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MCGEE:

Many Americans doubt the findings of the Warren Commission.

Only one has had and used legal powers to investigate those findings.

That one is Jim Garrison, the District Attorney of New Orleans. His investigation has made headlines for four months.

This is an examination of that investigation.

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ON CAMERA

MCGEE:

Four months ago Jim Garrison said he had "positively solved the assassination of President John F. Kennedy".

DAVID FERRIE

He said a man named David Ferrie was under surveillance.

When Ferrie died suddenly he called him "one of history's most important figures".

CLAY SHAW

On March 1 he arrested a New Orleans businessman named Clay Shaw and charged him with "participation in the conspiracy".

JIM GARRISON
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
NEW ORLEANS

He said there would be more arrests - "a considerable number of them".

He said, "the key to the whole case is through the looking glass. Black is white, white is black".

We have no right to prejudge Jim Garrison's case.

We can legitimately examine his record up to now.

COURT HOUSE

Our starting point is the pre-trial hearing of Clay Shaw.

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ON CAMERA

MC GEE:

Garrison had two key witnesses. The first was a 26 year old insurance salesman named Perry Raymond Russo.

PERRY RUSSO
WITNESS

MC GEE: (VO)

Russo testified that in September 1963, he had gone to a party in David Ferrie's apartment. Among the guests were several Cubans, Ferrie's bearded roommate and a man named Clay Bertrand. Later, when the other guests had left he found himself alone with Ferrie, the roommate whom he identified as Lee Harvey Oswald and Bertrand. Despite his presence they began to discuss openly and in detail, a plan to assassinate President Kennedy. Russo was asked if Bertrand was in the courtroom. He said "yes". He was asked to point out Bertrand. He got up from the witness chair, walked over to the Defense table and held his hand over the head of Clay Shaw.

VERNON BUNDY
WITNESS

Garrison's second key witness was Vernon Bundy, a 29 year old narcotics addict. Mainly on the testimony of Russo and Bundy, a 3-Judge panel decided that there was sufficient evidence to establish probable cause that a crime had been committed.

JIM GARRISON

In answer to criticism of his witnesses Garrison pointed out that it was hard to find bank presidents at the scene of this conspiracy. He defended Vernon Bundy.

GARRISON (SOF)

THE QUESTION IS, IS HE TELLING THE TRUTH OR NOT? THERE ARE MANY ATTORNEYS WHO ARE BRILLIANT LAWYERS AND THERE ARE DOPE ADDICTS WHO HAVE NEVER LEARNED TO LIE, AND THAT'S THE CASE HERE. THE QUESTION IS, WHETHER HE IS TELLING THE TRUTH, AND THE ANSWER IS OBVIOUSLY.

MCGEE:

VERNON BUNDY

Vernon Bundy has been a narcotics addict since he was 13. He has a police record. On March 4, 1967, according to Garrison, Bundy turned himself in to New Orleans Parish prison because he was back on the habit.

ON CAMERA

MCGEE:

Bundy says he was first interviewed by Garrison's men the day before he testified. Two fellow prisoners told NBC NEWS Bundy had indicated to them that his testimony, that he had seen Shaw and Oswald together, was not true.

JOHN CANCLER

John Cancler, known as John the Baptist:

QUESTION:

WHAT'S YOUR PROFESSION, MR. CANCLER?

CANCLER:

WHAT WAS MY PROFESSION?

QUESTION

YES.

CANCLER:

I WAS A BURGLAR.

QUESTION:

YOU'RE IN THE PARISH PRISON ON THIS BURGLARY RAP?

CANCLER:

RIGHT.

QUESTION:

AND DID YOU MEET A MAN NAMED VERNON BUNDY THERE?

CANCLER:

I FOUND OUT LATER HIS NAME WAS VERNON BUNDY. YOU SEE, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HIS NAME WAS UNTIL I READ THE PAPER AFTER THIS. I ONLY KNEW HIM BY LEGS.

QUESTION:

NOW WHAT DID LEGS TELL YOU UP THERE?

CANCLER:

HE JUST SAID I WONDER WHETHER I SHOULD SAY I SAW HIM ON THE ESPLANADE OR I SAW HIM ON THE LAKEFRONT. I SAID: MAN, I SAID, IT IS GETTING BAD WHEN YOU START TALKING TO YOURSELF TOO, YOU KNOW, LIKE SOME OF THESE GUYS WILL GO STIR BUGS, YOU KNOW. HE SAID: NO, MAN, HE SAID, I AM TALKING ABOUT THIS CAT SHAW. AND I SAID, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT MAN? HE SAID, MAN I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT IS BEST FOR ME TO SAY THAT I SAW HIM ON ESPLANADE STREET OR THE LAKEFRONT.

QUESTION:

DID BUNDY INDICATE TO YOU WHETHER THE STORY THAT HE WAS GOING TO TELL IN COURT WAS TRUE?

CANCLER:

DID HE INDICATE, HOW COULD HE INDICATE WHEN HE WOULD ASK ME SHOULD HE SAY THIS, OR SHOULD HE SAY THAT? IF HE KNEW IT WAS THE TRUTH HE WOULD KNOW WHAT TO SAY.

QUESTION:

IT WAS OBVIOUS FROM WHAT HE TOLD YOU THAT HE WAS GOING TO TELL A LIE THEN?

CANCLER:

HE TOLD A LIE.

QUESTION:

DID HE TELL YOU IT WAS A LIE?

CANCLER:

SURE, I ASKED HIM. I SAID, MAN IS IT THE TRUTH, AND HE SAID NO. HE SAID NO IT IS NOT THE TRUTH.

MIGUEL TORRES
WITNESS

MC GEE: (VO)

Also in Parrish Prison at the time Bundy testified was Miguel Torres serving a nine year sentence for burglary. He met Bundy in a prison hospital.

QUESTION:

WHAT DID HE TELL YOU ABOUT HIS TESTIMONY THAT DAY?

TORRES

HE SAID, WELL, THAT'S THE ONLY WAY THAT I CAN GET CUT LOOSE. I ASKED HIM HOW MUCH TIME DID HE OWE THE STATE. HE SAID HE OWED THE STATE FIVE YEARS. HE WAS OUT ON FIVE YEARS' PROBATION AND THEN I SAID, WELL, THAT'S A HELL OF A THING TO DO, IN ORDER TO DO WHAT YOU WANTA DO. HE SAYS, WELL, THE REASON I'M DOIN' THIS IS BECAUSE THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THAT I CAN GET CUT LOOSE.

QUESTION:

IN OTHER WORDS, HE SAID TO YOU IN EFFECT, THAT HE WAS TESTIFYING AS HE WAS IN THE SHAW HEARING IN ORDER TO PREVENT HIS PROBATION FROM BEING REVOKED, IS THAT RIGHT?

TORRES:

FROM BEING VIOLATED, YESSIR.

QUESTION:

DID YOU GET THE IMPRESSION THAT HE KNEW THAT HIS TESTIMONY IN THE HEARING HAD BEEN FALSE?

TORRES:

WELL, JUST EXACTLY AS I SAID, HE SAID, THE REASON I'M DOIN' THIS BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET CUT LOOSE, AND THE IMPRESSION I GOT WAS THAT, THAT IT WAS AN OUT FRONT LIE.

ON CAMERA

MCGEE:

Jim Garrison told a BBC reporter he uses what he calls "objectifying tests" to make sure his witnesses are telling the truth. One such test is a polygraph, the lie-detector. On the morning he testified, Vernon Bundy was given a lie-detector test. NBC NEWS has learned that the results of the test indicated that Bundy was lying. Assistant District Attorney Charles Ward was informed of this. Ward went to Garrison. He told Garrison that in view of the outcome of the lie-detector test, the indication that Bundy was lying, Bundy should not be allowed to testify. Despite this, Bundy was put on the witness stand by Garrison. He testified against Shaw. Partly as a result of that testimony, Shaw was held for trial.

PERRY RUSSO

MCGEE (VO)

More important than Bundy was Perry Russo. He was in fact, vital to Garrison's case. He linked Shaw, Ferrie and Oswald. He involved them in the conspiracy to kill John F. Kennedy.

ON CAMERA

MCGEE:

How did he come into the case? By his own account he wrote a letter to Jim Garrison saying he had some information about David Ferrie's connection with the assassination of President Kennedy. This was on February 22, 1967. That same week he was interviewed by a reporter from the NBC affiliate in Baton Rouge.

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PERRY RUSSO

QUESTION:

WHAT KIND OF REMARKS WOULD DAVID FERRIE MAKE ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION TO YOU?

RUSSO:

TOWARD THE END OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER I SAW HIM ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND HE BROUGHT OUT THE FACT, AND PASSED A REMARK, WHETHER OR NOT IT HAD ANY UNDUE MEANING OR ANYTHING ELSE, I DO NOT KNOW AND I'M NOT TRYING TO ADD WORDS TO HIS MEANING, BUT HE SAID THAT "WE WILL GET HIM" REFERRING TO THE PRESIDENT 'CAUSE WE WERE ON ELABORATE DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT AND HE SAID, "WE WILL GET THE PRESIDENT," REFERRING TO KENNEDY.

ON CAMERA

MCGEE:

In his first public interview, Russo mentioned no party at Ferrie's apartment, no assassination plot, no Clay Shaw or Clay Bertrand. Next, he talked to a reporter from WDSU-TV, in New Orleans.

QUESTION

PERRY RUSSO

DO YOU BELIEVE IN YOUR OWN MIND THAT DAVID FERRIE MIGHT HAVE HAD ANYTHING TO DO AT ALL WITH THE ASSASSINATION IN ANY WAY?

RUSSO:

WELL, SEE, THAT I DON'T KNOW AND I'D BE, YOU KNOW SPECULATI... JUST SPECULATION.

QUESTION:

DID HE EVER MENTION LEE HARVY OSWALD'S NAME?

RUSSO:

NO,

QUESTION:

NO CONVERSATION AT ALL ABOUT

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RUSSO:

NO, I, I NEVER HEARD OF OSWALD UNTIL THE TELEVISION ... ASSASSINATION.

ON CAMERA

MCGEE:

Two weeks later he would testify at the hearing: He would positively identify Lee Oswald and Clay Shaw, he would describe in detail the party at which they were present. He would tell about a plot to kill the President. What had happened? We know that Russo was visited in Baton Rouge by one of Garrison's assistants, Andrew Sciambra. We know that he spent time on at least three other occasions with a man from Garrison's office, and we now know some additional facts.

JAMES PHELAN

MCGEE: (VO)

Jim Phelan covered the conspiracy story for the Saturday Evening Post. Nine days before the hearing he met Jim Garrison in Las Vegas. He spent 10 hours with Garrison discussing the case.

QUESTION:

DID HE GIVE YOU ANY DOCUMENTS TO READ IN CONNECTION WITH THIS?

PHELAN:

YES, HE GAVE ME TWO DOCUMENTS. ONE OF THEM WAS A LONG MEMORANDUM WRITTEN BY A, MR. GARRISON'S FIRST ASSISTANT, ER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ANDREW SCIAMBRA, WHICH RECOUNTED AN INTERVIEW WHICH HE HAD WITH PERRY RUSSO IN BATON ROUGE. THIS WAS THE FIRST INTERVIEW THAT ANYONE FROM THE D.A.'S OFFICE HAD HAD WITH PERRY RUSSO.

QUESTION:

AND WHAT WAS THE SECOND DOCUMENT?

PHELAN:

THE SECOND DOCUMENT WAS A HYPNOTIC INTERROGATION OF RUSSO. I BELIEVE IT WAS FOUR DAYS AFTER THE FIRST INTERROGATION.

QUESTION:

DID RUSSO TELL THE SAME STORY IN BOTH OF THESE DOCUMENTS?

PHELAN:

HE DID NOT.

QUESTION:

AS A WITNESS, RUSSO SAID HE WAS AT A PARTY IN DAVID FERRIE'S APARTMENT AND PRESENT WHEN FERRIE, CLAY SHAW, AND LEE HARVEY OSWALD PLOTTED TO KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY. DID HE TELL THIS STORY IN HIS FIRST INTERVIEW?

PHELAN:

HE SAID NOTHING WHATEVER ABOUT A PARTY OR A PLOT IN THE FIRST INTERVIEW.

QUESTION:

WAS HE ABLE TO IDENTIFY OSWALD?

PHELAN:

THEY MADE AN IDENTIFICATION AFTER THEY SKETCHED A SERIES OF BEARDS ON THE PICTURE OF LEE OSWALD. I THINK THEY DREW 18 OR 20 OF THEM BEFORE HE FINALLY CAME UP WITH THE IDENTIFICATION.

QUESTION:

WAS RUSSO SHOWN A PICTURE OF CLAY SHAW?

PHELAN:

YES HE WAS.

QUESTION:

DID HE IDENTIFY A PICTURE OF THE MAN HE
KNEW TO BE SHAW AS CLAY BERTRAND?

PHELAN:

HE DID NOT. HE SIMPLY SAID THAT HE HAD
SEEN THE MAN.

QUESTION:

HOW MANY TIMES?

PHELAN:

HE SAID HE HAD SEEN HIM TWICE.

QUESTION:

AND WHERE HAD HE SEEN HIM?

PHELAN:

HE SAW HIM ONCE WHEN KENNEDY WAS VISITING
NEW ORLEANS TO DEDICATE THE NASHVILLE
WHARF AND A SECOND TIME HE SAID HE SAW
THIS MAN IN A CAR WITH DAVE FERRIE.

QUESTION:

DID HE MENTION SEEING HIM AT A PARTY IN
FERRIE'S APARTMENT WHERE PEOPLE HAD PLOTTED
TO KILL KENNEDY?

PHELAN:

HE SAID NOTHING ABOUT IT. IN FACT HE SAID
SPECIFICALLY THAT HE HAD SEEN HIM TWICE,
AND HE SAID SPECIFICALLY, THE TWO TIMES.

QUESTION:

WHEN DID RUSSO FIRST DESCRIBE THE DETAILS
HE TESTIFIED TO AS A WITNESS AT THE PRE-
TRIAL HEARING?

PHELAN:

HE FIRST MENTIONED THE PLOT AND THE PARTY AND THE PRESENCE OF SHAW, OSWALD AND FERRIE IN A DEEP HYPNOTIC TRANCE WHEN HE WAS HYPNOTIZED BY DR. ESMOND FATTER.

QUESTION:

DID HE REMEMBER SHAW AND AN ASSASSINATION PLOT IMMEDIATELY UNDER HYPNOSIS?

PHELAN:

HE DID NOT. HE VOLUNTEERED NO INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTY OR THE PLOT.

QUESTION:

WHEN DID HE BEGIN TO REMEMBER?

PHELAN:

HE BEGAN TO REMEMBER WHEN DR. FATTER ASKED HIM A SERIES OF LEADING QUESTIONS. WELL, I WOULD SAY IT WENT BEYOND THAT. DR. FATTER SET THE STAGE FOR HIM. HE TOLD HIM THAT HE WOULD BE PRESENT IN FERRIE'S APARTMENT AND THAT SHAW, OSWALD AND FERRIE WOULD BE THERE AND THAT THEY WOULD BE DISCUSSING ASSASSINATING SOMEONE AND THEN DR. FATTER SAID, NOW TELL ME ABOUT IT.

QUESTION:

AM I CORRECT IN READING THIS FROM THE RECORD? QUOTE, DR. FATTER SAYING, QUOTE, ANYTIME YOU WANT TO YOU CAN PERMIT YOURSELF TO BECOME CALM, COOL AND COLLECTED. YOU WILL BE AMAZED AT HOW ACUTE YOUR MEMORY WILL BECOME IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

PHELAN:

THAT'S CORRECT.

QUESTION:

HOW DID RUSSO APPEAR WHEN YOU SAW HIM TESTIFY?

PHELAN:

HE WAS A CALM, COOL AND COLLECTED.

BBC REPORTER

QUESTION:

WHY DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU HAD TO USE EXTRAORDINARY METHODS LIKE TRUTH DRUGS AND HYPNOTISM, TO GET THESE PEOPLE TO GIVE THEIR EVIDENCE?

JIM GARRISON:

GARRISON:

WE DECIDED TO GIVE HIM OBJECTIFYING MACHINERY TO MAKE SURE HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH. WE GAVE HIM THE TRUTH SERUM IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE. NOW IT SEEMS TO ME THIS IS RATHER UNUSUAL, A PROSECUTION, A PROSECUTING OFFICE WHICH HAS A PRETTY GOOD CASE MAKING ITS WITNESS TAKE OBJECTIFYING TESTS TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE TELLING THE TRUTH. WE DID IT FOR THIS REASON. WE DID, WE USED HYPNOSIS FOR THE SAME THING. JUST TO MAKE SURE HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH.

DR. JAY KATZ
YALE UNIVERSITY

MC GEE: (VO)

Dr. Jay Katz is Associate Professor of Law and Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology at Yale. We showed him the stenographic transcripts of two of Dr. Fatter's hypnotic sessions with Perry Russo.

QUESTION:

DOCTOR, HOW RELIABLE, IN YOUR VIEW, ARE SODIUM PENTATHOL AND HYPNOTISM AS A MEANS OF REACHING THE TRUTH?

DR. KATZ:

THERE IS A VERY WIDESPREAD BELIEF THAT UNDER HYPNOSIS AND UNDER SODIUM AMYTOL, SUBJECTS

DR. KATZ: (Cont'd)

WILL TELL THE OBJECTIVE TRUTH. BUT UNDER HYPNOSIS, AT LEAST, A GREAT MANY SUBJECTS MAY HAVE GREATER DIFFICULTY TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN FACT AND FANTASY.

QUESTION:

DR. KATZ, DOES IT APPEAR TO YOU SOME OF THE QUESTIONS OF THE INTERVIEWER, QUESTIONING PERRY RUSSO, SUGGEST THE ANSWER?

DR. KATZ:

I WONDERED ABOUT THIS AND I WAS VERY MUCH STRUCK THAT UPON MANY OCCASIONS, THE HYPNOTIST INTRODUCED VERY LEADING QUESTIONS. THIS WAS MOST STRIKING, BUT JUST TO GIVE ONE EXAMPLE: WHEN HE DIRECTLY ASKED HIM, OR IN FACT NOT EVEN ASKED HIM BUT TOLD HIM, TO TELL HIM ABOUT THE CONVERSATION THAT TOOK PLACE IN RESPECT TO AN ASSASSINATION PLOT.

QUESTION:

WOULD YOU COMMENT ON THE WAY THESE INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED MADE IT MORE, RATHER THAN LESS, DIFFICULT FOR THE SUBJECT TO SEPARATE FACT FROM FANTASY?

DR. KATZ:

YES, HE MADE NO ATTEMPT, AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, TO PRESS FURTHER, AND AT LEAST ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS FANTASY AND WHAT WAS REALITY.

QUESTION:

THEN YOU DON'T FEEL THAT THERE WAS SUFFICIENT QUESTIONING TO FIND OUT WHETHER RUSSO WAS IN FACT, TELLING THE TRUTH OR WAS DISTORTING THE TRUTH.

DR. KATZ:

THIS IS QUITE CORRECT. THIS IS ALWAYS VERY, VERY DIFFICULT. BUT ONE AT LEAST CAN MAKE AN ATTEMPT AND THIS ATTEMPT WAS NOT MADE IN THIS CASE.

JAMES PHELAN

QUESTION:

DID YOU EVER TALK TO GARRISON ABOUT THE DISCREPANCIES IN HIS REPORT?

PHELAN: (SOF)

WELL, AFTER THE HEARING IN WHICH MR. SHAW WAS HELD TO TRIAL, I CALLED GARRISON, AND I SAID, JIM, THERE'S SOMETHING BOTHERS ME DEEPLY. SO HE SAID, WELL, I'LL GET SCIAMBRA OUT HERE. AND HE CALLED HIM ON THE PHONE AND HE HAD HIM COME OUT TO HIS HOME. HE ALSO HAD HIS CHIEF INVESTIGATOR WILLIAM GURVICH AND THE FOUR OF US SAT THERE IN GARRISON'S STUDY AND I PUT THIS TO SCIAMBRA. I SAID, THERE'S NOTHING IN YOUR ORIGINAL INTERROGATION ABOUT, ONE, SHAW KNOWING OSWALD, SHAW KNOWING FERRIE, ABOUT THE MAN YOU IDENTIFIED AS HAVING SEEN, ABOUT KNOWING HIM AS BERTRAND, OR ABOUT A PARTY AT FERRIE'S APARTMENT IN WHICH THEY DISCUSSED THE ASSASSINATION. IN FACT, ALL OF THE THINGS THAT WERE SO DAMAGING TO SHAW WERE NOT IN THE ORIGINAL REPORT. SCIAMBRA FIRST TOLD ME THAT I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT BECAUSE MR. SCIAMBRA DIDN'T KNOW I HAD A COPY OF THIS REPORT AND THEN I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD THE COPY AND I'D READ IT MANY TIMES. AT THIS POINT, MR. SCIAMBRA CHANGED HIS STORY. HE SAID, WELL MAYBE HE HAD LEFT IT OUT OF THE REPORT. THAT HE'D WRITTEN THE REPORT UNDER TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES, AND HE'D BEEN DOING A NUMBER OF OTHER THINGS, AND HE MIGHT HAVE FORGOTTEN TO PUT IT IN. AND I TOLD HIM I SIMPLY COULDN'T BELIEVE THIS. THE NEXT DAY I WENT, I THOUGHT, WELL, AT LEAST HE WOULD HAVE, THAT IF SCIAMBRA WERE TELLING A STRAIGHTFORWARD STORY, THAT HE WOULD HAVE MENTION OF THE CRIME IN HIS ORIGINAL NOTES. HE MIGHT HAVE LEFT IT OUT OF THE REPORT, BUT HE WOULD AT LEAST, HAVE TAKEN IT DOWN WHEN HE WAS TALKING TO RUSSO, BECAUSE HE TOOK DETAILED NOTES. SO I WENT BACK TO SCIAMBRA, AND I ASKED HIM, I SAID, WHERE

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PHELAN: (SOF) (Cont'd)

ARE YOUR ORIGINAL NOTES, WE CAN SETTLE THIS QUICKLY. MR. SCIAMBRA TOLD ME HE HAD BURNED HIS NOTES.

ON CAMERA

MC GEE:

Sciambra says Phelan's story is incomplete and distorted.

To "objectify" the testimony of Perry Russo, whom Garrison described as "a very stable young man," Russo was submitted to sodium pentathol, hypnotism and on March 8th, 6 days before he testified, to a lie-detector test. NBC NEWS has learned the following facts about this test. Russo's answers to a series of questions indicate in the language of the polygraph operator, "deception-criterion". He was asked if he knew Clay Shaw. He was asked if he knew Lee Harvey Oswald. His "yes" answers to both of these questions indicated "deception-criterion". Russo's general reaction to this series of questions led the polygraph operator to suspect "a psychopathic personality". At least one investigator and one assistant District Attorney in Garrison's office were present. The list of questions was taken away from the polygraph operator. He was told not to say anything.

Despite the incomplete tests, the preliminary indications of "deception-criterion" 6 days later Russo was put on the stand as the chief witness against Clay Shaw. The core of his testimony was his description of a party some time in September, 1963. He said Ferrie, Oswald and Shaw were there. Russo also said several of his friends were present in the early part of the evening. Sandra Moffitt, Kenny Carter, Lefty Peterson. We talked with Lefty Peterson.

NILES PETERSON

QUESTION:

DID YOU EVER KNOW A MAN NAMED DAVID FERRIE?

PETERSON:

YES I DID.

QUESTION:

AND HOW DID YOU MEET FERRIE?

PETERSON:

I MET HIM AT PERRY'S HOUSE.

QUESTION:

DID YOU SEE DAVID FERRIE AT ANY OTHER TIME?

PETERSON:

I SEEN HIM TWICE, SINCE THEN, SINCE THEN.
I SEEN HIM ONCE ON THE LOUISIANA PARKWAY.
I WENT TO HIS HOUSE WITH PERRY AND SOME
OTHER PEOPLE. ABOUT 4 OF US STOPPED IN.
WE STAYED ABOUT 20/25 MINUTES THEN WE LEFT.

QUESTION:

ALL OF YOU LEFT?

PETERSON:

NO. PERRY STAYED THERE I THINK. HE
DIDN'T, LEAVE.

QUESTION:

WHEN WAS THIS?

PETERSON:

SEPTEMBER, 1963.

QUESTION:

DESCRIBE THAT OCCURRENCE.

PETERSON:

WE WAS COMIN' FROM SOME KIND OF SPORTS
EVENT - FOOTBALL GAME I THINK.

QUESTION:

DO YOU REMEMBER WHO PLAYED?

PETERSON:

NO SIR.

QUESTION:

WAS THAT THE TULANE GAME?

PETERSON:

YESSIR, TULANE, YESSIR.

QUESTION:

YOU'RE PRETTY SURE IT WAS A FOOTBALL GAME
THOUGH?

PETERSON:

POSITIVELY.

QUESTION:

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK IT WAS IN SEPTEMBER?

PETERSON:

WELL, IT WAS THE FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON.
THE FIRST OR SECOND GAME OF THE SEASON,
ONE OF THE TWO.

ON CAMERA:

MCGEE:

Tulane played two home games that year.
One October 4th, the other September 20th.
Under hypnosis Russo said the party took
place September 16th. Under oath he said
the party took place sometime, he wasn't
sure when, in mid-September. Kenny Carter
remembers going to a game with Russo. He
thinks it was the Miami game on October 4th.
The date is crucial. Is it possible that
Lee Harvey Oswald could have been present

MCGEE: (Cont'd)

wearing a beard and looking like a beatnik on those dates? If not, Garrison's hearing case collapses. Where was Lee Harvy Oswald on September 20th?

QUESTION

RUTH PAINE, FRIEND
OF MRS. OSWALD'S

NOW WHEN DID YOU ARRIVE IN NEW ORLEANS, DO YOU REMEMBER THE DATE?

MRS. PAINE:

YES, I THINK I DO, I THINK IT WAS THE 20TH OF SEPTEMBER, IT WAS A FRIDAY.

QUESTION:

HOW LONG DID YOU STAY?

MRS. PAINE:

OVER THE WEEKEND, LEFT MONDAY.

QUESTION:

WHERE DID YOU STAY?

MRS. PAINE:

AT THEIR APARTMENT.

QUESTION:

CAN YOU TELL ME WHETHER OR NOT LEE WAS LIVING HOME ALL OF THE TIME YOU WERE STAYING THERE, EVENINGS?

MRS. PAINE:

OH, YES, HE WAS. LEE WAS THERE THE ENTIRE TIME.

JESSE GARNER,
OSWALD'S LANDLADY

QUESTION:

IN SEPTEMBER OF 1963, DID YOU SEE LEE HARVEY OSWALD, OFTEN, OR DID YOU HEAR HIM IN THE HOUSE?

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MRS. GARNER:

I USED TO HEAR HIM IN THE HOUSE ALL THE TIME. HIM AND HIS WIFE USED TO DO A LOT OF ARGUING AND THE BABY'D START CRYING. I KNEW HE WAS HOME.

QUESTION:

WHEN WOULD YOU SAY LEE HARVEY OSWALD LEFT THE APARTMENT?

MRS. GARNER:

WELL, I KNOW HE LEFT THE SAME NIGHT THAT HIS WIFE LEFT THAT DAY. NOW WHETHER IT WAS THE 24TH OR THE 25TH I DON'T REMEMBER EXACTLY, BUT THAT SAME DAY HIS WIFE LEFT, HE LEFT THAT NIGHT.

ON CAMERA

MCGEE:

Two witnesses say Lee Harvey Oswald could not have been living with David Ferrie on September 20th. Oswald was living at home in New Orleans on September 20th. On October 4th, the date of the Miami-Tulane game, he was in Dallas. He registered with the YMCA. He called Ruth Paine on the telephone. At two in the afternoon he was interviewed for a job by Ted Gangel of the Padgett Printing Corporation. Could he have been Ferrie's roommate at any time in September, 1963?

QUESTION:

NILES PETERSON

YOU ARRIVED AT THE PARTY AT DAVID FERRIE'S HOUSE, WHO ANSWERED THE DOOR, DO YOU REMEMBER?

PETERSON:

HIS ROOMMATE.

QUESTION:

DESCRIBE HIM .. HEIGHT, HIS GENERAL BUILD ..

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PETERSON:

HE'S ABOUT 6 OR 6-1, ABOUT 170 POUNDS, I WOULD SAY, 165-170 POUNDS.

QUESTION:

WAS HE QUITE A BIT TALLER THAN YOU?

PETERSON:

OH YEAH, HE WAS TALLER THAN ME, YEAH.

QUESTION:

HOW TALL ARE YOU?

PETERSON:

5-9.

QUESTION:

SO, HOW MUCH TALLER THAN YOU WOULD HE HAVE BEEN?

PETERSON:

ABOUT 2 OR 3 INCHES.

MCGEE:

Lee Harvey Oswald was exactly 5 foot 9 inches tall. Exactly as tall as Lefty Peterson. Russo in trying to identify the roommate with the beard said, Peterson quote, "Would know more about the roommate and be able to identify him."

ON CAMERA

NILES PETERSON

QUESTION:

I'M GOING TO READ SOMETHING TO YOU AND SEE IF YOU THINK THIS FITS THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MAN YOU SAW IN DAVID FERRIE'S APARTMENT. I'M QUOTING PERRY RUSSO. HE SAID THE ROOMMATE HAD SORT OF DIRTY BLOND HAIR AND A HUSKY BEARD WHICH APPEARED TO BE A LITTLE

QUESTION: (Cont'd)

DARKER THAN HIS HAIR. HE SAID THE GUY WAS A TYPICAL BEATNIK. HE SAID THE ROOMMATE APPEARED TO BE IN HIS MIDDLE 20'S. WOULD THAT DESCRIPTION FIT THE MAN YOU SAW THAT NIGHT?

PETERSON:

JUST ABOUT, YESSIR.

QUESTION:

MRS. GARNER

I'M GOING TO READ A DESCRIPTION GIVEN BY PERRY RUSSO OF THE MAN HE SAW IN THE APARTMENT OF DAVID FERRIE. HE DESCRIBED THIS MAN AS HAVING A BUSHY BEARD, AS BEING CRUDDY, VERY, VERY DIRTY. IN YOUR OPINION COULD THAT DESCRIPTION HAVE FIT THE LEE HARVEY OSWALD THAT YOU KNEW?

MRS. GARNER:

I DON'T SEE HOW THAT COULD FIT HIM BECAUSE I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM LIKE THAT.

MRS. PAINE

QUESTION:

PERRY RUSSO HAS DESCRIBED DAVID FERRIE'S ROOMMATE WHOM HE IDENTIFIED AS THE MAN HE KNEW AS LEON OSWALD, AS A MAN WHO WAS VERY, VERY DIRTY, A TYPICAL BEATNIK WITH A HUSKY BEARD. DO YOU RECALL WHETHER LEE OSWALD WAS CLEAN SHAVEN OR HAD A BEARD?

MRS. PAINE:

WHEN I CAME TO NEW ORLEANS, ABOUT SEPTEMBER 20TH, HE WAS CLEAN SHAVEN THEN, AND I NEVER SAW LEE WITH A BEARD. I DON'T BELIEVE HE HAD ONE TO MY KNOWLEDGE, I THINK MARINA WOULD HAVE MENTIONED IT. AND HE WAS ALSO NEAT WHEN HE DRESSED AND CLEAN, IT SEEMED TO ME. I JUST FEEL THAT MR. RUSSO MUST HAVE SEEN SOMEONE ELSE THAT HE THINKS WAS LEE OSWALD.

LAYTON MARTENS

QUESTION:

YOU WERE, IN 1963 FROM THE PERIOD OF AT LEAST SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH DAVID FERRIE.

MARTENS:

THAT'S CORRECT.

QUESTION:

YOU KNEW PRACTICALLY EVERYONE THAT WAS ASSOCIATED WITH HIM AT THAT TIME, IS THAT RIGHT?

MARTENS:

THAT'S CORRECT.

QUESTION:

IF SOMEONE LIVED IN HIS HOUSE MORE THAN 2 OR 3 DAYS DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN THERE LONG ENOUGH TO HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED A ROOMMATE, WOULD YOU HAVE KNOWN ABOUT IT?

MARTENS:

YES, CERTAINLY.

QUESTION:

THERE'S BEEN TESTIMONY RECENTLY ABOUT A ROOMMATE OF FERRIE'S WHO WAS UNKEMPT, AND WORE A BEARD AND WAS UNSHAVEN. DO ANY OF THE PEOPLE YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT, WOULD ANY OF THEM FIT THE DESCRIPTION?

MARTENS:

JAMES LEWALLEN COULD POSSIBLY FIT THAT DESCRIPTION VERY WELL. I REMEMBER AT THAT TIME LEWALLEN DID HAVE SOME SORT OF BEARD AND, I WOULDN'T NECESSARILY CALL HIM UNKEMPT, BUT TO SOME PEOPLE THIS MIGHT REPRESENT BEING UNKEMPT. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS I NOTICED, REMEMBERING LEWALLEN HE BEARS A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO THIS MARKED PICTURE OF OSWALD.

QUESTION:

COULD HE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED A ROOMMATE OF FERRIE'S?

MARTENS:

YES HE COULD HAVE POSSIBLY. I THINK HE AND FERRIE DID ROOM TOGETHER SOMETIME MAYBE PRIOR TO THAT, MAYBE AROUND THAT TIME.

QUESTION:

DID YOU KNOW ANYONE AT THAT TIME ASSOCIATED WITH FERRIE NAMED LEON?

MARTENS:

WELL, ER, JIM LEWALLEN'S LAST NAME. SOMETIMES PEOPLE WOULD ADDRESS HIM AS, HEY, LOU ... OR LEE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

ON CAMERA

MCGEE:

The facts are these: Russo said, Oswald, dirty and with a beard, was at the party. That he was Ferrie's roommate. He said the party took place in mid-September. He said Lefty Peterson was there. The two possible dates Peterson gives for the party, November 20th and October 4th make it impossible for the man to have been Oswald. Russo speaks of the roommate's beard. People who knew Oswald say he never had a beard. Peterson says the roommate was at least 2 inches taller than he. But we know Oswald was Peterson's height, and we know that Russo denied knowing Oswald only 3 weeks before he testified. What about the other things Russo said? For Jim Garrison's case to hold up, Clay Shaw using the name of Clay Bertrand must be proved to have been at the party at David Ferrie's apartment as Perry Russo testified.

CLAY SHAW LEAVING
COURTHOUSE

MCGEE: (VO)

Clay Shaw is not an easy man to forget. If Clay Shaw had been present in a room with

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MCGEE: (VO) (Cont'd)

Perry Russo, Lee Oswald and David Ferrie,
it seems likely he would have been noticed.

NILES PETERSON

QUESTION:

DID YOU NOTICE A BIG MAN OF ANY DESCRIPTION,
AN OLDER MAN THERE?

PETERSON:

NO SIR.

QUESTION:

THERE WAS NO ONE OVER 40 ... IN THEIR 40'S
OR 50'S OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

PETERSON:

JUST FERRIE.

QUESTION:

DID YOU EVER HEAR THE NAME CLAY? FIRST
NAME CLAY?

PETERSON:

NO SIR, I NEVER.

QUESTION:

DID YOU EVER HEAR THE NAME BERTRAND?

PETERSON:

NO SIR. NEVER.

QUESTION:

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN CLAY SHAW'S PICTURE?

PETERSON:

YESSIR.

QUESTION:

WAS THE MAN YOU SAW IN THE PICTURE, WAS HE AT THE PARTY THAT NIGHT?

PETERSON:

WHO ... CLAY SHAW?

QUESTION:

YES.

PETERSON:

I DIDN'T SEE HIM.

QUESTION:

CLAY SHAW

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ... WERE YOU AT THAT TIME, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN DAVID FERRIE'S APARTMENT?

SHAW:

NEVER.

QUESTION:

YOU'VE HEARD OF THE NAME CLAY BERTRAND.

SHAW:

I HAVE.

QUESTION:

DO YOU KNOW ANY SUCH PERSON?

SHAW:

I DO NOT.

QUESTION:

CAN YOU STATE WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE CLAY BERTRAND?

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SHAW:

I AM NOT CLAY BERTRAND.

QUESTION:

IN 1963, DID YOU EVER HAVE OCCASION TO MEET OR KNOW LEE HARVEY OSWALD?

SHAW:

NEVER.

QUESTION:

DID YOU EVER HAVE OCCASION TO MEET OR KNOW DAVID W. FERRIE?

SHAW:

I DID NOT.

QUESTION:

DO YOU HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY?

SHAW:

NONE WHATSOEVER.

ON CAMERA

MCGEE:

In October, 1966, he suggested to a lawyer named Dean Andrews, that Andrews could identify Shaw as Bertrand. Jim Garrison has based his case on a certainty that he can prove Clay Shaw is Clay or Clem Bertrand. Andrews said he told Garrison he wouldn't say if Shaw was or was not Clay Bertrand.

DEAN ANDREWS

QUESTION:

IS THE MAN THAT YOU IDENTIFIED IN THE WARREN REPORT AS CLAY BERTRAND THE SAME AS CLAY SHAW?

ANDREWS:

YOU SAY I IDENTIFIED HIM. I DON'T KNOW IF I DID OR DID NOT.

MC GEE: (VO)

Since then, Garrison has taken his former friend, Dean Andrews before the Grand Jury where he's been indicted for perjury. Before that happened, Andrews talked with us.

ANDREWS:

MAN I WOULDN'T KNOW CLAY SHAW IF I FELL ACROSS HIM ON THE STREET, DEAD.

QUESTION:

HAS THE OCCASION ARISEN FOR YOU TO TAKE ... LISTEN TO CLAY SHAW'S VOICE?

ANDREWS:

WELL, YES. UNTIL THIS POPPED UP, THEY HAD HIM ON TELEVISION SO I JUST SHUT MY EYES AND LISTENED TO THE VOICE, AND THAT'S NOT THE VOICE.

QUESTION:

IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT CLAY BERTRAND IS NOT CLAY SHAW?

ANDREWS:

I'M SAYING THAT THE VOICE OF CLAY SHAW IS NOT THE VOICE THAT I IDENTIFY AS CLAY BERTRAND.

QUESTION:

AND YOU HAVE SEEN CLAY BERTRAND ON 2 OR 3 OCCASIONS?

ANDREWS

AAAAH, 2 TIMES.

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QUESTION:

AND YOU HAVE SEEN CLAY SHAW'S PICTURE IN THE NEWS?

ANDREWS:

SINCE THIS HAPPENED, MANY TIMES.

QUESTION:

OK. AND YOU SAY POSITIVELY THAT PERSON YOU KNEW AS CLAY BERTRAND IS NOT THE PERSON YOU HAVE SEEN AS CLAY SHAW?

ANDREWS:

SCOUT'S HONOR. HE IS NOT.

ON CAMERA

MCGEE:

Clay or Clem Bertrand does exist. An NBC NEWS reporter has seen him. Clem Bertrand is not his real name. It is a pseudonym used by a homosexual in New Orleans. For his own protection we will not disclose the real name of the man Andrews knew as Clem Bertrand. His real name has been given to the Department of Justice. He is not Clay Shaw. What then, of Perry Russo's testimony?

WALTER SHERIDAN,
NEWS INVESTIGATOR

SHERIDAN:

IN MY CONVERSATIONS WITH PERRY RUSSO, HE HAS STATED THAT HIS TESTIMONY AGAINST CLAY SHAW MAY BE A COMBINATION OF TRUTH, FANTASY AND LIES. HE SAYS HE WISHES HE HAD NEVER GOTTEN INTO THIS, BUT NOW HE FEELS THAT HE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO GO THROUGH WITH IT. HE SAID HE'S AFRAID IF HE CHANGED HIS TESTIMONY, THAT GARRISON MIGHT INDICT HIM FOR PERJURY. HE SAYS SUPPOSE CLAY SHAW IS CONVICTED? HE GETS 20 YEARS. HE GOES THROUGH HIS APPEALS AND HE'S SITTING DOWN THERE IN PRISON, I MIGHT JUST CALL

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SHERIDAN: (Cont'd)

FROM WHEREVER I AM AND SAY, BRING YOUR FILM
CREWS DOWN, I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY. ON
ONE OCCASION RUSSO SAID, THE HELL WITH
TRUTH, THE HELL WITH JUSTICE. HE SAID
YOU'RE ASKING ME TO SACRIFICE MYSELF FOR
CLAY SHAW, AND I WON'T DO IT.

STATION BREAK

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ON CAMERA

MC GEE:

Only recently has Jim Garrison revealed the extent of the plot that he says brought about the murder of John F. Kennedy.

JIM GARRISON

GARRISON:

THERE WAS A PLAN IN OPERATION IN THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS WHICH HAD ENTIRELY DIFFERENT OBJECTIVES THAN THE KILLING OF THE PRESIDENT. THAT WAS THE LAST THING IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE THAT CAUSED THIS PLAN TO BEGIN. LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS A PART, ASSIGNED A ROLE ESSENTIALLY AS DECOY. I, I THINK I CAN TELL YOU NOW, ER, THAT I KNOW, BUT I FEEL LIKE SAYING FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE'VE KNOWN FOR MANY MONTHS THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA WHICH HE PRETENDED TO BE SO INTERESTED IN WAS A COVER FOR THE OPERATION. OSWALD WAS NOT A COMMUNIST, OSWALD WAS NOT PRO-CASTRO AND ER, AS A RESULT OF THE ER, OPERATION WHICH WAS WORKING HERE IN THE SUMMER OF 1963, A SPIN-OFF OCCURRED, AN UNEXPECTED CHANGE OF DIRECTION OCCURRED WHICH IN THE FALL OF 1963, RESULTED IN THAT LETHAL APPARATUS BEING TURNED AGAINST PRESIDENT KENNEDY. AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED, AND THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SAID IT IN PUBLIC.

ON CAMERA

MC GEE:

Can Jim Garrison prove his increasingly complicated and far-flung case? Until that case is brought to court before a jury, until the evidence is presented, no one can say. We are concerned here only with examining how Garrison has tried to put together that evidence. On May 12th, Garrison announced he had discovered a code. The same numbers and notebooks of Oswald and Shaw, which decoded, were Jack Ruby's private telephone number. This is the number in Oswald's notebook. This is the number in Clay Shaw's notebook. A WDSU REPORTER asked Garrison to explain the code.

JIM GARRISON

QUESTION:

MR. GARRISON, IN LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S DIARY, THE WARREN REPORT SAYS THE NUMBER IN THERE IS DD 19106, HOWEVER, YOU SAY IT'S PO. HOW DO YOU DETERMINE THAT IT'S PO, SIR?

GARRISON:

WELL, IT'S JUST ER, MORE OR LESS BY LOOKIN' AT IT.

MCGEE: (VO)

THOMAS LARSEN

But Russian language experts looking at the page in Oswald's notebook said what Garrison called an O was in fact a Russian D.

NOTEBOOKS

The Odum in Shaw's notebook, Garrison's office indicated was a CIA cover.

LEE ODUM

But then a man named Odum called Garrison from Irving, Texas. He said that he had business dealings with Clay Shaw. He said that this was his Post Office Box. He had rented it in 1966. He said that he had no connection with the CIA.

JIM GARRISON

QUESTION:

WELL, DO YOU STILL THINK THAT THE NUMBER IN LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S NOTEBOOK WAS A JACK RUBY'S PHONE NUMBER?

GARRISON:

IF I THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU, I WOULD ANSWER IT, BUT I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY WAY.

QUESTION:

WELL, MR. GARRISON IF THE P.O. BOX DIDN'T EXIST UNTIL 1965 HOW COULD IT THEN BE JACK RUBY'S PHONE NUMBER?

GARRISON:

WELL THAT'S A PROBLEM FOR YOU TO THINK OVER BECAUSE YOU OBVIOUSLY MISSED THE POINT.

IRWIN MANN,
NEW YORK
UNIVERSITY

MC GEE: (VO)

Irwin Mann is a cryptographer, a professor of mathematics at New York University.

QUESTION:

YOU HAVE EXAMINED THE NUMBERS FOUND IN THE NOTEBOOK OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND CLAY SHAW BY JIM GARRISON'S OFFICE, HAVE YOU NOT?

MANN:

YES, I HAVE.

QUESTION:

AND YOU'VE SEEN THE EXPLANATION GIVEN BY MR. GARRISON THAT THEY ARE A CODE FOR JACK RUBY'S PRIVATE TELEPHONE NUMBER.

MANN:

YES. I HAVE.

QUESTION:

BASED ON YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH CODES AND CRYPTOGRAPHY, HOW WOULD YOU ASSESS MR. GARRISON'S EXPLANATION?

MANN:

I WOULD SAY, THIS IS JUST A GUESS, BUT I REALLY BELIEVE THAT THIS IS NOT AN ENCIPHERMENT OF THAT TELEPHONE NUMBER.

QUESTION:

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN AN ENCIPHERMENT LIKE THIS BEFORE?

MANN:

NO I, I CERTAINLY HAVE NOT. IN PARTICULAR, THE REACHING OF THE PREFIX..WH, FROM A PREFIX PO, IS NOT EVEN UNIQUE.

QUESTION:

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY NOT EVEN UNIQUE?

MANN:

I MEAN THAT, THAT THE FACT THAT THE SUM OF THE CORRESPONDING DIGITS TO THE LETTERS IN THE PREFIX, BEING 13, DOES NOT GIVE ER, A, DOES NOT GIVE ONLY ONE PREFIX, BACK..WHEN YOU GO TO DECIPHER WHAT YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY ENCIPHERED.

QUESTION:

IT COULD GIVE ANY NUMBER?

MANN:

IT COULD GIVE IN THIS CASE, I BELIEVE SIX, SUCH PREFIXES.

QUESTION:

I SEE, IT COULD BE ANY ONE OF SIX PREFIXES AND HE HAS ARBITRARILY SELECTED ONE WHICH FITTED INTO THAT ..

MANN:

ESSENTIALLY, THAT IS WHAT HE HAS DONE.

QUESTION:

IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU HAVE THE ANSWER TO BEGIN WITH, YOU CAN FIND A CODE WHICH WORKS?

MANN:

EXACTLY.

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ON CAMERA

MCGEE:

The people involved in this case are not, as Jim Garrison likes to point out, bank presidents or presidents of the Chamber of Commerce.

PARISH PRISON

Currently serving a term in the New Orleans Parish prison, is John Cancler, who was a burglar.

JOHN CANCLER

The story he tells involves two of Jim Garrison's key staff members, Louis Ivon, and Lyn Loisel.

CANCLER:

MR. IVON CALLED ME UP AND TOLD ME TO MEET, WHERE TO MEET MR. LOISEL AGAIN, 'CAUSE HE WANTS YOU TO TAKE A RIDE WITH ME. MR. LOISEL, HE WAS IN A LIGHT GREY .. A LIGHT CREAM FALCON, WITH A EAGLE ON THE BACK. YOU KNOW IT WASN'T LIKE THE REGULAR DETECTIVE CAR, IT WAS ONE OF THOSE COMPACT CARS. SO ER, HE SAID, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN GET IN AND OUT OF THE HOUSE WITHOUT ANYBODY KNOWING? I SAID, I SAID WELL YOU KNOW I CAN. HE SAID, WE MIGHT WANT YOU TO DO A JOB FOR US. SO, WE PROCEEDED DOWNTOWN, TO DOLPHINE STREET. A WHITE HOUSE WITH A RED DOOR. HE ASKED ME IF I THOUGHT I COULD GET IN THERE. I SAID, WHEN I WAS BURGLARIZING, I SAID, I DIDN'T BAR NOTHIN'. I SAID ER, I COULD GET IN. I SAID, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO? HE SAID, I MIGHT WANT YOU TO PLANT SOMETHING IN THERE, PUT SOMETHING IN THERE. I SAID ER, WELL LISTEN, MAN, I SAID, ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT SETTIN' ME UP TO GET IN ONE OF THOSE WINDOWS AND GET MY HEAD BLOWED OFF? SO, HE SAID NO, AND I SAID, WELL, I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO NOTHIN', YOU KNOW, WITH MY EYES CLOSED. I SAID, WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? HE SAID, CAN'T TELL YA. I SAID, WELL MAN, IF I'M GONNA DO SOMETHING, I'M GONNA BE PART OF IT, I THINK I HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW. SO HE SAID, O WELL, THIS HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH PRESIDENT

CANCLER: (Cont'd)

KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION. I SAID WELL, WHY WOULD YOU WANT ME TO PUT SOMETHING IN THERE? I SAID, MAN, I'M NOT GONNA DO THAT, I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS. I SAID, I DON'T WANT ANY PART OF IT.

QUESTION:

DID HE TELL YOU WHOSE HOUSE IT WAS?

CANCLER:

NO, NO, NO ... HE DIDN'T TELL ME WHOSE HOUSE IT WAS.

QUESTION:

DID YOU LATER FIND OUT?

CANCLER:

SURE I DID.

QUESTION:

WHOSE HOUSE WAS IT?

CANCLER:

CLAY SHAW'S.

MCGEE:

DEAN ANDREWS

Another former ally is Dean Andrews, a lawyer. Andrews knew Clay Bertrand. Lee Oswald was his client. Garrison was sure he could fill in gaps in this case.

QUESTION:

NOW, DID MR. GARRISON AT ONE POINT ASK YOU ABOUT CERTAIN OPERATIONS ACROSS LAKE PONCHETRAIN?

ANDREWS:

ACROSS THE LAKE. YES, I THINK WE DISCUSSED THAT.

QUESTION:

DID HE ASK YOU IF YOU KNEW ANY OF THE
PEOPLE INVOLVED?

ANDREWS:

I THINK HE DID.

QUESTION:

WHAT DID YOU TELL HIM?

ANDREWS:

UMMMM..MANNIE GARCIA GONZALES AND
RICARDO DAVIS.

QUESTION:

DID YOU KNOW MR. GONZALES?

ANDREWS:

NO.

QUESTION:

DID YOU KNOW MR. DAVIS?

ANDREWS:

NO.

QUESTION:

WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE NAMES?

ANDREWS:

OUT OF THE AIR.

QUESTION:

IN OTHER WORDS, THESE NAMES WERE FICTIONAL
AS FAR AS YOU WERE CONCERNED?

ANDREWS:

WELL, I'M TRYING TO SEE IF THIS CAT'S
KOSHER, YOU KNOW?

QUESTION:

SO WHAT..

ANDREWS:

SO, HE'S KOSHER..I DON'T KNOW...

QUESTION:

SO YOU JUST PICKED TWO NAMES OUT OF THE
AIR.

ANDREWS:

RIGHT.

QUESTION:

AND WHY DID YOU DO THAT?

ANDREWS:

WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S UP TO .. HE'S
PICKIN' ME LIKE CHICKEN, SHUCKIN' ME LIKE
CORN, STEWIN' ME LIKE AN OYSTER, I MEAN HE
AIN'T PUTTIN' NOTHIN' DOWN BUT AIR, SO I
GIVE HIM TWO NAMES, SEE WHICH WAY HE'S
GOIN'.

QUESTION:

SO YOU MADE UP TWO NAMES TO SEE WHAT HE
WAS GOING TO DO WITH THEM?

ANDREWS:

RIGHT.

QUESTION:

WHAT DID HE DO WITH THEM?

ANDREWS:

I DON'T KNOW. HE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING YET.

QUESTION:

HAVE YOU HAD ANY OCCASION TO HAVE HIM TALK TO YOU ABOUT EITHER OF THOSE NAMES SINCE THEN?

ANDREWS:

OH, ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO ON A SATURDAY, WE'RE TALKIN' AND HE PICKS UP A WEAPON WITH AN ITEM NUMBER ON IT.

QUESTION:

WHAT KIND OF A WEAPON?

ANDREWS:

PISTOL .. SEMI-AUTOMATIC .. BLACK, PROBABLY 7.6 MM. I DIDN'T EXAMINE IT AND SAYS THAT MANNIE GARCIA GONZALES IN MIAMI OR SOMEPLACE DOWN THERE, GOT BUSTED FOR CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON. AND I TOLD HIM MANNIE GARCIA GONZALES WAS NEVER BUSTED IN HIS LIFE. I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT. HE PUT THE WEAPON BACK DOWN, WE TALKED SOME MORE, AND THAT WAS IT. I LEFT HIM.

QUESTION:

DID HE TELL YOU THAT THIS WAS A WEAPON THAT WAS TAKEN FROM THIS MAN

ANDREWS:

..FROM A MANUEL GARCIA GONZALES..I DON'T KNOW IF THE MANUEL GARCIA GONZALES HE'S TALKIN' ABOUT IS FOR REAL, OR THE MANNIE GARCIA GONZALES IS THE NAME I PULLED OUT OF THE AIR, THAT I COULDN'T SAY.

QUESTION:

WHAT WAS YOUR CONCLUSION FROM THAT CONVERSATION?

ANDREWS:

WELL, IF IT'S THE MANUEL GARCIA GONZALES THAT I TOLD HIM, HE GOT THE RIGHT TA-TA, BUT THE WRONG HO-HO.

MCGEE:

ON CAMERA

We know that Mannie Garcia Gonzales has not been questioned. Many others have. Many have told us that they have been subjected to pressure to give testimony that would build the case against Clay Shaw. Most would not risk saying so publicly. You are going to hear from some who would. None of them has been paid or received any compensation from us for what he is doing.

QUESTION:

SANDRA MOFFITT

DID ANYONE FROM MR. GARRISON'S OFFICE CONTACT YOU? .. BEFORE THIS WARRANT WAS SWORN OUT YESTERDAY?

MOFFITT:

YES.

QUESTION:

WHAT DID THEY ASK YOU?

MOFFITT:

THEY WANTED ME TO GO DOWN TO NEW ORLEANS TO LOOK AT SOME PICTURES.

QUESTION:

DID THEY TRY TO PERSUADE YOU IN ANY WAY? DID THEY OFFER YOU ANYTHING?

MOFFITT:

YES.

QUESTION:

WHAT DID THEY OFFER..?

MOFFITT:

CLOTHING..

QUESTION:

CLOTHING?

MOFFITT:

YES, AND THEN THEY OFFERED ME .. BEST
ROOMS DOWN THERE AND JUST, EVERYTHING.

QUESTION:

ARE YOU AFRAID TO GO BACK TO NEW ORLEANS?

MOFFITT:

IN A SENSE.

QUESTION:

WHY ARE YOU ..?

MOFFITT:

BECAUSE OF MY RECORD DOWN THERE, AFRAID
OF ANYTHING ELSE, NO.

QUESTION:

YOU MEAN YOU'RE AFRAID THEY'LL BRING OUT
SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR PAST?

MOFFITT:

TRY TO.

QUESTION:

MIGUEL TORRES
WITNESS

YOU'RE IN PARISH PRISON NOW UNDER WHAT
CIRCUMSTANCES?

TORRES:

A FEW MONTHS BACK, THEY CALLED ME OUT TO
THE CONTROL CENTER AT ANGOLA, AND THERE
WAS TWO DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S INVESTIGATORS

TORRES: (Cont'd)

WHO CAME TO ME WITH SOME PICTURES IN A BRIEFCASE.

QUESTION:

WHO WERE THEY?

TORRES:

ONE OF 'EM WAS LYN LOISEL AND I FORGOT THE OTHER ONE'S NAME.

QUESTION:

WAS IT LOUIS IVON?

TORRES:

YESSIR, I BELIEVE THAT WAS THE NAME. WELL, MR. LOISEL, THE WAY HE OPENED UP THE CONVERSATION HE ASKED ME WHAT WAS THE THING I WANTED THE MOST, I TOLD HIM NEEDLESS TO SAY, MY FREEDOM. HE SAID, I BELIEVE YOU COULD BE CUT LOOSE RIGHT AWAY, OR I COULD BE MADE TO SERVE THIS WHOLE 9-YEAR SENTENCE. THE WAY HE SAID IT, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY MR. GARRISON, COULD CUT ME LOOSE COMPLETELY. HE SAID HE WAS A VERY POWERFUL MAN AND HE COULD HURT MANY PEOPLE OR HE COULD ALSO HELP 'EM. ALL DEPENDED ON HOW THEY COOPERATED WITH HIM.

QUESTION:

NOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AFTER YOU CAME BACK HERE TO THE PARISH PRISON?

TORRES:

WELL, HE STARTED ASKING ME, YOU SEE I LIVE ON THE 1300 BLOCK ON CHARTRES, WAY BACK WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THE STATES. AND THEN I LIVE ON THE 900 BLOCK OF ESPLANADO YOU SEE WHICH PUTS ME IN A GOOD POSITION AROUND MR. CLAY'S HOUSE. AND HE WANTED ME TO SAY I HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY MR. SHAW

TORRES: (Cont'd)

ON A COUPLE OF OCCASIONS, SEE, AND I REFUSED TO SAY THAT, I TOLD HIM NO, I CAN'T SAY THAT.

QUESTION:

APPROACHED IN WHAT WAY?

TORRES:

HOMOSEXUAL APPROACH, AND HE WANTED ME TO SAY THAT MR. CLAY SHAW WAS CLAY BERTRAND.

QUESTION:

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN APPROACHED BY ANYONE MEETING THAT DESCRIPTION AT ALL?

TORRES:

NO SIR, I HAVE NEVER BEEN APPROACHED BY ANY ONE LIKE THAT.

ON CAMERA

MCGEE:

When he was told what Torres and John Cancler had said, Jim Garrison answered, I wouldn't dignify those people with an answer. Alvin Beauboeuf was brought to Washington by us to submit to a lie detector test. We paid for the test, for his expenses and for his lawyers. We paid nothing more.

ALVIN BEAUBOEUF

QUESTION:

DID YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE LYN LOISEL ATTEMPTED TO BRIBE YOU TO GIVE HIM FALSE INFORMATION CONCERNING PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION?

BEAUBOEUF:

YES.

QUESTION:

AL, I HAVE BEFORE ME WHAT IS REPORTED TO BE THE TRANSCRIPT THAT WAS RECORDED THERE BETWEEN YOUR ATTORNEY, YOURSELF, AND LYN LOISEL. NOW ARE YOU PREPARED TO SAY THAT BASICALLY IT IS A CORRECT TRANSCRIPT OF THE CONVERSATION THAT TOOK PLACE?

BEAUBOEUF:

NOTHING HAS BEEN CUT, IT'S ACCURATE TO EVERY DETAIL.

QUESTION:

I'M GOING TO READ YOU A COUPLE OF PHRASES FROM IT AND I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT IT. THIS IS LYN LOISEL SPEAKING: ... "AND I SAID THE BOSS IS IN A POSITION (HE'S SPEAKING TO YOUR ATTORNEY), THE BOSS IS IN A POSITION TO PUT HIM IN A JOB YOU KNOW, POSSIBLY OF HIS CHOOSING, OF AL'S CHOOSING. ALSO THEY WOULD BE, WE WOULD MAKE A HERO OUT OF HIM INSTEAD OF A VILLAIN, YOU UNDERSTAND. EVERYTHING WOULD BE TO YOUR SATISFACTION. WE CAN CHANGE THE STORY AROUND, YOU KNOW, ENOUGH TO POSITIVELY, BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT, YOU KNOW, ELIMINATE HIM INTO ANY TYPE OF CONSPIRACY, OR WHAT HAVE YOU. LATER ON HE SAYS, AND I QUOTE AGAIN, I WOULD VENTURE TO SAY, WELL YOU KNOW, I'M FAIRLY CERTAIN, WE COULD PUT THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (AND HE SNAPS HIS FINGERS) JUST LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW. I'M SURE WE'D HELP HIM FINANCIALLY, I'M SURE WE'D REAL QUICK, GET HIM A JOB.

NOW, IS THAT BASICALLY THE SUBSTANCE OF THE OFFER THAT WAS MADE IN FRONT OF YOUR ATTORNEY AT THAT POINT BY LYN LOISEL?

BEAUBOEUF:

(OVER THE LAST FEW WORDS) THAT'S CORRECT.

QUESTION:

DO YOU BELIEVE HE WAS ACTING WITH GARRISON'S..

BEAUBOEUF:

YES, MY ATTORNEY ASKED HIM DID, WAS JIM GARRISON AWARE OF HIS PRESENCE AND WHAT HE WAS GOING TO SAY, AND HE SAID YES.

QUESTION:

AFTER, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS TAPE RECORDING THAT HAD BEEN MADE, WHAT HAPPENED?

BEAUBOEUF:

THEY'VE GOT SOME PICTURES OF ME, THAT THEY SAID THEY'D HOLD OVER MY HEAD IF I CAME OUT WITH THIS, THEY THREATENED TO GIVE THESE PICTURES OUT LIKE THEY WERE GOING OUT OF STYLE IF I CAME OUT IN THE OPEN AND SAID, THEY, BROUGHT CHARGES OF BRIBERY, AND ALSO, THAT I MIGHT MAKE HEADLINES AS A, FERRIE'S LOVER.

QUESTION:

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

BEAUBOEUF:

I WENT UP TO HIS OFFICE THE NEXT DAY. AND ER, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY I WAS FORCED, HAVING THIS STUFF HELD OVER MY HEAD, AND THREATENED, TO SIGN A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT I DIDN'T HEAR THEIR ATTEMPT TO BRIBE ME OR ACCEPT MONEY FOR, FOR INFORMATION OR A GUARANTEED JOB ON AN AIRLINE.

QUESTION:

YOU WENT TO A PRIVATE AGENCY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND SUBMITTED TO AN EXTENSIVE POLYGRAPH TEST. DID THE POLYGRAPH OPERATOR TELL YOU WHETHER YOU WERE SHOWN TO BE TELLING THE TRUTH TO ALL THESE QUESTIONS.

BEAUBOEUF:

BEYOND A SHADOW OF DOUBT, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE,
I WAS TELLING THE TRUTH.

ON CAMERA

MCGEE:

The Deputy New Orleans Police Superintendent cleared Loisel and Ivon of Beauboeuf's charges. He said money had been offered to Beauboeuf but that the offer did not violate the police code of conduct because historically police have paid informers. He said that he could find no evidence that Beauboeuf had been threatened.

FRED LEEMANS

This is Fred Leemans. He ran a Turkish Bath on Canal Street in New Orleans.

QUESTION:

HAVE YOU RECENTLY HAD CONTACT WITH THE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN NEW ORLEANS?

LEEMANS:

YES.

QUESTION:

COULD YOU TELL ME ABOUT THAT?

LEEMANS:

WELL, I RECEIVED A CALL AT MY PLACE, I'M NOW IN BUSINESS IN SLIDELL BY A MAN WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A MR. ROBERT E. LEE WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN NEW ORLEANS. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO ME, BUT NOT ON THE PHONE AND WANTED TO KNOW WHEN IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR ME TO COME TO THE OFFICE. HE SAID DID I KNOW CLAY SHAW? AND I SAID, WELL, I KNEW HIM. HE SAID, DID HE USED TO COME UP TO YOUR PLACE AND I SAID WELL, SOME OF THE TIMES, YES. AND HE SAID DID HE USE THE NAME CLAY BERTRAND AND I TOLD HIM THAT I COULDN'T BE SURE THAT HE EVER USED THAT NAME BECAUSE I DIDN'T REMEMBER NAMES TOO GOOD, OR DATES. AND HE SAID IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO THEM IF I COULD REMEMBER ANY OF

LEEMANS: (Cont'd)

THAT. AND I SAID, WELL, I DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN ANYTHING LIKE THIS, I SAID I'M TRYING TO GET A LEASE ON A BUILDING IN NEW ORLEANS NOW, IF I COULD RAISE THE MONEY FOR IT. I SAID I THINK IT WOULD MAKE A FIN NIGHT CLUB AND A PRIVATE CLUB. AND HE SAID WELL, I'M SURE THAT IF YOU HELP US THAT WE CAN HELP YOU AND YOU WILL GET THE PLACE THAT YOU WANT. SO THEN HE ASKED ME QUESTIONS ABOUT, COULDN'T I REMEMBER THAT CLAY SHAW USED THE NAME OF CLAY BERTRAND WHEN HE CAME TO THE BATHS. AND ER, THE WAY HE ASKED THAT I FIGURED HE WANTED A YES, SO I TOLD HIM YES. AND ER, HE ASKED ME WAS THERE ANY OTHER PEOPLE THAT CLAY SHAW, HE KEPT SAYING CLAY BERTRAND CAME UP WITH AND I SAID THERE'S ONE YOUNG FELLOW AND HE SAID WOULD HIS NAME HAVE BEEN LEE? AND HE SAID THAT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TOO. SO I SAID YES, THERE'S ONE MAN THAT HE CALLED LEE. SO HE SAID, WAIT HERE, MR. GARRISON SHOULD BE IN ON THE REST OF THIS. SO HE BROUGHT MR. GARRISON IN AND HE INTRODUCED HIM TO ME AND HE ASKED, COULDN'T THIS YOUNG FELLOW HE SAYS, COULDN'T YOU REMEMBER THAT HE HAD A GOATEE, OR A LITTLE BEATNIK TYPE OF BEARD.

QUESTION:

A BEARD?

LEEMANS:

YES, UH HUH. AND I SAID YES, I CAN REMEMBER THAT AND THEN I TOLD MR. GARRISON RIGHT OUT WHAT MY PLANS WERE IN TRYING TO RAISE MONEY FOR THIS CLUB, WHAT WOULD BE A PRIVATE CLUB HERE IN NEW ORLEANS AND HE SAID HE WAS SURE THAT I WOULD GET IT AND HE SAID ANYWAY AT ALL THAT HE COULD HELP HE WOULD. PEOPLE THAT HELPED HIM HE TOOK CARE OF.

QUESTION:

WAS THERE ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY MENTIONED?

LEEMANS:

YES, I TOLD HIM THAT I NEEDED 2500 DOLLARS.

QUESTION:

WHAT DID HE SAY ABOUT THAT?

LEEMANS:

HE SAID HE WAS SURE I WOULDN'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE GETTING THAT MONEY.

QUESTION:

WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT?

LEEMANS:

THEN MR. GARRISON SAID WE WANT TO GET ALL THIS DOWN IN A STATEMENT, HE SAID HE'D SEND A STENOGRAPHER IN. MR. LEE AND I SAT DOWN TO MAKE THE STATEMENT. WELL, I COULDN'T REMEMBER EVERYTHING AFTER WE STARTED THE STATEMENT SO MR. LEE WOULD ASK ME QUESTIONS. HIS QUESTIONS WOULD BE, FOR INSTANCE, IF I DIDN'T REMEMBER TOO GOOD, HE WOULD SAY, WELL WOULD HE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS OR THAT?

QUESTION:

THE STATEMENT WAS THEN TYPED UP?

LEEMANS:

YES.

QUESTION:

AND YOU SIGNED IT.

LEEMANS:

I SIGNED IT BUT THEN I DID NOT HAVE IT SWORN TO.

QUESTION:

WHO WAS THERE WHEN YOU SIGNED IT?

LEEMANS:

I BELIEVE MR. WARD WAS, AND MR. LEE AND THE STENOGRAPHER.

QUESTION:

WHAT HAPPENED THEN?

LEEMANS:

THE LAST TIME I WAS DOWN THERE, MR. LEE TOLD ME, HE SAID FRED, I'M SURE MR. GARRISON IS GOING TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU BECAUSE HE ALWAYS HELPS PEOPLE WHO HELP HIM, BUT, HE SAID, ANYTHING THAT HAS TO DO WITH MONEY MATTERS IN GIVING YOU ANY MONEY, CAN NOT BE DONE IN FRONT OF ANYBODY ELSE HE SAID, BECAUSE THAT WOULDN'T LOOK GOOD, HE SAID, SO YOU'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO JUST TALK TO HIM PERSON TO PERSON, 'CAUSE THAT WAY THERE ARE NO WITNESSES TO IT, WHATEVER DEAL YOU TWO MAKE. SO I WENT ON BACK TO SLIDELL, AND I DID NOT CALL MR. IVON, AND I GOT TO THINKING ABOUT THIS PRETTY BAD, AND IT JUST STRUCK ME WHAT THEY WANTED ME TO DO, AND THE MORE I THOUGHT ABOUT IT IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT TO SWEAR SOMEBODY'S LIFE AWAY AND RUIN THE REST OF THEIR LIFE ON FALSE TESTIMONY, NO MATTER WHAT WAS OFFERED.

QUESTION:

NOW WHEN YOU SAY IT WASN'T TRUE, LET'S GO BACK. DID YOU EVER KNOW CLAY SHAW AS CLAY BERTRAND?

LEEMANS:

NO.

QUESTION:

WHEN YOU TOLD THEM THAT A YOUNG MAN NAMED LEE CAME UP THERE WITH CLAY SHAW, THAT WAS NOT TRUE.

LEEMANS:

NO, IT WASN'T.

QUESTION:

AND THEY KNEW IT WASN'T TRUE.

LEEMANS:

WELL, I WOULD FIGURE THAT TOO BECAUSE MR. LEE PREVIOUSLY HAD ASKED ME DIDN'T I REMEMBER THESE DIFFERENT THINGS AND IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF I REMEMBERED THEM.

QUESTION:

BUT IN SPITE OF THAT, YOU DID PUT ALL OF THESE THINGS IN THE STATEMENT BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT THAT WAS WHAT THEY WANTED IN THE STATEMENT, AND YOU THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP YOURSELF THAT WAY.

LEEMANS:

YES, UM HM...

QUESTION:

WOULD YOU SAY THAT ALL OF THE PERTINENT ANSWERS THAT YOU GAVE WERE ANSWERS THAT WERE SUGGESTED TO YOU BY LEADING QUESTIONS?

LEEMANS:

YES, DEFINITELY. BECAUSE OTHERWISE I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT INFORMATION THEY WANTED.

QUESTION:

AND THEY TOLD YOU THIS STATEMENT THAT YOU SIGNED IS NOW IN MR. GARRISON'S PRIVATE SAFE?

LEEMANS:

YES.

QUESTION:

ARE YOU GIVING THIS STATEMENT TO US FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY?

LEEMANS:

FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY. IN FACT, I HAVE HINTED TO YOU AND, THAT I COULD USE SOME HELP, AND YOU'VE TOLD ME FRANKLY THAT THERE'S NO WAY, SHAPE OR FORM THAT YOU COULD GIVE ME ANY MONETARY ASSISTANCE.

QUESTION:

ARE YOU WILLING THAT WE SHOW THIS ON TELEVISION?

LEEMANS:

YES, IF IT WILL HELP CORRECT THE WRONG THAT I'VE DONE MR. SHAW IN GIVING THAT STATEMENT AND SIGNING IT TO MR. GARRISON, WHY, GO AHEAD.

ON CAMERA

MCGEE:

Yesterday, Fred Leemans mailed a letter to Jim Garrison. In it, Leemans said that the statement he had signed concerning Clay Shaw, was not true.

We cannot say that the murder of John F. Kennedy did not happen the way Jim Garrison says it did.

We cannot say he does not have the evidence to prove it.

We can say this:

The case he has built against Clay Shaw is based on testimony that did not pass a lie detector test Garrison ordered --- and Garrison knew it. Our prospective witness admitted in advance he was going to lie.

MCGEE: (Cont'd)

Members of Garrison's staff, in trying to strengthen the case against Shaw, have threatened and offered inducements to potential witnesses.

The results of his four months of public investigation have been to damage reputations, to spread fear and suspicion and, worst of all, to exploit the nation's sorrow and doubts about President Kennedy's death.

Jim Garrison has said: "Let justice be done though the heavens fall. We seek the truth in this case."

So do we.

Goodnight.