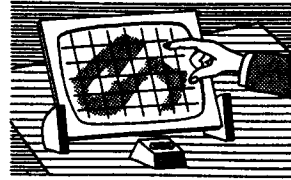


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Dear Harold:

I have just finished reading your book. I couldn't wait, so I rushed out and bought a copy. I also saw the second Bandy show, having missed the first one. What an awful pair of men. Even if they weren't involved in the MLK assassination I wouldn't like them just as individuals. Knowing what we know about Huie, he is the worst of the whole bunch.

There are two incidents which I think you should know about concerning Huie and Foreman. Perhaps you already know about them since there is detailed correspondence in Bud's files. But, just in case you don't I'll give you a summary of them here and you can look up the details in Washington.

I met Huie in New York just after his first article was published in Look. He had been in Canada doing research on Ray and Raoul. He told me he had found and talked to three women in Atlanta and Montreal who had seen Ray and Raoul together. He was positive Raoul was real and that Ray was correct in most of what he had told Huie.

The next day Huie met separately with Trent Gough and told him exactly the same story about the three women. We both made notes on the discussions and compared these later.

After Huie published the third article, Trent and I made a conference telephone call to Huie in Alabama and taped it. When we asked him about the three women, he denied ever having told either of us that story. He gave us the same malarkey he has been handing out ever since as to why he reversed himself on Ray and conspiracy. We accused him of deliberately lying about the whole situation, especially since we knew he knew there was a Raoul and witnesses who could confirm it.

The second incident started at the same time as the first. When I met Huie, I took along my tramp photos and the comparison of the sketch of the King assassin with Frenchy. Near the end of the conversation I brought these out and showed them to Huie. He was visibly shaken. He stared at Frenchy's photo and the sketch for a very long time. This was the first time any thought had entered

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his head that there might be a connection between the two assassinations. He had never heard about Frenchy or the tramp photos up to that point.

He asked for copies of the sketch and photos and said he was going to give them to Foreman to show to Ray. I gave him a set at that moment. Later, before he published the third article, and well before the minitrial, I phoned him in Alabama and he told me Foreman had shown the photos and sketch to Ray. He said Ray would not identify Frenchy as Raoul.

That is where the matter stood until I read Ray's seven page affidavit and talked to Bud about Ray's new thinking. Suddenly, a lot of things became crystal clear in my mind. I know how you feel about the tramps and Frenchy, but I'm going to say this anyway. Please try to give this idea consideration, whatever your opinion about the tramps and my prior efforts may be.

I believe the photos and sketch created the situation which turned Huie and Foreman around. I believe that once they both realized the possible connection with JFK, they went directly to Clark and Hoover. Remember, Foreman was a lifelong friend of both Tom and Ramsey Clark. I believe that group then mutually decided on the course of action taken by Foreman and Huie. I believe they both know now, and did then, the truth about both assassinations, because they were told by Hoover and Clark, and probably threatened as well.

How else can you explain what Foreman said and did when he showed Ray those photos? The timing of their reversal matches the receipt of the photos and the dates when Foreman showed them to Ray. How else can you explain Huie being coerced into changing his entire pitch? I realize you have come up with a monetary explanation, but I saw the man's face and eyes when he saw those photos.

I heard his voice on the phone when he talked to me during the two subsequent calls. Huie was frightened out of his skin. For him, that is completely abnormal. Foreman too, you will admit, did a completely abnormal thing for him. The only power strong enough to scare both of them that much is the same power that ruined Garrison and that has controlled the news media on this subject through the years. Money won't do it, not with those two.

Talk to Bud, read the details, then let me know what you think.

Regards,



Richard E. Sprague