

Dear Gris,

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Your letter of the 12 reflects the success of some of the deceptions, fabrications and I suspect spook black books.

You refer to "Hugh McDonald's good book" whereas from beginning to end it is a fake, in either of the three inconsistent versions, copies of all of which I have. (First two ms. only.) I can't get involved in explaining this but I do report it. I did considerable work on it. A careful reading discloses he didn't know even the basic facts of the crime, those that are beyond reasonable dispute.

You say that H.L.Hunt's secretary said he gave \$50,000 for the assassination. I suppose you mean Carrington, who is one of those ~~caught~~ caught in pilfering some of the Hunt properties because he paid them so little. I neither believe this nor know of anything that would tend to give it any credibility.

I know of nothing to lead me to believe that Warren either asked a price or got any payoff of any kind. Rather is the opposite true - he was manipulated from the first, by Johnson, by Hoover, by events and his staff, particularly Rankin, who was the choice when Warren could not even get his own man, Warren Olney, to be his chief counsel. And as the staff memos to which you refer reflect, he was terrified by the canard with which Johnson conned him.

Warren did what he believed the national interest required of him and I can't accept his judgement or excuse his acts. Whatever good he did on the Court he has to stand and be remembered for what he did and didn't do on his Commission and its consequences.

After reading everything on DeMohrenschildt I could get my hands on I do not believe that he had any involvement in the crime but do believe that many, like and following Garrison, blew him into something he never was. I regret that I have found too much of Penn's writings to be less than dependable.

I enclose a flyer on a book dealing with one of my FOIA suits because it may interest you.

Best wishes,

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Dear Hal:

I am sorry I inconvenienced you on the mistaken assumption that I had lost a book I must replace. I was so sure I had had Coup D'Etat and that it had what I wanted in it. I had dropped consideration of the assassination material until I came across some items that got me going again. One of them may have missed you. I made a clipping from a paper telling of George deMohrenshild saying that on the day of the assassination he was in the streets of Dallas with Oswald. George said this to a man a few days before his death. So I looked at the photo of Oswald you have on page 250 of Whitewash II, and the outline of deMohrenshild's face is similar to that of the face partly blotted out next to Oswald. To me that blotting out would have been to conceal the identity of the man next to Oswald. Then George's daughter ~~xxxx~~ and son told friends after the assassination that the FBI was responsible for the assassination (this is in Ben n Jones' Forgive my Grief). Under the above circumstances George would have known.

In regard to "Hoover's reluctant action against the Klan", he took no action against the Klan before the assassination, and after it he listened to Robert Kennedy far less than before. He had the FBI acting against Antioch College from the late twenties through to 1973 when ~~we had~~ agents provocateur planned and carry out action against the college that nearly destroyed it--as the FBI had desired, burning, bringing goon squads onto the campus and so on. We had a president who also wanted the college destroyed because he had taken the assets he could elsewhere and had gotten the trustees in his pocket. I was one of the organizers of the committee that saved Antioch and was aware of the character of the endeavor aimed to direct the strike. The International union organization also was deeply concerned that this outside organizers endeavor was misusing the union and threatened to disavow the union local. That is the kind of thing Hoover was behind. He had no particular occasion to suddenly turn the FBI loose on the murderers of the civil rights workers unless someone like Warren insisted, and Warren would have. I believe this changed the climate of civil rights in the South in ways we do not appreciate. LBJ asserted that he passed John F. Kennedy's civil rights legislation. He certainly did not follow Kennedy's policy toward Viet Nam.

The two staff memos of the Warren Commission, one in Post Mortem and the other in Frame-up IV (wonderful that you obtained them) show a little starch in Warren that I think would have asserted itself in some manner, and also show insight beyond others into the role of the FBI. Warren would not have let a situation like this be a complete give-in to Johnson. He would have asked a price, and he could have asked one.

One other item. Another clipping I have is of H.L. Hunt's secretary saying that \$50,000 from the Hunt fortune had gone to pay for the assassination. The secretary blamed it on overzealous subordinates of Hunt. Hugh McDonald's good book Appointment in Dallas tells of finding one of the assassins and this man--professional assassin--told McDonald that he was paid \$50,000 for his shooting from the County building behind the President. The assassins shooting from the knoll and the Depository building were apparently coordinated but not of the same group. I conceive of the assassination as a conspiracy by consortium remarkably coordinated which brought FBI, armed forces, CIA, oil millions and right wingers of the Miami tape group together in concerted action where they would all stand or fall together. They were too formidable to expose. With best wishes,

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