

Dear Jim,

3/6/75

Odd that when you phoned me you said you'd begun to reread Post Mortem from the beginning and after we spoke I checked the paper and found a short UPI piece, "Judge Decides Shaw-Garrison Suit May go On." In my mind there is a connection.

First, however, unless you really want to read the whole thing and have time, the second part is short and the third part has the new stuff. The second is my work on the panel report, written fast so I'd be able to prepare Cyril for his testimony. He actually didn't understand it when he read it. I sent it the Monday after we got it. (Early a.m., pre-hearing, the previous Friday, from Bud, who'd gotten it the night before). Because this was before your time, I tell you another event of that night that should have persuaded Bill to not dismiss what I suggest. I gave him the name of a hospital administrator, suggested that he call him to learn the law on medical film, he did and was able to get copies - Pittsburgh Code - that night at the Arlington Hospital.)

You will understand if you read all the first part of PM where Oser got his questioning of Finck. I made a deal with them they never kept in return for which I gave them three copies of the first part and permission to use it and then spent a long time with Oser and the other 6'6"-er on the staff, Bill W something, getting them to understand it. The rest, like Shaneyfelt, they just couldn't handle. (What they couldn't understand would make a separate book!)

Well, I don't like this civil suit. I never did believe it was Shaw's idea, although I have no independent knowledge. I believe instead that the Wegmann firm and others, especially the vengeance-seeking Sal Panzeca - over a nasty personal crack Garrison made about him - see a chance to make some money out of those rich ones who supported Garrison. They can claim fantastic unpaid legal costs and collect from what they can get from those T & C millionaires. These types, however, as of my last efforts, were still in Jim's peackets, still listening to him and his line that the jury had already ruled. On that I think they can lose. You know what I have, or part of it, that I think can win for them. And undo part of the damage Garrison did. Separate from that of which I told you I have what can, I believe, do it independently because it is Heebe who ruled. He should have disqualified himself. But if he had he'd have tipped on a previous impropriety when this case was before him as a criminal case.

My days of subsidizing anything New Orleans or Garrison are long over. However, if there should ever be a request for help, in return for help I'd give it.

To better understand my feelings, remember all the money that was worse than wasted there. Two cases of where I had to rescue them in the last minute took more than \$10,000 that would have been better burned. Well, they did not repay something over \$1,300 in my expenses they'd agreed to pay. They also refused after that large collection from the bonding company, which went to Jim's office. It was well into six figures.

Without some meaningful help for substantial work you will not, of course, tell anyone else the evidence I have. However, if the questions gets to you, you can say that I have absolutely irrefutably proof that both Shaw and his enemy, Cebs, lied under oath and that it was most material. My proof is duplicated, independently, and has substantiation in official documents I also have.

If they think they can make points on what Marchetti has been saying, then of that kind of information I have even better and it is not common knowledge. I do not think it is the kind of defense that is really relevant. Good propaganda but not pertinent. But I do have better than that the CIA was interested in the Shaw case.

Moreover, what they could not do an discovery with what I have!!! If..... HW

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Shaw's <sup>(Clinton witnesses)</sup> alibi, sworn to by Cobb, who also was active in the Shaw defense, was that he did not leave N.O.L. because he handled the rental of the space in the new ITM bldg. Well, he did not handle that rental and Cobb knew it. I have the two men who did, independently, on tape. Moreover, their company was never paid. They sold the space.

That Cobb would help Shaw, who was his enemy from the time Shaw's sponsor became that, he and Cobb being mortal enemies, always interested me. I suspect the reason may be the hold Shaw had on him, his personal real-estate gambling with the property adjeining the spot chosen for the new ITM bldg along the river. I also have all of this on tape - not clandestinely - from an ITM official who was also a personal friend of both and of Garrison, Jesse Core.

Cobb also supplied Shaw's handwriting expert, Apple, formerly FBI.

ITM was the FBI beat of Warren deBrueys.

Hoover hanked deBrueys, a New Orleanean, when Garrison got active. Garrison could not subpoena deBrueys.

Right after the assassination deBrueys was in Dallas consolidating the FBI's work. But 8/15/63 he was so uninterested in LHO he took more than a day to merely pick up what Jesse Core had for him. And never did anything about what were told him, from the known reports.

### Judge Decides Shaw-Garrison Suit May Go On

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NEW ORLEANS, March 5 (UPI)—A federal judge has ruled that the executor of Clay L. Shaw's estate may proceed with a \$5 million damage suit against former District Attorney Jim Garrison and several financial backers of his investigation into the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

U. S. District Court Judge Frederick J. R. Heebe said, "Shaw surely deserves an opportunity to have his day in court and attempt to clear his name, if only posthumously. Since Louisiana law would deny him this opportunity, we hold that it is inconsistent with federal law and should not be applied."

The court ruling came Tuesday on the motion of Garrison and others asking dismissal of the suit on the grounds it died with the death of Shaw on Aug. 15, 1974.