

To Jim Garrison from Harold Weisberg

4/12/68

Peggy Roddy

For some time I have been wanting to interview her but it has never been convenient. I have never bumped into her by accident.

However, the afternoon of 4/10/68, by what might be only a coincidence, when I got to Barbara Reid's to interview a very shy witness who was anxious for anonymity and to whom I had promised it, I found Peggy waiting and then staying, with no indication she intended leaving. After some lapse of time, I found it convenient to get Barbara aside and ask her to arrange Peggy's departure. She did.

However, it was not too long before she returned, with a blond man who seemed to be her junior. Peggy immediately took her sweater off and began to settle down in the midst of things. The man also esconced himself next to the witness. I had to explain to them that I needed privacy, when they left. I told Peggy that I'd like to talk to her privately and she agreed, but she hasn't called me.

Yesterday, while I was with Barbara, Peggy phoned. Barbara had told her of what she considered to be a job offer designed to eliminate the possibility of Barbara's helping us. Barbara interpreted this to have been on the inspiration of the CIA and says she so told Peggy. In this conversation Peggy told Barbara that she had looked up the phone number of the CIA in the phone book, called and asked for an interview, and on Monday morning is to file an application and be interviewed.

I have heard that Peggy had been a barmaid at La Marina. This employment is something less than one would expect from her background.

If Peggy's presence and return are coincidence, then we have these other concurrent "coincidences": Jack Burnside just happened to drop by while the exhausted witness was dozing. I met him at the door, explained the situation, and stayed outside with him. He tried several times to peek through the screening on the door to see who was inside, and he remained for quite some time. Then Layton Martens, who I had never seen before and who has less reason than most for being friendly with Barbara, also came by—and also was kept outside.

Now it happens that this witness, ^{Dwight Turner} knows Layton Martens ^{well} and later told me that he has and is proud of a letter from Bobby Kennedy. It apparently was written in response to one from Martens asking whether the FPCC was communist (reported answer, negative). He reportedly now says that RFK and Calrk are great guys.