

Dear Ed,

9/3/93

In more of a rush because we lost much time when good friends were here for the awarding to honorary doctorates to my wife and me last weekend. I'm deep in work I want to concentrate on so I'll be as brief as I can. On educating you, let me suggest you always in this area ask yourself two questions: first is this reasonable and then is it possible. Then, think like Occam, seeking the simplest answers first.

Whatever his motive, I think it should be clear that Evica was not forthright if in fact he did not lie and it was an outrageously divisive thing that lent itself to misuse whether or not the topic of an address. To ~~be~~ those are not honorable men or they are so stupid it defies rational description.

I know nothing about DiEugenio but I think it makes it up as he goes. The truth about Garrison is what I told you. I was there. I did it when he staff failed, at their request. Blaming it on Boxley was Garrison's way of not having to face himself in public. Boxley's only sin was excessive and uncritical loyalty to Jim. He was not CIA when he was with Jim, had not been for years. They fired him for alcoholism.

I knew Bill Martin. No reason to believe he was CIA but there were leaks in Jim's office involving staff.

There was never any rational connection of the tramps with anything, as those who fed all that stuff out would have recognized if they had thought instead of seeking attention.

I can't find my copies of those Newcomb memos and I doubt I had all. I am certain it was Lifton who convinced him of that crazy stuff. No basis for it at all but it is a fact that there was reason to see if Thyonley could be made to look like LHO because there were those who alleged a connection I did not believe. The work I asked of Newcomb would have been exculpatory. I did not type and mail the memo to Newcomb and thought it would be on a plain piece of paper. It was me on my own, not Jim.

I do not know why the DPD did not release the arrests and discharges of the tramps. Perhaps privacy reasons. Guilty only of trespass in a boccar and drinking. The classic example is not our government's but of the so-called critics who are child-minded for starting that nonsense. The sketch I use in Frame-Up I traced to Mexico City later.

Lifton did not give me the Stone script, He gives me nothing, not ever, but he does steal from me. Had someone steal only copies including my analysis of second-best non-evidence. I can't take time to go into that now but you'll get enough on him from Weinman's stuff. It has Lifton climbing trees because it is all true and he is afraid people will learn that he is really loco and entirely unprincipled.

Blakey is a disgrace. I was the source, both credited and uncredited, and I never asked for confidentiality, on most of the stories exposing them when they were active. The NYT, me and the Wx Post as I recall both credited me as did several other papers. I had no reason to hide. Blakey hates me. He could not refute me.

If you see anything on the books, esp. Posner, very interested. Thanks,

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8/30/93

DEAR HAROLD,

THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER OF 8/22/93.
WHEW. I'M ENCLOSING A COPY OF MY LETTER
OF 8/18/93 WHICH INCLUDES PAGE 5 WHICH YOU
SAID WAS MISSING. I SENT THE WHOLE THING
AGAIN TO KEEP PAGE 5 COHERENT WITHIN THE LETTER'S
CONTEXT. (HOW THAT HAPPENED IS A MYSTERY TO
ME).

OBVIOUSLY THIS RIFT IS DEEP-SEATED
AND I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY ABOUT THE
SITUATION. I THINK YOUR MOST EFFECTIVE
POINT IS EVILA'S CLAIM THAT THE SOURCE
FOR HIS ILL-CONCEIVED POSITION PAPER QUESTION
TO WRONGE WAS "YOUNG RESEARCHERS AND
STUDENTS." THAT DEFENSE IS LAME INDEED
I STILL DON'T BELIEVE THAT LIVINGSTONE IS
DIRECTLY LINKED TO THIS BUSINESS, BUT HIS
INFLUENCE MAY HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.
I THINK YOU AND I SHOULD DEAL WITH MORE
IMPORTANT MATTERS AND MOVE ON.

I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON A
FEW OTHER ISSUES YOU MENTION DURING YOUR
DIATRIBE.

I RECALL THE DECEASED PERRIN
STORY BEING PUBLISHED IN ONE OF PENN JONES'

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BOOKS. PRETTY ABSURD STUFF! A GARRISON APOLOGIST, JIM DIEUGENIO, SAYS GARRISON WAS SUCKERED INTO THIS DISINFORMATION BY BOXLEY, "A CIA INFILTRATOR". THE POINT IS THAT GARRISON SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE THROUGH SUCH A FOOLISH SCAM.

DIDN'T BOXLEY TRY TO SUBMARINE YOUR INVESTIGATION WHEN YOU WERE SHOWING PHOTOS OF OSWALD AND KERRY THORNLEY AROUND NEW ORLEANS? I'M FUZZY ON THIS SITUATION. DO YOU THINK THORNLEY HAS ANYTHING OF A SUSPICIOUS NATURE TO DO WITH THIS? IT IS INTRIGUING TO NOTE HOW FRIENDLY THORNLEY AND LIETON ARE?

HOW DO YOU EVALUATE BOXLEY? IF HE WASN'T PURPOSELY DISRUPTING THINGS, WAS HE AN IDIOT?

DICK RUSSELL'S NEW BOOK ON RICHARD CASE NAGELL CLEARLY ALLEGES THAT GARRISON'S MAN SENT TO INTERVIEW/LEARN FROM NAGELL NAMED WILLIAM MARTIN WAS CIA. I SUSPECT YOU DISAGREE? IS THE NAGELL STORY VALID OR MORE JUNK?

REGARDING EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY, I HAD REAL TROUBLE ACCEPTING THIS ONE ALMOST FROM

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THE START. THE THEORY IN MOST BOOKS IS THAT GARRISON CONFUSED BRADLEY WITH MAFIA MAN, EUGENE HALE BRADING, THE GUY APPREHENDED IN THE DAL-TEX BUILDING. DO YOU ACCEPT THAT?

I ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT ROGER CRAIG WAS COERCED / EXPLOITED / MANIPULATED INTO FINGERING BRADLEY.

I AM CONFUSED ABOUT ONE POINT OF THIS SUBJECT. YOU STATE THAT GARRISON WAS ALLEGING BRADLEY WAS A TRAMP, BUT THE "OFFICIAL" STORY SAYS HE WAS ACCUSED OF POSING AS A SECRET SERVICEMAN AFTER THE ASSASSINATION IN FRONT OF THE TSBP. BY THE WAY I HAVE BRADLEY'S CURRENT ADDRESS ALTHOUGH I'VE NEVER WRITTEN TO HIM. I KNOW HE IS CLOSE FRIENDS WITH FRED NEWCOMB AND I'M TOLD BRADLEY SAYS GREER, THE LIMO DRIVER, WAS THE SHOOTER, (AN OLD NEWCOMB THEORY WHICH SAW RESURRECTION A FEW YEARS AGO).

YOU MENTION ABOUT THE TRAMPS AND I WILL BE VERY CANDID WITH YOU. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FASCINATED WITH THEM, AND

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I'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TRYING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS MESS. OF COURSE, FRAME-UP MADE THE FIRST TRAMP COMPARISON TO THE KING ASSASSINATION SUSPECT COMPOSITE AND THAT, ALONE, WAS STARTLING.

LATER NEWCOMB DISMISSED THIS COMPARISON AND YOU TOLD ME YOU HAD FIGURED OUT THIS ONE AND COULD EXPLAIN IT, BUT YOU NEVER GAVE ME THE EXPLANATION.

IN THE MEANTIME I PAID ATTENTION TO ALL THE "LEADS." I KNEW THE E. HOWARD HUNT / STURGIS ALLEGATIONS AS TRAMPS WAS BULLSHIT, BUT THE FRED CRISMAN ALLEGATION WAS INTRIGUING.

EVENTUALLY AN OHIO ASSOCIATE OF MINE AND I OBTAINED '63 AND '64 PHOTOS OF CRISMAN AND HE IS TOO YOUNG TO BE THE TRAMP WITH THE HAT. MY ASSOCIATE TALKED TO TEACHERS, HIS PRINCIPAL AND HIS WIFE AND THAT ENDED THAT. I WAS TOLD THAT CRISMAN WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF A POLITICAL RIVAL OF GARRISON'S SO IF GARRISON WAS A FRAUD, MAYBE THAT WAS THE MOTIVE? (I DO OWN THE ANONYMOUS NOTE SENT TO GARRISON ACCUSING CRISMAN).

NEXT CAME THE CHARLES HARRELSON

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SACA AND GARY MACK AND I BOTH PURSUED THIS VIGOROUSLY. EVEN RITA INFILTRATED HIS MOB FRIENDS. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT HE BRAGGED ABOUT BEING THE TALL TRAMP TO HIS PALS FOR YEARS AND USED IT AS A MOB RESUME TO GET "JOBS" AND INFLUENCE HIS MOB FRIENDS.

NOW HE DENIES ALL OF IT, BUT ADMITS HE LOOKS LIKE THE TALL TRAMP. I STILL CORRESPOND WITH HIM THROUGH A CELL MATE,

APPARENTLY THE TRAMPS ARE HAROLD DOYLE; LEDNEY; AND GUS ABRAMS AND YOU WERE RIGHT ALL ALONG.

HOWEVER WHY WEREN'T THESE DAMN ARREST RECORDS RELEASED LONG AGO?? THE TRAMP SITUATION IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF HOW MESSED UP OUR GOVERNMENT REALLY IS. THIS ISSUE TOOK 29 YEARS TO RESOLVE SIMPLY BECAUSE THOSE RECORDS WERE BURIED TIL STONE'S FILM.

I SWEAR THAT EVEN IF OSWALD HAD BEEN A LONE ASSASSIN, GUYS LIKE US COULD STILL EXPOSE UNCLE SAM AS CORRUPT SIMPLY BY HOW THE GOVERNMENT

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HAS CONDUCTED ITSELF FOR 36 YEARS,
ONE LAST TRAMP POINT — THE
LATEST SELF-CONFESSING CHARACTER IS CHAUNCEY
HOLT, WHO CLAIMS HE IS THE TRAMP WITH
THE HAT. I CORRESPOND WITH HIM AND
HE IS AN AMAZING CHARACTER WHO WEAVES
A STORY SPECIFYING NAMES — CIA, MOB,
ET. AL. HE MAY NOT BE A TRAMP, BUT
HE IS SOMETHING . . . WHAT? I'M NOT
SURE.

REGARDING THE STONE SCRIPT — THE
RUMOR IS THAT SOME WOMAN NAMED LILY
YANG (????) GAVE THE SCRIPT TO LIFTON WHO
GAVE IT TO YOU. LIFTON DENIES IT.

FINALLY, I HAVE A FEW COMMENTS ON
LANE, DAVIS, LIFTON MYSELF. THIS STUFF
IS FOR YOUR EYES ONLY.

LANE — I'VE NEVER ACCEPTED HIS M.
LORENZ STORY. LANE CONVENIENTLY DRIPS INFO
TO MISLEAD. HE USES PROUTY'S STORY ABOUT
THE BAY OF PIGS' SHIPS WHICH WERE "THE HOUSTON"
AND "THE BARBARA J," BUT LANE OMITTS THE
"J" SO HE CAN CONVINCE READERS THAT BUSH

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DEFINITELY IS TIED TO THE INVASION. THE "J" DOESN'T FIT SO HE OMITTS IT. BUSH HAS SOME FASCINATING PERIPHERAL TIES TO DALLAS, BUT LET'S BE STRAIGHT ABOUT THE WHOLE THING, I SAY.

DAVIS IS VERY CLOSE TO FENSTERWALD AND BLAKEY. BLAKEY IS A DISGRACE AND IF ANYONE DESERVES SCRUTINY AS A DISINFORMATION AGENT IT'S FENSTERWALD. RITA HAD FIRST HAND REASONS TO BELIEVE THIS AND I HAVE LOTS OF OTHER SUSPICIONS ABOUT HIM. YOU CAN CORRECT ME IF YOU DISAGREE. AS ALWAYS, I AM IGNORANT COMPARED TO YOU.

YEARS AGO I CORRESPONDED WITH DR. HUMES AND CONFRONTED HIM ABOUT LIFTON'S PHONE CALL TO HIM. LIFTON WENT BALLISTIC ON ME WHEN I TOLD HIM. HE WROTE VICIOUS LETTERS TO ME. PERHAPS HE DOOTH PROTEST TOO MUCH.?? ANYWAY I HAVE A MORE THAN VESTED INTEREST IN LEARNING WHAT IS WRONG WITH LIFTON'S WORK.

TWO LAST POINTS - I HAD A NICE CONVERSATION WITH ROGER FEINMAN THIS WEEK AND THE FBI HAS ACKNOWLEDGED

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MY FOIA REQUEST REGARDING THE
OSWALD P.O. BOX DISCREPANCIES,

NOW BE KIND TO ME AND EDUCATE
ME ABOUT WHAT I NEED TO KNOW. I'LL
ADMIT IGNORANCE WHEN I'VE CHASED FUTILE
LEADS BUT I'M AS SINCERE AS HELL. GIVE
ME THAT MUCH CREDIT.

I REGRET THE PHYSICAL DISTANCE
BETWEEN US. I BET IN A FEW DAYS'
TIME YOU COULD SET ME STRAIGHT ON
SO MANY ISSUES.

SAFE ENCLOSED.

SINCERELY,

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