

GRADY PARTIN
JOHN GEORGE
MORRIS BROWNLEE

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About 12/11/67, when I was in New Orleans, I spoke to a reporter named Dixon who is now with the Baton Rouge newspaper and who has had 30 years of reporting experience.

He answered the phone in the newspaper office the time of Morris' arrest. It was not a call to him, but he answered the phone because he was there and it rang. It was Partin, who said he was calling because they could get a good picture. He gave what Dixon described as a "garbled" version of the arrest, identified Morris and said he'd bail him out.

Dixon thinks Partin was up to a "red-herring deal". He told Dixon he had already called radio and TV. He gave no reason for bailing Morris out. He also told Dixon that in order to be sure the picture could be made, "I won't give him the money until the photographer gets here".

George

~~MORRIS~~ had phoned me to report the arrest, of which Sciambra and I had heard by phone from Sargent Fitcher. I had gathered from Fitcher that both had been arrested, Morris on a tag-switching charge and George because he had threatened to blow up Ball Brothers.

George told me that he had indeed said something to this effect and that it was his belief, that Partin had offered him the money to bail Morris out (he didn't know why unless maybe he was a kind fellow), and that no charges had been placed against him. Because he had always spoken unfavorably against Partin, who he seems to have been working against, his explanation lacks reasonableness.

George also said that there had been a big play on this on Baton Rouge TV, including the appearance of Walter Sheridan to identify the two men as investigators for your office. He said he was getting time for response from the CBS station.