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Noyes' letter of 4/16/72 I've not read his book and won't soon. There is almost nothing not more worthy of the time. However, I will read it. Graf 4 is marked, "Magell as LHO's agent. I simply don't believe it and regard it as close to impossible except for the pre-USSR period. I have no doubt about Magell's past but I also have no doubt he flipped and at that point became a liability."

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Dear Bud:

Many thanks for the gracious use of your time. Nothing like having a non-paying client.

First off, all of the derogatory referense to Garrison were eliminated some time ago if that's of any consolation. That was done with the editor of Nash. However, we decided you should see an untouched copy. I'm greatly appreciative of your help. But it's my honest opinion that Nash will never publish.

In answer yto your questions:

1.) Fernando Faura, a free-lance reporter who has quite a good reputation is one of those suing for the 10 volumes. I can't remember the name of his attorney. The other was Theodore Charach represented by Godfrey Isaac. Unfortunately, Issac has been all but dropped from Sirhan's defense team and I don't think he'll pursue the matter. Understand Isaac is quite discouraged. In the appeal McKissack made no reference to a conspiracy, but rather asked that the sentence be reduced -- most desirably to second degree murder.

2) The Brading trip to Houston is a mystery. He's the one who told LAPD he went to Houston directly after Dealey Plaza. That was confirmed by the parole officer in Houston -- Miggins -- but he had no idea where Brading stayed, what he did or whom he saw. He knew Brading was in Houston because he found a note under his door from the mystery man of Dealey Plaza.

3) All I know about the trips to New Orleans is that they were made. Sam Barrett was Brading's parole officer here. I can't recall the exact dates at this moment, but I can query Barrett again. Unfortunately, his superior -- the man who allowed me to see the Brading file -- was fired. But as I recall, the date was in mid-September and Brading told Barrett he was going to New Orleans to do some business and would share an office with Vernon Main Jr. This was not Brading's normal pattern. Normally he went directly from Houston to Opelousas. I was quite surprised when he popped up in New Orleans at the time crucial to the Garrison investigation.

\* || 4) Do you think there's any doubt that Nagell was the CIA agent assigned to LHO? That's what LAPD Intelligence swore to me. They have a contact -- a girl who was extremely close to Nagell. They maintain he's still with the CIA. Extensive research by the department on this matter convinced me that Nagell was what he said he was.

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It has often crossed my mind that Brading could have been connected with the Ray case. As I recall you seemed to think Ray was hustling narcotics across the border. If you'll look at those documents on La Costa you'll see reference to Tony Alessio, who currently is in the federal pen for tax evasion. Alessio controlled everything that crossed the border. The La Costa boys couldn't make a deal unless Tony dealt them in. I haven't dug too deeply in that regard.

Talk about the poor man's CIA. Greg Roberts is convinced you, myself, Sprague, Smith et al are CIA operatives. That kid has been driving me crazy with unsolicited letters, phone calls etc. He sent a letter to my house with the words: "Beware of the Doctor" on the front of the envelope. On the back he had all my previous addresses listed and my phone numbers as well. Frightened the hell out of my wife. In any event, I had to tell him to get lost. He's a bright young man but very peculiar, a trait quite common to most of the assassination buffs in L.A.

Finally, I've gone to work for ABC here in Los Angeles. It's an excellent job. I'd sure like you to let out the word about that Al Fatah doctor at CBS. Make a helluva story. Glad you stopped watching the Cronkite crowd. We're going to slaughter them.

Again many thanks for your help. As I said, I think Nash will bail out but so what? Let's keep in touch, and if the book actually comes out don't forget to bill me. I forgot to ask. Can I afford you?

Best personal regards

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