

Dear Sir,

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But did the right thing in getting Hoke May's notes but the notes themselves have little real value. Their content is largely Garrison rehash. They reflect little independent searching. However, they are not what I would expect to be all of his notes. I am aware of some of his writing that is not represented by any notes of any kind. While it is possible he did not keep all of his notes, I am inclined to discount that. I'm more inclined to think that he may have mislaid some. Unless he wrote chapters out of order, this also is true of the two chapters of his planned book, the outline of which is of a nothing book.

I have no independent recollection of the several pages about me. I do have a recollection of what I'd expect him to have notes on, the first meeting, not on my initiative, when he and Sam DePina and Jess Yockey took me to a long lunch at Nellie's.

Unfortunately, the Garrison mess was at its best only a mess and did not lend itself to any real investigative reporting. Any reporter could have dogged the life out of each of Garrison's many theories and come up with nothing. Following up on his witnesses would have yielded little more because for the most part they were witnesses to nothing. The real possibilities that did exist, that were there, were not grandiose enough for Garrison, so he ignored them.

It also is tragic that the often brilliant Garrison was so utterly incompetent. There were things that were worth following up but he was entirely incapable of doing it. I tried hard enough, but he was impervious to both fact and realities. Often I wish I had been able to do what I was not able to do, largely because I was without funds and in part because he was an inhibition. Particularly in tracing Oswald. Where he could have helped he didn't and wouldn't.

He could have wrecked the Warren Report in a serious way, and that could have done much good. But it was below him. When he did file perjury charges, they were the wrong ones.

It is a little interesting that Hoke's notes reflect no contact with any of the investigators except one relating to Gurvich, note with Mark Lane, none with any of Garrison's assistant DAs, etc. Not even with most of his so-called witnesses.

I was not aware that Eddowes was involved in 1967.

Best,