

✓ To JL  
Referring these kinds of people to me is not a kindness by Bud. If I answer I waste time and if I do not I'm some kind of sonofabitch. Now it also happens that, as you know, Bud has a great amount of Ferrie material. So why, I ask (bottom)  
Dear Richard Sullivan, Rt. 8, Frederick, Md. 21701 1/15/75

I do not have all the New Orleans testimony, as you say Bud Fensterwald told you. However, I do have Finck's. It is a rather poor Thermofax, one that would not reproduce well and one I would hesitate to risk in the mails because of what has happened to some of my mail.

You ask for a vast amount in "Information, especially pictures, of David Ferrie;" "Pictures made at the scene of the assassination" (I presume Bud has about what I do on this); and "Information on the disappearance of the Stemmons Freeway sign."

I think you should understand that those of us who write books have as a purpose informing people. Your letter indicates an unfamiliarity with some of what I have published. Obviously, I can't take the time to write that all sur for anyone thereafter.

Your purposes are your own affair. However, your letter does indicate a lack of familiarity with the basic published information. Therefore, I wonder if you are going into what you may not be properly prepared for.

There is a school of thought that holds fact and knowledge are irrelevant, but I do not belong to that school.

I am not avoiding answer. You ask the impossible of me. I can't begin to send you those of the requests in my files. I have an enormous amount on Ferrie. However, I also plan to write about it hence can't give it away. Moreover, I do not put others in a position to engage in uses prior to publication that I may believe not proper.

You indicate a wide interest yet display no familiarity with the basic literature. Were I to give you this material, are you really in a position to digest it?

Perhaps if I knew your purposes I might be able to be more helpful. But you ask for materials that could fill several books. That is quite beyond easy response.

In any event, I do believe that prior to going off on your own you should be familiar with what has been published, not all of which is dependable. Without a solid grasp of the fundamental and available information you may err seriously and waste much time.

My Oswald in New Orleans is out of print. I have only a couple of copies and do not let any go without good reason and then for the replacement cost of \$21, which is for most people prohibitive. In it I have what was generally known about Ferrie as of early 1967 plus what I'd by then found in the Archives, FBI and Secret Service reports. I brought him to light in my second book. Neither book includes the picture of him which are readily available from news agencies and were published in early 1967.

myself, does he bounce that to me? And what are the supposed purposes of his committee when he does not make what he has available? In addition to this, there are little things about that request which, while they may be meaningless, make me a bit uneasy, hence my tough letter. If and when you can, please ask Bud what if anything he knows about this guy and why he referred him to me for what he could have provided himself. Without even asking me. I don't want to take this kind of time without being consulted. I never now or ever refer anyone to Bud and waste his time. I'm sending this guy the flyer. We'll see if it means anything.

Sincerely,  
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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I was referred to you by Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., of Washington, DC, concerning the testimony in the trial of Clay Shaw in New Orleans. I was advised by Mr. Fensterwald that you had the testimony from the trial. I wanted to get the material from Dietrich and Pickett, the firm that took it, but I simply could not afford it. I am interested mainly in the testimony of Colonel Pierre A. Finck, one of the autopsy surgeons. If I bought his testimony from them, it would cost me around \$125. I tried during all of 1974 to locate the testimony, and when I finally did it was way out of reach. If you possibly could help me in any way, let me know. There is other material listed at the bottom of this letter that I also need assistance in locating. If you can help me with any of this, I would appreciate ~~it~~ it. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,



Richard Sullins

- (1) Information, especially pictures, on David Ferrie
- (2) Pictures made at the scene of the assassination
- (3) Information on the disappearance of the Stemmons Freeway sign

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