses in NO. David Ferrie, a probe figure found dead last week "passed through our NO (exile) office" he added but he did not know him personally. (None of the reporters present in the Dallas County Press Room asked Archachia about his wife's allegation that Ferrie had been in their home in NO in '61.)

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Dear

Letter from Ferrie to "Al":

When you read this I will be quite dead. So no answer will be possible.

...I wonder how you are going to justify and rationalize things. Tommy and you treated me as you did because I was the one always got into trouble. The police arrests the stripped car charge, the deal at Kohn school, flying borogona in the beach, etc.

Well I guess that helps ease your conscience, even if it is not the truth.

All I can say is that I offered you love and the best I could. All I got in return in the end was kick in the teeth. Hence I die alone and unloved.

I wonder what your last days and hours are going to be like. As you sow, so shall you reap. Love, Dave.

In Ferrie's apartment ^{wbb} found 3 rifles, a 100-lb. practice aerial bomb, a bayonet, two Signal Corps field telephones, a radio transmitter tuner unit, a radio receiver tuner unit, a flare gun, shotgun shells and several cameras. (AP)