

Secret Service Memos of 12/19/66 and 2/20 and 3/30/67, Garrison witnesses HW 5/11/77

That Dean Andrews and David Ferrie should seek the Secret Service out to report Garrison's interest in them seems exceptional.

These memos show both did. They say so.

They and the FBI were taking no chances with one of these characters issuing embarrassing statements. The FBI pretended it had no interest in Ferrie. I have the notes of reporters present in the FBI office when agents, Ferrie and reporters were having a great time.

The December memo shows that there was official knowledge of what Garrison was up to before the story broke. As I remember that date it was 2/14/67.

Andrews, whose truthfulness is always in question, told me the first time Garrison spoke to him was in September. Garrison says he didn't get the idea of his "probe" until November.

I believe Andrews said then SAIV John Rice and he were friends. He asked for and was given Rice's number. Rice had gone up to be an inspector. I am pretty sure Andrews knew Rice would not be carrying the "field notes" around in his pockets.

The 12/19 memo shows that Andrews knew how to reach Rice at his home. He had phoned Rice at his home 12/13

Ferrie contact/^{ad}NO SS 12/16. I believe it is not likely ~~that it~~ ^{did} not ~~exist~~ file/ anything for so long.

It may mean nothing but the SS willingness to listen to Andrews when the FBI said it had no interest is a little out of the ordinary.

Memorandum

CO-2-34,030

TO : Director
Attention: Assistant Director, Investigations

DATE: March 30, 1967

FROM : SAIC Herman - New Orleans

M. C. B. P.
SAIC

SUBJECT: Lee Harvey Oswald

Reference is made to my memorandum dated February 20, 1967, concerning efforts to interview Attorney Dean Adams Andrews, Jr., and the subsequent decision to refer Mr. Andrews to the Federal Bureau of Investigation with any information he had about the assassination of President Kennedy.

On March 29, 1967, Mr. Andrews telephoned this office requesting an interview with an agent.

In my absence, ASAIC Short discussed this matter by telephone with Assistant Director Kelley and was advised to notify the local office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and determine whether, for any reason, they desired to have Mr. Andrews interviewed.

SA Art Wall, in the absence of SAIC Rightmyer, FBI, New Orleans, was furnished with this information and he advised they were not conducting any investigation and would have no interest in an interview with Mr. Andrews.

On March 30, 1967, in a telephone conversation between ASAIC Short and Mr. Kelley it was decided that no effort would be made to interview Andrews, however, if he desired to come into the office a record would be made of any information he wished to furnish. Mr. Andrews was interviewed by telephone and he said he was going to Washington, D. C., on March 31, 1967, and would appreciate it if he could be furnished Inspector John Rice's telephone number. He declined to say whether he had any information of value concerning the assassination and stated that he only wanted the "field notes" of the investigation made by this Service at the time of the assassination. He stated that he felt this might be of value if he was tried on the state perjury case pending against him. He indicated that Orleans Parish Attorney Garrison was trying to get him to identify Defendant Clay Shaw as a man known as Clay Bertrand, and also identify an undisclosed "Latin type" as a "Mexican" who had been in his (Andrews') office on one occasion.

This information was furnished to Assistant Director Kelley who advised that Inspector Rice was presently out of the Washington area and would not be back on March 31. Mr. Kelley also advised that the assassination investigation would be



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available in the National Archives and Mr. Andrews could obtain the necessary information from that source.

This same date Mr. Andrews was furnished the information concerning Inspector Rice and the availability of the information through the National Archives.

A. W. Herman
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Special Agent in Charge

cc : ATD Peterson
SAIC. Towns, Intelligence Division

Memorandum

U. S. SECRET SERVICE

CO-2-34,030

DATE: December 19, 1966

: AD Kelley

: SAIC Herman - New Orleans


ECT: Lee Harvey Oswald - Information furnished by Attorney Dean Andrews
Andrews, Jr., New Orleans

This is to confirm long distance call received from Inspector John W. Rice on December 14, 1966, advising of a call received at his home at approximately 5:30 P. M., December 13, 1966, from New Orleans Attorney Dean Adams Andrews, Jr., previously interviewed in this case, subject of report dated December 6, 1963, by Mr. Rice who was then Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Office. Inspector Rice stated that Mr. Andrews claimed to have some new information to indicate that Oswald had acted as an agent for someone else and stated he "is now 40% sure that he knows the identity of the person who was responsible for Oswald killing President Kennedy".

Inspector Rice stated he had discussed this matter with you and that you desired report in the case be forwarded for your attention and then to the Intelligence Division.

Several attempts were made last week to reach Attorney Andrews but he was not available at his office. We succeeded in reaching him at his home today and found that he is ill. He was not overly cooperative and requested that interview with him be deferred until a later date.

Report will be submitted when the interview can be completed.


A. W. Herman
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Intelligence Division
Inspector Rice

AD Kelley

February 20, 1967

SAIG Herman - New Orleans

Lee Harvey Oswald

This is to confirm FTS phone conference of February 17, 1967, with you, ATD Peterson, and the writer concerning the present investigation in the Oswald case being conducted by the Orleans Parish District Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana. ATD Peterson requested that all articles appearing in New Orleans in this regard be transmitted for his personal attention.

The articles appearing in the Times-Picayune and the New Orleans States-Item for February 17 through 20, 1967, are attached with copy of this memorandum directed to ATD Peterson.

Several of the articles make mention of David W. Ferrie who has been questioned by the District Attorney's Office. For your information, Mr. Ferrie was the subject of a report submitted by SA Anthony E. Gerrets, New Orleans, dated December 13, 1963.

For your further information, Mr. Ferrie contacted the New Orleans Office on December 16, 1966, to advise that he had been subpoenaed to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury at 9:30 A. M. the previous day, December 15, 1966. He stated the subpoena did not state the nature of the case for which he was being subpoenaed and on his arrival at the Orleans Parish Court House, he was escorted to the office of Assistant District Attorney Ward where he was interviewed by another Assistant District Attorney by the name of Volz. He said he did not appear before a Grand Jury. He said he was advised that they had been going through the Oswald file because of recent newspaper items and found their investigation to be incomplete, partly because of the absence of a signed statement from Ferrie. He stated they questioned him in great detail regarding the matter but he could add nothing to the information he previously furnished which is reflected in this file.

My O/I dated December 19, 1966, to you reflected attempts to interview Attorney Dean Adams-Andrews, Jr., who had contacted Inspector Rice by telephone to indicate he was then "40% sure that he knew the identity of the person who was responsible for Oswald killing President Kennedy". As stated in that memorandum, Attorney Andrews was ill at that time and requested an interview with him be delayed. Further efforts to contact him were without result until last week when an arrangement was made to interview him today, February 20, 1967.

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You advised that in view of the circumstances, the interview with Andrews should not be conducted and if he contacts this office he should be advised to furnish any information he has to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. As of this time, 3:40 P. M., February 20, 1967, he has made no contact with this office.

No further investigation is contemplated by this office and any additional articles that appear in the local press will be transmitted to ATD Peterson.



A. W. Herman
Special Agent in Charge

cc: ✓ Intelligence Division
ATD Peterson
w/attachments