

HOKK:

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Mrs. Delphine P. Roberts lives at 6569 Wuerpel, telephone 482-6413. I believe this is the woman who was Bannister's secretary. She is also the one who supposedly broke up Bannister's happy home life. Jack Martin called Bannister's wife to tell her Bannister was diddlin' with Delphine. Later, Martin exercised poor judgement in showing up at Bannister's office again. Bannister promptly pistol whipped Martin. Gerdes believes that Delphine may have wound up with Bannister's files but also believes that the DA has the stuff now. Another possibility is G. Wray Gill. A box containing junk from Bannister's office reportedly gathered dust in Gill's office for sometime. Bannister kept careful records of all his dealings, plus a card file on everyone he ever knew.

~~Handwritten~~ — written authority granted to a
Quakerish private person by a government
to seize the subjects of foreign government
or their goods by way of retaliation for injuries.

Hoak --

Dean Andrews says that a "letter of ^{marque} ~~marque~~" went out from Robert Kennedy's office to some of the men down here who participated in the Slumberger "burglary," authorizing them to perform work for the CIA. He is sure one went to Ferris and that Garrison found the letter when he raided Ferris's apt. in 1963. It was in some sort of a black folder or case. He also feels certain that a similar letter went to Guy Bannister. At the time of Bannister's death he was in the act of divorcing his wife, so there was some question as to whether ~~he~~ she should get his property. All his files were in his office at 418 Camp. Andrews says that the landlord tried his best to keep the files, but doesn't know whether he succeeded. Landlord's name would be available through city hall records and Dean thinks we oughta check same. Whoever's got those files could give us a lot of information, he says.

telephone conversation with Steve Plotkin --

W-P confirmed he is working for the CIA

He was surprised at the extent of our investigation. "You're barking up the right tree." asked whether I that novel was a CIA agent...told him, "no, not an agent, but did some work for the CIA, received payment from the CIA." he said "um-hmm" in an affirmative sort of way. was surprised to learn we knew N's board and car are being paid for in Ohio, but wouldn't tell me who was paying. indicated it might not be the CIA, but I'm not sure on this point. He said we were doing well, but there was much more we don't know, said it just might come out when N gets his hearing before Ohio gov.

He wanted to know who our informants were, who told us about the key, but I didn't directly tell him. was very curious on this point. Said he knew all about Schlumberger-French secret service-CIA tie-up. He wouldn't directly tell me anything, though, even off-the-record.

He said if we wanted a comment from him to say that -- ~~xxxx~~ when we asked him about these things, he replied "I will neither confirm nor deny them."

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was met certainly before the summer.
therefore, statute of limitations would
have expired. Said he checked
at Houma and could not get the
needs. (6 years)

HOKE

Vernon G. Gerdes, a private detective, saw the Schlumberger ~~an~~ armament ~~in~~ sometime in January of 1961.

He had worked for Bannister until 1959 or 1960, but was not with Bannister at the time he went to Bannister's office in 1961.

Bannister's office was located on the ground floor, he believes in the 500 block of Lafayette. His office was located directly behind the restaurant at Camp and Lafayette.

Gerdes said he saw the material when he went to the bathroom, located on the right side of Bannister's office. A door opening to another room was open from the bathroom. This was actually another office that was not in use at the time.

There were two stacks of small boxes, one on each side of the door leading to the bathroom. The boxes were marked Schlumberger. Gerdes is not sure how many. His estimate is 50 to 100 wooden cases.

He said "five or six" of the boxes were open. He saw gun grenades, land mines and some "little missiles" of a kind he had never seen before.

Gerdes mentioned to Bannister that fooling with this kind of stuff might get him in trouble. "Bannister said no, it was alright, that he had approval from somebody. He said the stuff would ~~be~~ just be there overnight, that somebody was supposed to pick it up that night.

He said the boxes were different sizes.

Gerdes said Bannister told him that "a bunch of fellows connected with the Cuban deal asked to leave it there overnight."

French DeNaux retired from the CIA a year and a half or two years ago. He served in Italy with the ~~&~~ CIA during World War II