

MEMO ON LOUISIANA LEADS

When I visited Ray on March 30, 1973 he gave me a Baton Rouge phone number in code. He also handed me a three page typed statement recounting attempts by Jerry Ray and others to obtain information relating to the person connected with this number.

The Baton Rouge phone book confirms that the number in question is that of Herman A. Thompson, a parish deputy sheriff. According to Jimmy, Jerry's investigation established that Thompson is a "leg man" for Grady Partin.

The Birmingham Documents which I obtained from Hanes last October contain leads which relate to this one. The Hanes Memo on items of evidence he examined on discovery has part of a New Orleans phone number and a New Orleans address seeminly connected with it. The New Orleans phone number can be read several different ways, as it is only a partial number: 523-57_; or 523-57__; or 523-5718, for example. This number apparently derives from a number Jimmy jotted down on a map, but which Hanes could not decipher.

The New Orleans City Directory for 1967 lists 5 apartments at the 1808 Carondelet address which is written next to the above phone number. The occupants of these apartments and their phone numbers, where given, are:

1. Frederick Bauman 523-0573
2. Vacant
3. Vacant
4. Howe A. Thompson
5. Benny Johnson

No phone number is given for the Howe A. Thompson in apartment No. 4. However, the phone number given for Frederick Bauman in apartment No. 1 seems to match the partial phone number which Hanes noted in his memo. This suggests that the Howe A. Thompson in apartment No. 4 is either a relative or an alias of the Herman A. Thompson in Baton Rouge. More than coincidence is required to explain the fact that two H. A. Thompsons, one in Baton Rouge and the other in New Orleans, are linked to phone numbers or addresses supplied by Jimmy.

The 1967 Blue Book lists two names under the 523-0573 phone number: Frederick Bauman and Mrs. R. S. Delay. This adds another note of intrigue. Although Mrs. Delay is not listed as a tenant at 1808 Carondelet, she was listed at the 523-0573 number at least as early as 1964. The 1967 City Directory lists her as:

Rev. Rebecca A. Delay (Wid. John M.)
 Pastor Silent Prayer Temple
 Home 2400 Magnolia Street

Also interesting is the fact that the 1968 City Directory indicates that Howe A. Thompson and Benny Johnson were no longer residing at the 1808 Carondelet address. The 1968 listings are:

1. Frederick Bauman
2. Frank Burns — BUANS
3. Vacant
4. Howe A. Thompson
5. Vacant

Frank Burns, though not listed in the 1967 directory, was actually a former tenant who had returned. The 1966 listings are:

1. Frederick Bauman
2. Frank Burns
3. Vacant
4. Howe A. Thompson
5. Vacant

The 1972 phone book lists two Frederick Baumans:

Frederick Bauman
3529 St. Claude Ave.
944-6842

Frederick J. Bauman
3105 Houma Blvd.
Metairie
885-7716

There is no Delay listing in the 1972 phone book and no 523-0573 number in the Blue Book for that year. However, the 1972 phone book does list a;

Hayes Thompson
1117 N. Rampart
523-5387

Neither the Frederick Bauman phone number (944-6842) nor the Hayes Thompson number (523-5387) are listed in the 1972 Blue Book.

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