

JFK assassination records appeals Harold Weisberg 2/23/80  
Carlos Marcello, et al, as possible conspirators -what turned the House committee  
committee away from reality  
David W. Ferrie - Jim Garrison  
Cooperation with local police (New Orleans) - records not provided; Raymond Comstock  
New Orleans field office records not provided  
Edward Nicholas Becker and Ed Reid  
CIA plots against Castro

Documents Attached  
to CIA Anti-Castro  
Plato appeal

Within a short span in FBIHQ 62-109060 (assassination file) there were the  
attached Serials of the captioned content. These are not inclusive. Other records  
appear elsewhere. These records indicate that the New Orleans Field Office has records  
it has not provided in C.A. 77-0420 (now included in 0322)

For your information, David Ferrie, first here referred to in 5232 (arranged in  
chrono rather than serial order) had been a CAP captain, was in the CAP at the time  
Oswald was in it, and was hired by Marcello's attorney G. Wray Hill as investigator  
in the deportation case, which the Department then lost.

5232 and other of these records refer to information "found in the possession  
of DAVID FERRIE," information not provided in any form. This is an assassination  
rather than a 46 (fraud against government) record so the information is pertinent.  
Any doubt is removed by 5241, which states it. It indicates an illegal entry by the  
New Orleans police, of which the FBI was the beneficiary. (It might interest you to  
look at my earlier ~~appeals~~ appeals including Raymond Comstock.) Some of the records  
taken illegally pertain to the Marcello defense. No record is provided indicating  
any reason for the involvement of the Inspection Division in this matter.

The unnamed Ed Reid informant in 5589 is known, if only through publication of  
these and other ~~trial~~ records that the HSCA wasted time on to be able to go for the  
nonsense in them. It is Becker. I believe I have provided you with information pertaining  
to these CIA plots against Castro, leading to the Castro-kickback theory of the JFK  
assassination, in connection with earlier appeals.

In 5203 Ferris is referred to as "a notorious homosexual." What happened to (7)(C)?

5274, 5295, 5297, 5334 (and others) provided for completeness because there is no apparent reason for the main file for this material being the assassination rather than the 46 file.

The record file for the Not Recorded Serial of 6/2/67 is obliterated in the xeroxing. It indicates that the FBI had the manuscript of Heid's book but does not indicate how the FBI got it. However, if the main purpose of these records was their assassination content, then that would be the record file for this one. The only content pertains to the assassination, not the gangster content of Heid's book.

Although 5815 does not so state, the Gordon Novel in these pages is a former N.O. PCI. He was cut off because of his involvement with Garrison. While he was an UFAP case he remained in friendly contact with the FBI at various places. This records pertains to Garrison, not the assassination, yet no duplicate filing is indicated. The allegations about Marcello belong in a criminal file. This also is true of 5818.

There is no apparent reason for the JFK assassination file to be the record file for these documents. The FBI pretended disinterest in Garrison. However, in New Orleans at least, it had a special file hidden as I have informed you.

Together with other records I have provided, this indicates <sup>that</sup> ~~that~~ the FBI had a special interest in the CIA/Mafia/ anti-Castro plots all records of which have been withheld except for the few of which you now have copies. Because of how the FBI used this material, as with the White House, and its consequences; and now because of the uses made by the HSCA, all these are historically important records/files. I ask for them.



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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: May 15, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Raupach

SUBJECT: EDWARD REID,  
AKA, ED REID  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

*Dissemination of information about John...*

Ed Reid, a former newspaperman from Las Vegas, who has written several books concerning the hoodlum element and in the past has been described as an irresponsible newspaperman guilty of dishonest reporting, contacted an Agent of our Los Angeles Office.

Initial contact was telephonically made on 5/6/67 at which time Reid indicated he had information concerning John Roselli. On 5/9/67, our Los Angeles Agent met Reid at which time Reid displayed a rough draft manuscript of his new book "Jungle U.S.A.," described as a history and study of organized crime. Reid refers to Carlos Marcello and indicated there was a meeting on 9/11/63 at Churchill Farms, outside New Orleans, Louisiana, attended by several people including Marcello and Reid's informant. Marcello was alleged to have said that in order to get Bobby Kennedy they would have to get the President, and they could not kill Bobby because the President would use the Army and the Marines to get them. The result of killing the President would cause Bobby to lose his power as Attorney General because of the new President. Reid reported in his book that a person who attended this alleged meeting was interviewed by Agents of our Los Angeles Office and furnished them the information. Reid described his informant as reliable, and after leaving New Orleans, his informant traveled to Dallas and Los Angeles and several days later was interviewed concerning the Billie Sol Estes case, at which time he allegedly related to our Agents what he heard at Churchill Farms. Reid said his informant identified our Agents as Jim Eldridge and L. Blanton.

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Based on this information, Los Angeles reviewed files concerning the Billie Sol Estes case which revealed SAs James E. Etridge and Lanford L. Blanton interviewed Edward Nicholas Becker 11/26/62. In this interview, Marcello was mentioned, and other interviews contained no reference to Marcello. Therefore, it appeared that Becker is Reid's informant. In Becker's interview, Marcello was mentioned in connection with a business proposition

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach  
RE: EDWARD REID

and no mention was made of the Attorney General nor were other interviews conducted by these two Agents regarding this matter.

Agents who interviewed Reid told him that information regarding the Churchill Farms conversation was not received as he alleged. At this time, Reid refused to confirm or deny that Becker was his informant. It is noted Reid's informant indicated this information was received on 9/11/63; however, Becker's interview was conducted on 11/26/62, several months preceding. It is noted Edward Nicholas Becker is a private investigator in Los Angeles who in the past has had a reputation of being unreliable and known to misrepresent facts.

Reid declared although the FBI stated this information was not received from his informant, he intends to leave his story as it appears in his book as the book is now in the hands of his publisher.

In connection with John Roselli, Reid wanted to trade information concerning him which offer was refused. He mentioned he was concerned with Roselli's association with Attorney Edward Morgan of Washington, D. C. As you recall, Morgan was previously interviewed at the request of the White House concerning alleged information in his possession regarding the assassination. Also, Roselli was the connecting link between CIA and Robert Maheu who was hired by the CIA to approach Sam Giancana to have Castro assassinated. Roselli is also a member of the Chicago family of La Cosa Nostra who represents Chicago's interests on the West Coast and primarily in Las Vegas.

Carlos Marcello is a leading New Orleans hoodlum who was prosecuted in Federal Court for Fraud Against the Government - Conspiracy in connection with attempt to secure fraudulent birth records in Guatemala and was found not guilty 11/22/63.

The above information is set forth due to the fact the inaccurate information furnished by Reid will appear in forthcoming publication.

NOTICE:

For information.

*We should discreetly identify the individuals.*  
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