

9/23/67

Dear Stan,

The information in your letter of 9/18 is evaluable and I am forwarding it. I know Mohlenhoff. He promised to do something but hasn't. Perhaps he yet will. At the right time, which is not right now, I can approach him. By then perhaps you will have learned more. I have discussed this generally with him at some length. For example, he thinks Hoover is not now in active control of the FBI but is ~~using~~ being used by others of similar cut.

On the CIM and the camp: you will find the essence of the story in the New Orleans book, which will be out soon. Canyon, a subsidiary or affiliate of Parallax Publishing Co., is doing it. They will be denied their normal distribution. If any of you out there want to talk to bookstores, their address is 231 East 51 St. The book will sell in stores for ~~xxx~~ 95 cents. I am selling it for \$1.50 to cover extra costs. Yours will be mailed the day we get the advance copies. A label has already been typed. No, there was a bad connection that day (the permanence of these bad connections has cut my appearances by phone down. We will soon be moving, where the phone service may be better). In fact, I thought you were Hal. Either I misunderstood you or I misspoke myself. It was a CIM camp, Batista runs the CIM, but Rudolf Richard Davis (Ricardo) was in New Orleans charge. The only other camp was on the other side of the river (Algiers) and is of an earlier era (Bay Pigs). This, the Davis camp, was about a mile from the McLaney home where the munitions were seized. Garrison had adopted my theory, as you will see in the book (he has copy ms), that this 7/31/64 raid was the handwriting on the wall.

Please keep on studying what you are. I think this is the way you people out there can help. When I am in N.O. soon I will establish a more formal channel.

Hal can tell you of Richard Sprague, who has taken over my photographic work and is doing magnificently, I really think better than I could have. I'd tell him of Hearst but presume he knows it. I also still get interesting leads that I send him. I got several just this week. I have a good McLaney file, largely from Hal. What you have could well be added and I'll take it to N.O. with me.

Check on Atsugi-U-2. It is among things I forgot in book, but we both know it. He has sued it, thinks that is where Oswald learned Russian.

I do not believe Coffey is an alias for Martens. He is an engineer at a vast missile works in the N.O. area, Michoud. I did not know of Ricky Ricardo, it is interesting. Anything aside from the SEC reference?

To the degree I can, I am keeping Hal informed of what I am doing. He'll know when I'll be out there. Many thanks. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

1416 Arch St.
Berkeley, Calif. 94708
September 18, 1967

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Enclosed is a check for \$10, \$5 of which is for Photographic Whitewash. Paul Hoch received two copies of PW by mistake and gave me the extra one. He paid for only one copy, so maybe this payment will help balance your books.. The remaining \$5 is for your forthcoming book on Oswald in N.O. If it costs less than that, apply the balance to your research.

I am currently studying the CIA on the assumption that individuals fairly high up in the organization might have been more deeply involved in the assassination than Garrison has indicated. The organizational structure of the Plans Division and changes in personnel since 1961 could be very significant areas to study. I am attempting to prepare an organizational chart of the CIA, emphasizing the Plans Division. If Shaw was in the CIA (I'm assuming he was -- perhaps also OSS), determining the line of command above him is absolutely essential. Further research on the INCA, CHF, IH, ITM complex should also prove fruitful.

I am enclosing a clipping on Hans V. Tefte, a disgruntled CIA man who could probably assist in obtaining extremely valuable information if he were approached by the right person in the right way. Perhaps it would be best to contact his friend Charles E. Strickland first. Tefte might help clarify the organizational structure of the CIA even if he does not have specific information on the assassination. I gave a copy of this clipping to Bill Turner, but I don't know if he will follow it up.

One item of interest: George W. Healy, Jr., executive editor of both New Orleans papers, is also a vice-president of International House.

For what it's worth: General Charles Pearre Cabell, Deputy Director of CIA from 1953 to Jan. 31, 1962, is the brother of Earle Cabell, mayor of Dallas in 1963 (Ross and Wise, "Invisible Government," pp. 107, 199).

Enclosed, also, is a copy of a letter from HearstMetrotone News concerning film footage they have. Their reply to my query was partially a nonanswer, since I didn't ask to buy the film, and I did ask who the photographers were. Hopefully some pictures taken 22 Nov. 63 show Lovelady in his gaudy striped shirt (as you suggested in PW, p. 97).

Playboy interview of JG is excellent. Was the Free Cuba Committee the same as the Citizens Committee for a Free Cuba now headed by Paul Bethel (CIA employee fide Allen and Scott column in El Paso Times, 3 April 67, p.2)? Was it connected with Radio Free Cuba (Roman Pucinski), Comité perla Libertad de Cuba, or Crusade to Free Cuba (Arcacha, Monteleone, Caire)? Was it local only or more widespread? Who were the leaders?

More questions: William A. Klein, president of William A. Klein Carpet Cleaning Co. Inc. at 4519 Magazine (ca. four blocks from Os. apt.), died 5 July 67. He had a brother named Frank F. Klein (N.O. T.-Pic., 6 July 67, p. 2). Is this the same Wm. Klein who was an incorporator of Friends of Democratic Cuba and whose brother is an attorney for a Garrison investigation figure (Burton, I presume)? A Frank Klein was an assistant to JG at one time.

I have collected a few clippings on Michael J. McLaney, older brother of Wm. Julius McLaney (owner of Lacombe property raided 31 July 63). He managed gambling casino in Heter Nacional in Havana (N.O. T.-Pic., 5 Mar. 67). Jake Lansky, brother of Meyer Lansky (top Florida hood invited into Havana gambling by Batista), was floor manager of the Hotel Nacional casino (Life, 10 Mar. 58, pp. 32, 35; Sat. Eve. Post, 25 Feb. 67, p. 30). Mike McL. was arrested by Castro soon after he took over Cuba but was freed a few days later with an apology (N.O. T.-Pic., 2 Aug. 63; Miami News, 24 Mar. 67). Was he possibly one of the individuals Ruby wanted to free when Ruby contacted McKeown in Jan. 1959?

Mike McL. also provided free airlifts for Lynden Pindling's Progressive Liberal Party candidates in the Bahamas before the Jan. 1967 election according to Life (3 Feb. 67, p. 66). Mike McL. told the Royal Commission investigating alleged underworld control of gambling in the Bahamas that he supplied planes for Pindling's campaign and that he was thinking about taking over management of some Bahamian casinos (Miami Herald, 28 May 67). Pindling has stated that Mike McL. helped lease helicopters for the campaign but will be paid for his services (Miami Herald, 17 Mar. 67). Mike McL. sued Life for \$6 million for libel for calling him a colleague of Frank Ritter, Max Courtney, and Charles Brudner, racketeers connected with Meyer Lansky (Miami News, 24 Mar. 67). Lewis L. Colasurdo, under investigation by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for stock manipulation, told the commission that he has known Mike McL. for 10 to 14 years (Miami Herald 28 May 67). Mike McL.,

51, was once a Louisiana tennis champion and later a well-known golfer (Miami News, 24 Mar. 67). He is one of several tenuous links between the assassination investigation and organized crime. Others are Ruby; Ferrie -- G. Wray Gil -- Marcello; Andrews -- Marcello (according to Bruce Lewis Andrews was employed by Marcello until Oct. or Nov. '63); and Del Valle.

I presume you (and JG) know that U-2 planes were flown out of Atsugi, Japan (Hearings, vol. 8, pp 266 +; Sanche de Gramont, "The Secret War," 1962, pp. 181, 255, 285. See also Andrew Tully, "CIA the Inside Story," pp. 153, 154). This would be related to CIA's concern about "Oswald's access to information about the U-2" (CD 931).

Was Melvin Coffey an alias for Layton Patrick Martens, or is he someone else? What is the possibility of Marten's having been a false Oswald? (He roomed with Ferrie at time of assassination and somewhat resembled Os.; cf. Russo's testimony.)

In answer to my question on KCBS concerning training camps you said Laureano Batista was head of the CDM camp in La., whereas in a letter to Hal Verb you said that Rudolph Richard "Ricardo" Davis was. Would you please clarify and give more info on both? Was either connected with the Lacombe camp? A Ricky Ricardo was a Meyer Lansky casino "floor man" (Sat. Eve. Post, 25 Feb. 67, p. 30). Any connection?

I have an extra copy of the Guns magazine containing the article on Mitrgliada bullets which you may have if you want.

Our study group under Hal Verb is actively engaged in research. Please continue to help direct us into areas that will be most productive in connection with Garrison's investigation.

To repeat, I think the CIA angle is extremely important. Would all of the "honorable" men involved in the WC investigation or in the know (including, I believe, RFK) have gone to so much effort to mislead, cover up, and conceal evidence if there were only a conspiracy of queers, rabid anti-Castroites, and Minutemen?

We are looking forward to seeing you when you come West.

Sincerely,


Stanley R. Primmer

P.S. Paul just received some literature from INCA, part of which he will copy and send to you. INCA began operations in 1961 according to the first issue of their newsletter, Victory (11 Dec. 63, p. 1). Some

names of people connected with INCA are of interest:

Willard E. Robertson, vice-pres. for project development -- also founder of Truth and Consequences

Cecil Shilstone, INCA Award General -- also founder of T & C

E. M. Rowley, INCA Award Captain -- also N.O. area chairman for 1966 of Radio Free Europe Fund (N. O. T.-Pic., 6 April 67, sect. 3, p. 6) which is financed by CIA through Christianform (News-week, 7 Mar. 67).

Aaron Kohn, INCA Award Captain -- also managing director of MCC

George Piazza, INCA Award Captain (not indicated whether father or son; GP II was attorney for James Lewallen until death in plane crash)

Eberhard P. Deutsch, director (Bruce Lewis says he was recently an attorney for Sen. Dodd)

Mario Bermudez, member of INCA International Advisory Committee (according to Bill Turner he made arrangements for Shaw's San Francisco engagement on 22 Nov. 63. Later he went to Spain. Check with BT for better details.)

Alberto Fowler, member of INCA International Advisory Committee -- hired as investigator by JG for short time -- director of international relations for New Orleans -- Hans Tanner's book dedicated to him (I presume); see also pp. viii, x, 29, 51, 52 (listing completed only through p. 56)

Herbert Philbrick, member of INCA International Advisory Committee (now on his 4th life)

Seymour Weiss, charter member -- pres. of Roosevelt Hotel (Gordon Nevel wrote letter to Mr. Weiss in CIA; probably a pseudonym and hence a different Weiss)



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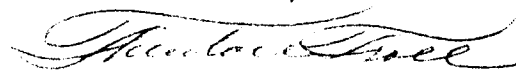
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JULY 17TH.

OUR NEWSREEL ON THE ASSASSINATION CONTAINS LIBRARY STOCK FOOTAGE ON THE KENNEDYS PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION AND SOME SCENES AFTER THE ATTACK.

THERE ARE NO SCENES OF THE ACTUAL ASSASSINATION AND TO MY KNOWLEDGE THE LIFE MAGAZINE PEOPLE ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO HAVE THIS FOOTAGE.

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