

My yesterday's letter to Lesar about the Shaw civil suit vs. Garrison et al may make no sense to you. I had just discussed these things with Lesar, when he was here. My belief is that Garrison's sick mind and ego dominate the defense, that the Shaw, Wegmann et al's purpose is to get money from those who supported Jim, and that Garrison's indictment for perjury was premature. That indictment has been thrown out by the Supreme Court. The District Court's decision (Cristenberry) is a rather good one.

However, I have no doubt that Shaw did perjure himself, as I then told Garrison, but that he had restricted himself to that which it could be argued a jury had already ruled on. For another reason I had earlier given him what, based on Shaw's testimony, makes his testimony perjurious. It had to do with his alibi. By accident, I had it having to do with Oswald and his picketing. Shaw and Cobb testified that Shaw was indispensable to the rental of space in the new building, that he was in charge and in effect did all of it. Therefore, he could not have left town and didn't. Well, I knew the name of the company that had been hired for precisely that purpose and the man in charge. So, when I had the chance, in Memphis, I looked that man up. He had a boss and had himself left Memphis. I got identical stories independently from both, the one variation being in the amount of prior rentals required by the contract and the amount of over-subscription. The difference is slight on each case, but the percentages are constant. Shaw did nothing but advise them. And as of the time I found them they had not been paid. I have both on tape.

The point on discovery begins with asking of Shaw's defense what they had on Russo and didn't use. [Anzeca told me he didn't use most of what he developed and it is a prima facie case of his being planted. If I am correct about the significance this could have, it could lead to a counter-suit. Either could win the case for Garrison and his supporters. Jim seems to agree. He agrees that it could be a kind of vindication of Garrison. HW 4/9/73

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