

Dear Dave,

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Matt Smith, the British professor/TV producer whose interest in Indians I mentioned to you, phoned me after 7 last night, meaning after midnight his time, to tell me that Tony Summers has written a lousy piece for the Sunday Times of London that amounts to a greatly magnified version of what Judith Campbell-Exner has been saying. Matt points out the great attention to this story by the prominence it was given the next day by a competitive paper, - think he said ^{Daily} the News. He says he'll send me copies of both and I've already mailed him the CIA records disproving the most significant part of this latest of Tony's atrocities.

As Matt read me the identification of Tony in the papers I got the impression that there is an inaccurate reference to his book "Conspiracy." Matt thinks it refers to a new book, as I recall "The Kennedy Conspiracy." It also says what Jim Esar had told me, that Tony's biography of J. Edgar Hoover will be out next year. (Jim says in about a year because of extensive rewriting. Jim says he has been busy at this rewriting and that would seem to rule out a new book.)

By an odd coincidence, after you told me Sunday about the Bradlee-Frost interview I had already copied and sent these records ^{that} ~~that~~ refute this latest assault on JFK's personal and Presidential reputation to Ben Bradlee.

Tony represents that because Exner is dying from cancer, which I've been hearing for several years now, what she says has to be true because it is like a death-bed confession. Judge for yourself.

She claims she was a bag woman on JFK's giving satchels full of cash to Sam Giancana for the mafia to use, not only in Illinois, to buy the election for JFK.

She claims she was with them when JFK and Giancana jointly planned to assassinate Castro, apparently after JFK was elected.

One other thing I recall Matt mentioning from the lengthy story is that Exner says she was sitting in the bathtub while JFK and Giancana were conferring "in hush tones" in the hotel room. (Does not encourage belief that she heard anything, obviously.)

When I said that it would be rather difficult for her and JFK to get together, particularly inside the White House, because of the Secret Service, which is never far from the President, Matt said she has details on how they did it.

another coincidence, I had just gotten a letter from him and had already mailed the response when we went out for supper. It had taken two weeks for the correctly addressed letter to get here.

Let me know if you want copies. I'll make them if you do. I should have this in about a week absent another delay in the mail.

Pretty disgusting, I think. I'd spoken to Jim yesterday and he made no mention of this. I think, had he known, he'd have said something.

Best,

Matt