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Harold Weisberg
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Frederick, Maryland 21702

Dear Harold,

Tramp, tramp, tramp the tramps are marching. Enclosed find the arrest records of the three tramps plus two others. Mary and I have been looking into it. The "nut cases" are complaining that they were told the tramps were never arrested so why were arrest records found? Well, our friends Ray and Mary LaFontaine (Desperado Productions) actually found the records. What they didn't say was that those documents were part of a 1989 release! Yep there was not much fanfare when the papers were turned over to city hall. It took Stone's movie to spark enough interest to have people take a look.

I think it went something like this. Vaughan and Wise pulled the three out of a gondola car about 1:50 PM. They took them to Harkness who told Wise and Bass to take them to the sheriffs office and Harold Elkins. Elkins claimed he turned them over to Fritz. Fritz said the Dallas Police checked them out and let them go. Now Harkness testified (Warren Commission) that they were arrested. But this was pre-Miranda so how would he know. Harkness was still in the rail yards when the trio were finally brought to DPD. Note they were tossed in jail at 4 PM.

There they languished for a few days . I believe there was so much going on that the police forgot about them. When the error was discovered they were let out. LaFontaine made a big deal over no arrest number and no thumb print. Notice that even the typed arrest forms don't have that information. Jim Leavelle says they didn't use that portion of the form anyway.

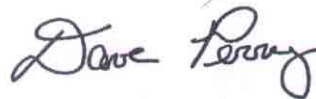
Well here's what I found. I believe Gus Abrams died

in 1987. Just before he arrived in Dallas that fateful day, he had been released from the Ohio State Pen. The record shows a date of birth that looks like Sept. 29, 1910. The Abrams I found had a d/o/b of Sept. 29, 1912. His address in 1987 was Newark, Ohio. I think Gedney is living in Melbourne, Florida. I am still working on him. Mary had great success with Doyle. Of course his address was shown as Red Jacket, W.Va. I understand he lives on the west coast - No he's not Holt - and has an attorney from Albany, New York.

Joe West has started up the Roscoe White stuff again. I am sure you know Giancana has written a book "Double Cross" in which he names Oswald, White, Tippit and others as shooters. I don't know who sold them on that old chestnut but it is getting a lot of play down here.

I have made three trips to city hall to look at the records. Enclosed is some of the fruits of my labor. Enjoy.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Perry". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dave Perry

ARREST REPORT
ON
INVESTIGATIVE PRISONER

FIRST NAME GUS		MIDDLE NAME W.	LAST NAME ABRAMS		DATE NOV 22, 63	TIME 4:15 PM	BY, THUMB PRINT
RACE WHITE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COLORED <input type="checkbox"/>	SEX MALE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>	AGE 53	DATE OF BIRTH 12-29-10	HOME ADDRESS 1102			
ADDRESS WHERE ARREST MADE ELM & HOUSTON			TYPE PREMISES (IF BUSINESS, GIVE TRADE NAME ALSO) T-50 RAILROAD YARDS				
CHARGE ROBBERY - 1st DEGREE				BUSINESS WHERE ARREST MADE HAS: DREG LICENSE <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUOR LICENSE <input type="checkbox"/> STATE LICENSE <input type="checkbox"/> L.I.C. NO.			
HOW ARREST MADE ON VIEW <input type="checkbox"/> CALL <input type="checkbox"/> WARRANT <input type="checkbox"/>			LOCATION OF OFFENSE (IF OTHER THAN PLACE OF ARREST)				
COMPLAINANT (NAME-RACE-SEX-AGE)		HOME ADDRESS-PHONE NO.		BUSINESS ADDRESS-PHONE NO.			
WITNESS		HOME ADDRESS-PHONE NO.		BUSINESS ADDRESS-PHONE NO.			
WITNESS		HOME ADDRESS-PHONE NO.		BUSINESS ADDRESS-PHONE NO.			
PROPERTY PLACED IN POUND (MAKE, MODEL, LICENSE NO. OF AUTO)				PROPERTY PLACED IN PROPERTY ROOM			
NAMES OF OTHERS ARRESTED AT SAME TIME IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAME OR SIMILAR OFFENSE HAROLD DOYLE WIMB38 JOHN I. HEDNOY WIMB38							
NAME OF AND/OR INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER SUSPECTS NOT APPREHENDED							
OTHER DETAILS OF THE ARREST							
<p>THOSE MEN WERE TAKEN OFF A TRAMWAY BOY CAR IN THE RAIL YARDS RIGHT AFTER PASSENGER TRAIN WAS SHOT. THESE MEN ARE PASSING THROUGH TOWN. THEY HAVE NO JOBS OR ANY MEANS OF MAKING A LIVING.</p>							
CHECK ALL ITEMS WHICH APPLY: DRUNK <input type="checkbox"/> DRINKING <input type="checkbox"/> CURSED <input type="checkbox"/> RESISTED <input type="checkbox"/> FOUGHT <input type="checkbox"/> INJURED BEFORE ARREST <input type="checkbox"/> INJURED DURING OR AFTER ARREST <input type="checkbox"/> OFFICER(S) INJURED <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL REPORT <input type="checkbox"/>							
ARRESTING OFFICER W. T. Chambers		I. D. NO. 1057		ARRESTING OFFICER		I. D. NO.	
OTHER OFFICER		I. D. NO.		OTHER OFFICER		I. D. NO.	
INVESTIGATION ASSIGNED TO		CHARGE FILED		FILED BY		DATE	
DATE, TIME TO GO TO JAIL		RELEASED BY Beck 11-26-63		DATE, TIME		COURT	
N.S. BOND BY 92		DATE, TIME		COURT		DATE, TIME	
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ARREST REPORT
ON
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FIRST NAME John	MIDDLE NAME FORREST	LAST NAME McDOWY	DATE Nov 29 53	TIME 4:30	BY, THUMB PRINT
RACE WHITE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COLORED <input type="checkbox"/>	SEX MALE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>	AGE 38	DATE OF BIRTH 3/19/15	HOME ADDRESS	
ADDRESS WHERE ARREST MADE ELM & HOUSTON		TYPE PREMISES (IF BUSINESS, GIVE TRADE NAME ALSO) TWP RAILROAD YARDS			
CHARGE Ar. on VAG. ROBBERY		BUSINESS WHERE ARREST MADE HAS: GUN LICENSE <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUOR LICENSE <input type="checkbox"/> STATE LIC. NO. <input type="checkbox"/>			
HOW ARREST MADE ON VIEW <input type="checkbox"/> CALL <input type="checkbox"/> WARRANT <input type="checkbox"/>		LOCATION OF OFFENSE (IF OTHER THAN PLACE OF ARREST)			
COMPLAINANT (NAME-RACE-SEX-AGE)	HOME ADDRESS-PHONE NO.	BUSINESS ADDRESS-PHONE NO.			
WITNESS	HOME ADDRESS-PHONE NO.	BUSINESS ADDRESS-PHONE NO.			
WITNESS	HOME ADDRESS-PHONE NO.	BUSINESS ADDRESS-PHONE NO.			
PROPERTY PLACED IN POUND (MAKE, MODEL, LICENSE NO. OF AUTO)		PROPERTY PLACED IN PROPERTY ROOM			
NAMES OF OTHERS ARRESTED AT SAME TIME IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAME OR SIMILAR OFFENSE HAROLD POOLE WIN/53 - BUS W. ABRAMS WIN/53					
NAME OF AGENCY OR INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER SUSPECTS NOT APPREHENDED					

OTHER DETAILS OF THE ARREST

These men were taken off a
BOY CAR IN THE RAILROAD YARDS
RIGHT AFTER PO'S McINDOY WAS
SHOT. They are passing through
TOWN. They have no friends
OF SUPPORT

CHECK ALL ITEMS WHICH APPLY:
 DRUNK DRINKING CURSED RESISTED FOUGHT INJURED BEFORE ARREST INJURED DURING OR AFTER ARREST OFFICER(S) INJURED SPECIAL REPORT

ARRESTING OFFICER W-S. CHARNOIS	I. D. NO. 1081	ARRESTING OFFICER	I. D. NO.
OTHER OFFICER	I. D. NO.	OTHER OFFICER	I. D. NO.

INVESTIGATION ASSIGNED TO	CHARGE FILED	FILED BY	DATE	DATE - TIME TO CO. JAIL
RELEASED BY Beck	DATE - TIME 11-26-53 9:30 AM	N.C. BOND BY	DATE - TIME	COURT

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ARREST REPORT
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FIRST NAME HAROLD		MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME DOYLE		DATE Nov 22 1963	TIME 10:00 PM	I. D. NUMBER	BY THUMB PRINT	
RACE WHITE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COLORED <input type="checkbox"/>		SEX MALE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>	AGE 32	DATE OF BIRTH 13-8-30	HOME ADDRESS ROD JACKET 1 West Virginia				
ADDRESS WHERE ARREST MADE Elm & HOUSTON			TYPE PREMISES (IF BUSINESS, GIVE TRADE NAME ALSO) RAILROAD YARDS						
CHARGE In-Co. Vag. & Robbery			BUSINESS WHERE ARREST MADE HAS:			STATE LIC. NO.			
HOW ARREST MADE ON VIEW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CALL <input type="checkbox"/> WARRANT <input type="checkbox"/>			LOCATION OF OFFENSE (IF OTHER THAN PLACE OF ARREST)						
COMPLAINANT (NAME-RACE-SEX-AGE)			HOME ADDRESS-PHONE NO.			BUSINESS ADDRESS-PHONE NO.			
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PROPERTY PLACED IN BOUND (MAKE, MODEL, LICENSE NO. OF AUTO)				PROPERTY PLACED IN PROPERTY ROOM					
NAMES OF OTHERS ARRESTED AT SAME TIME IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAME OR SIMILAR OFFENSE GUS W. AARAMS 11/15/63 JOHN FORRISTER JERRY WIMB									
NAME OF AND/OR INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER SUSPECTS NOT APPREHENDED									
OTHER DETAILS OF THE ARREST									
<p><i>These men were seen getting on a taxi car on a train right after President Kennedy was shot. These men are all present through - they have no IDs etc.</i></p>									
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ARRESTING OFFICER W-S. CHAMBERS			I. D. NO. 1087			ARRESTING OFFICER			I. D. NO.
OTHER OFFICER			I. D. NO.			OTHER OFFICER			I. D. NO.
INVESTIGATION ASSIGNED TO		CHARGE FILED		FILED BY		DATE		DATE-TIME TO CO. JAIL	
RELEASED BY Butch		DATE-TIME 11-26-63 9:30		H.C. BOND BY		DATE-TIME		COURT DATE TIME	
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ARREST REPORT
ON
INVESTIGATIVE PRISONER

FIRST NAME John	MIDDLE NAME Franklin	LAST NAME Elred	DATE 11-22-63	TIME 2:45 P.	RT. THUMB PRINT
RACE WHITE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COLORED <input type="checkbox"/>	SEX MALE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>	AGE 31	DATE OF BIRTH 11-12-32	HOME ADDRESS 3314 Knight	
ADDRESS WHERE ARREST MADE 3400 Blk Harry Hines		TYPE PREMISES (IF BUSINESS, GIVE TRADE NAME ALSO) Railroad Tracks			
CHARGE Inv. Murder & Co. Vag		BUSINESS WHERE ARREST MADE HAS: BEER LICENSE <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUOR LICENSE <input type="checkbox"/> STATE LIC. NO. _____			
HOW ARREST MADE ON VIEW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CALL <input type="checkbox"/> WARRANT <input type="checkbox"/>		LOCATION OF OFFENSE (IF OTHER THAN PLACE OF ARREST) 400 Meek Elm St.			
COMPLAINANT (NAME-RACE-SEX-AGE)	HOME ADDRESS-PHONE NO.	BUSINESS ADDRESS-PHONE NO.			
WITNESS	HOME ADDRESS-PHONE NO.	BUSINESS ADDRESS-PHONE NO.			
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PROPERTY PLACED IN POUND (MAKE, MODEL, LICENSE NO. OF AUTO)		PROPERTY PLACED IN PROPERTY ROOM			
NAMES OF OTHERS ARRESTED AT SAME TIME IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAME OR SIMILAR OFFENSE					
NAME OF AND/OR INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER SUSPECTS NOT APPREHENDED					

OTHER DETAILS OF THE ARREST
This man was arrested on railroad tracks a few minutes after radio call was dispatched that man was walking along railroad carrying a rifle. This man was not carrying rifle at time of arrest. This suspect is unemployed, states he has been in Dallas for two weeks. Lost his job last week at El Fenix. States he has been arrested for theft and D.W.I. .

CHECK ALL ITEMS WHICH APPLY: DRUNK <input type="checkbox"/> DRINKING <input type="checkbox"/> CURSED <input type="checkbox"/> RESISTED <input type="checkbox"/> FOUGHT <input type="checkbox"/>		INJURED BEFORE ARREST <input type="checkbox"/>	INJURED DURING OR AFTER ARREST <input type="checkbox"/>	OFFICER(S) INJURED <input type="checkbox"/>	SPECIAL REPORT <input type="checkbox"/>
ARRESTING OFFICER C.M. Barnhart	I. D. NO. 924	ARRESTING OFFICER M.A. Rhodes	I. D. NO. 974		
OTHER OFFICER A.M. Hart	I. D. NO. 678	OTHER OFFICER Y.A. Hollibaugh	I. D. NO. 1437		
INVESTIGATION ASSIGNED TO	CHARGE FILED	FILED BY	DATE	DATE - TIME TO GO JAIL	
RELEASED BY	DATE - TIME	H.C. BOND BY	DATE - TIME	COURT	DATE TIME

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John Lone

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ARREST REPORT
ON
INVESTIGATIVE PRISONER

FIRST NAME Daniel		MIDDLE NAME Wayne		LAST NAME Douglas		DATE OF BIRTH 22 Nov 1963	TIME 2:30 PM	I. D. NUMBER	ARREST NUMBER
RACE WHITE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COLORED <input type="checkbox"/>		SEX MALE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>		AGE 19	DATE OF BIRTH 15 May 44	HOME ADDRESS 5092 Sea Isle, Memphis, Tenn.			
ADDRESS WHERE ARREST MADE Press Room, City Hall				TYPE PREMISES (IF BUSINESS, GIVE TRADE NAME ALSO) Police & Courts Building					
CHARGE Investigation Burglary, Auto Theft & Murder				BUSINESS WHERE ARREST MADE HAS: BEER LICENSE <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUOR LICENSE <input type="checkbox"/> STATE LIC. NO. _____					
HOW ARREST MADE ON VIEW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CALL <input type="checkbox"/> WARRANT <input type="checkbox"/>				LOCATION OF OFFENSE (IF OTHER THAN PLACE OF ARREST)					
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NAMES OF OTHERS ARRESTED AT SAME TIME IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAME OR SIMILAR OFFENSE									
NAME OF AND/OR INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER SUSPECTS NOT APPREHENDED									
OTHER DETAILS OF THE ARREST									
<p>This suspect was mingling with the officers involved in the investigation of the murder of Officer J. D. Tippit. He was observed in the hallway and among the officers for a period of 45 minutes. Upon questioning he stated he was at City Hall for the purpose of turning himself in for Auto Theft and Burglary offenses taken place in Memphis, Tennessee and Birmingham, Alabama. Lt. Baker of H&R Bureau was contacted and requested subject be held for Investigation of Murder.</p> <p>This subject also states that he has several checks and has been in the Dallas area for approximately two weeks and refused at the time of his arrest to give the location where he has been staying here in Dallas.</p>									
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ARRESTING OFFICER J. B. Drake		I. D. NO. 360		ARRESTING OFFICER H. L. Henley		I. D. NO. 952			
OTHER OFFICER		I. D. NO.		OTHER OFFICER		I. D. NO.			
INVESTIGATION ASSIGNED TO		CHARGE FILED		FILED BY		DATE		DATE - TIME TO CO. JAIL	
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