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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.

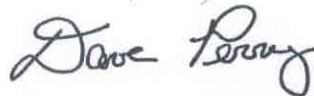
Well here's what I found. I believe Gus Abrams died

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 black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dave Perry