

CIA Garrison Records

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In another assault on the accumulations in my office I've just looked again at some of its records relating to Garrison, rather its interest in what he was saying and doing, and one passage on one page is of interest to me and perhaps others because once again that nutty stuff is being made to appear to have substance.

I believe it is Phil Melanson who makes a big thing of Kimble in The Murking Conspiracy. Perhaps it is Otwood Productions, which has made a special for BBC to be aired in a few days. Perhaps both, Otwood having gone for Phil's stuff. I think they checked on Kimble with me. I know someone did while they were working here. As I told them, whoever it was, I was and remain convinced that Kimble is a phony. That was my impression from the Garrison allegations.

Garrison referred to him as Jules Ricco Kimble.

I've copied only the first page of this memo, to identify it, and the third.

On it I draw attention to 3. a. This states, among other things, that all checks at CIA Headquarters on Kimble were negative.

It also at least implies that this was true in one of the CIA's New Orleans offices, that of DCS or Domestic Contact Services. It also had an office there for its operations that are not public.

The memo from which I've copied this was for internal use only, not for distribution. While I've known the CIA to lie to itself, I am not inclined to believe that it would over any of the Garrison matters because the potential for serious self-injury was much too great.

Some of these memos were written by the then general counsel and all were routed to him. Although it is he to whom Security lied about its records on me, I do not think it or any other component lied to him or the Director or others on these matters.

Besides, I began in the belief that Kimble is a phony, a fraud so many of whom were attracted to Garrison.

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Dear Sarah,

As you may recall from when you were here, my office has been something of a disaster area since the last of my post-operative complications. In another of the endless efforts to clean the accumulations up today I came on some CIA records I got about a month ago and didn't file for a reason I didn't remember. I've copied the first and third pages of one of the records it then disclosed to me, meaning about six months ago, that it had generated internally as it assessed the Garrison mishmash.

When the Johns were last here one of them said that Phil Melanson had told them that I expressed a high opinion of his The Murkin Conspiracy. I told them in response only that I had not discussed his book with Phil and that I had never expressed any such opinion of it.

I had read and annotated it before they were here that time, however, and to the best of my recollection I've given a copy of my memo to only two collage professor friends both of whom teach assassinations courses.

I write you because as you'll remember my last letter was returned from England after some delay. I write because I believe they asked me about one Jules Kimble and that I told them I believe he is a phony, a fraud. I may have given them an FBI record or two, I don't recall, although I do recall searching that file and making copies.

I can't now check the book because I gave it to Hood College, where all my materials will go and so that it can now be available to students there. (It is a fine, small local college one all-girls and now virtually that.) But I believe that Melanson also made a big thing out of Kimble as CIA in Canada. It is for this reason that I enclose these two pages, the first to identify the source and the second because it says that at Headquarters the CIA has nothing at all on Kimble.

The DCS referred to is the New Orleans office of the CIA's Domestic Contact Service, the part that deals with the public. It also had an operations office there at least then, whether or not now, I don't recall whether a base or a station. It appears that Kimble was unknown to N.O. DCS.

I have known the CIA to lie to itself where that was relatively safe, as its Office of Security did to its general counsel when he asked it about records on me. It told him it had none but I later got one of its internal records disclosing the fact that it had two files on me! But it was seriously concerned about the allegations about it that Garrison was making. This was the purpose for the series of memos some of which it disclosed to me and others, to assess these allegations and consider what if anything to do about them. I cannot imagine that under those conditions, given the possibility of serious harm from lying to the top people, including the director and general counsel, that it would lie about Kimble.

Besides, I began believing him to be a phony!

It may now be too late if the Johns have used any of the Kimble stuff, but in the event they did, I write this in haste and will drive into town and mail it so it can get out tonight. We have outgoing mail here in the country only in the morning when the mail is delivered.

Best to you all,
Harold Weisberg

Harold

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MEMORANDUM NO. 6

SUBJECT : Garrison and the Kennedy Assassination

REFERENCE : A. [REDACTED] Memorandum of 20 June 1967,
subject as above

B. [REDACTED] Memorandum of 7 August 1967,
subject as above

1. Since the Garrison investigation was first publicized in February 1967, we have kept book on all persons in the case: 139 to date. Of these, 103 have been name-traced. (Not traced were Louisiana State legislators who have commented on the investigation, judges and various lawyers, and others on the periphery.) The results of traces follow:

a.	[REDACTED]	:	[REDACTED]
b.	[REDACTED]	:	[REDACTED]
c.	[REDACTED]	:	[REDACTED]
d.	[REDACTED]	:	[REDACTED]
	Total		103

2. Two persons, Donald P. NORTON and Gordon Duane NOVEL, have publicly but falsely claimed affiliation with CIA.

a. By a memorandum of 9 August 1967 the A/DCI advised that he had been informed by a New York Times contact that Donald P. NORTON, in an interview published in the Vancouver (Canada) Sun on 8 August 1967, had claimed to be an ex-CIA employee who delivered \$150,000 to David W. FERRIE for transfer to Cuba and who picked up from

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asked the DCS office for advice "because the Schlumberger people had made some false statements and it would have been better if they had said nothing at all." Told that we were not involved and could give no advice, the caller replied that he could very well appreciate our position "and that he would do whatever he could to keep 'your company' from becoming in any way involved." The purpose of NOVEL's lies and maneuvers remains obscure.

3. Two approaches to the DCS office in New Orleans may be provocations initiated by Garrison:

a. On 4 August 1967 the DCS office received a telephone call from a man who identified himself as Jules R. KIMBLE of 7003 Vicksburg St., New Orleans. He said that "Garrison was trying to connect him with CIA" but that he did not know why. He added that GARRISON "accused him of having taken some papers from the residence of David Ferrie on the day after Ferrie's death" and added that he would appear on WDSU-TV, New Orleans, the same day. All Headquarters checks on KIMBLE were negative. In response to inquiry, the DCS office in New Orleans reported on 21 August 1967 that Jules R. Kimble is not in the telephone directory or the city directory. The address 7003 Vicksburg St. is listed as vacant in the latter. To the best knowledge of the office no one named KIMBLE has appeared on a WDSU-TV interview.

b. A letter dated 15 May 1967 was addressed to the DCI (at 2430 E St.) by one James F. QUAID Jr., who claimed that he was a practising member of the Louisiana State Bar, that he had been admitted to practise in the federal courts in the New Orleans area, and that he had served as an ad hoc judge in the state courts. He asked that CIA place his name on its "referral list of qualified attorneys in this area." There is no Agency or FBI record of QUAID. Although the New Orleans office was able to develop some background information about a lawyer with the same name, the name of the firm on QUAID's letterhead does not appear in the telephone or city directory, and QUAID was unknown to several New Orleans