

Dear Phil,

As soon as we can, possibly tonight, I'll get what you ask for out of the file and my wife will make the copies. Backstopping it I have assorted copies of WC testimony and exhibits and pages from Davison's Games.

Because it did not get aired and because I've made further information requests, I'd prefer not to disclose the source of my Crypto proof now. However, I did publish it from a different source, my own 1967 publication, which I'll try to remember to enclose.

I think but I'm not sure that what I prepared discloses that my official source is the inquest into the Schmand suicide. Among the relevant materials I'm now trying to get is the investigation after Oswald told the Moscow embassy he was defecting. Those interviews might contain interesting information I'd now rather not have called to official attention.

Ted Gandolfo sent me a tape, which I've loaned out, and Davison did say (again) that her source was HSCA, which from her book simply isn't true. Rather is it that she and they use the same sources. In her book she does not credit this to HSCA.

Much about this fascinates me, aside from the imposition on my time and trust, which angered me. Most fascinating of all was the sudden realization that for all he wrote and all he is quoted as having said, there is not the slightest indication ever attributed to him of what he really did in the "arines. Nothing could be more inconsistent with his self-portrayal."

I still wonder about the switch on me and the special arrangement on my phone. Summers, for example, was able to respond and was not cut off. Donner cut himself off and Summers was then cut off when he started to go into the CIA in Mexico and what he had learned.

Davison is overtly dishonest, and this makes me wonder. From her crediting that kooky publication of Ed Butler's with interesting her I can assume that she holds views not inconsistent with his. But that in itself, I think, falls short of explaining such brazen dishonesty and her lack of embarrassment over it. While I do not know the reason, there is this coincidence: while she comes from Louisiana she taught at Athens, Ga., after she married the zoologist John Davison. If he is also from Georgia, then there is a remarkable coincidence, that Dr. Alexis Davison, who gave the ostensibly pro-Communist Oswald the address of his virulently anti-Communist mother and told him to (got out of his way to) look her up. And that Alexis was a drop in the Penkovsky case. Alexis, whose mother Peter is also an attache, is the son of prestigious Dr. Hal Davison. He had a brother, also a prominent medical man, T.H., and if T.H. had a son John, it does get a little more provocative. If your library has any directories of zoologists, I'd be interested in knowing more about John, who is at U. & VT., Burlington, with no phone in his name and their phone in Jean's name.

It makes no difference to me whether you credit me. Suit your own best interests, but thanks for the offer.

My no-praest point was not ego. It provided the only available means of breaking up what Adler was up to and had already indicated.

Aside from Gardner's, I've seen and heard of only one review, a nutty one in the San Francisco Examiner or Chronicle.

Best regards,

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Dear Harold:

I'm sorry you were cut off. I know nothing about Adler. Scott did make an effort at two points, as I recall, to emphasize the import of what you were discussing, but, you're right, no protest was launched. I couldn't seem to keep pace with Powers and Davison's deluge of disinformation.

Since I may get to review Davison's terrible book for one or two places, I would very much appreciate a copy of your prepared remarks, which I would credit to you if I can use them in a review.

I, too, think Davison said her source was HSCA but things were so confusing I am not sure.

Best Regards,

Phil Melanson

P.S. Only some of the sheets are numbered. This is to explain that.

As I believe I indicated, Schlossman really wanted me to do a job on the Davison book, from what he said. He provided me with the proofs, with the sole stipulation that I now have no reluctance in ignoring, that I not say I got them from him. He indicated that he wanted me to prepare for the equivalent of a book review. Because of the length of what I'd prepared - and I read each bit aloud and timed it - I phoned to discuss this with him and for him to hear what I proposed saying so there would be no question about it. He said that reading it was not necessary, but he'd like to suggest the sequence. The numbers - and he knew how long it would take to read each - are the sequence he selected. As you can see, I never got through 1.

Since then they've all been silent, if I sent you a copy of what I wrote Harry.