

2/4/70

Dear Jim,

Glad to get your corrections for ch 18, the letter, and the Spiro stuff, which apparently was not reported locally. I'll get on the corrections, but just reading them, I cannot but agree that so many of the sentences might better be broken up. Habit of a lifetime and time pressures....

I have written Paul today and recently about the N.O. matters of mutual interest. I have also done a little checking.

I tried without success to get the JG office to look at these records. They knew he had them, but if anyone examined them, it was a cop who was out of his depth.

Your conjecture that Ferrie interested LEO in the Marines is fascinating and credible. Who else could it have been? Of what we know, no one else. Incidentally, sometimes when there are underage enlistments, recommendations are asked for. I've given some in the past. Might be an interesting thing to seek.

Anyway, this has been great work. I had planned to sue for the Ferrie and related docs and will file a form as soon as I am certain I have all the references of which we know.

How I wish it would be possible for us to just sit around and talk for a couple of days. There is so much I know that might fit with things you have seen or will, so much of what you might recall to which I might give meaning.

I have been interested in O'S from the first, which means before JG. Ask Paul to tell you the last thing I learned in N.O., if he hasn't. Now the withholding of his innocuous report? The hangup here is that he is liked in the JG office, which questioned him and got nothing. Have you any idea how many I have questioned behind them and gotten scenthing?

One of the links can be in what I have about and around Gaudet, I think you'll recall this. Please be alert to what can fit. I had this elliptically in O in NO, but nobody caught it. There was a kid in LA doing some very helpful work on this, but I suspect Lifton and/or Newcomb turned him off. He never even responded when I asked him if it were safe to credit him (and if you change your mind, please let me know).

Thanks for everything. Best to everyone.

Sincerely,

HAROLD:

See enclosed clip from 1/31 S.F. Examiner re your friend Spiro.

Sending on the Coup pages above to Gary today 2/1 with above suggestions and a copy of Paul's suggestions.

Paul and I have been busy on the New Orleans aspect (CD75 especially and related material).

From the Archives; no material filed under Robert BOYLSTON. (8H30). (O'Sullivan-Liebeler). Boylston had all the old records for the CAP and ~~26~~ O'S went thru them, apparently at the instigation of the Secret Service. Says couldn't find anything on Oswald. This doesn't(?) includes the records for Moisant branch, where presumably Ferrie & Oswald met. But is it believable neither FBI or Secret Service interviewed Boylston? And where are the old files for the Moisant unit? From 8H30 can we understand that the Secret Service in New Orleans turned this phase of its investigation over to O'Sullivan? The way it's printed, Liebeler cut in just when O'S might have said more interesting things.

I have long been intrigued by the statement of Mrs. Lillian Murrett (8H131). (Oswald wanted to join the Marines while he was still 16 but couldn't get in).

JENNER: "You mean they wouldn't take the affidavit? They wouldn't admit him on the affidavit?"

MRS. MURRET: "That's right, and so that upset him for a while, but he said very little about it. And then he met someone in this branch of the service who had taken a liking to him and he used to go over there and converse with him about different things in the service and so forth. I don't know who he was or what they talked about or anything like that, though."

JENNER: "Was Lee an industrious boy as a high school boy?....."

In the above I read DAVE FERRIE. At the end of her remark Mrs. Murrett shies away from the subject and the individual. Jenner cooperates by changing the subject.

When we think what Garrison COULD have done, compared with what he DID, we want to weep.

Best,

*Jim Schmitt*