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Dear Quin,

Thanks for the Don't Shred 'n Me stickon Jim forwarded to me. I think, with Ed's agreement, I'll put it on the door so all who enter can see it.

Getting it reminds me I've been intending to write not having gotten any response to a letter I wrote Scott Armstrong in January - as soon as the stories on his distribution in Moscow of Cuban missile crisis records broke.

As I am pretty sure I told him then, I was anxious to get whatever he could let me have of the records he distributed and any he brought back disclosed by the USSR. I want to read them and then give them to Hood College, where students are using my stuff pretty often. Of the two ongoing studies there are relevant in one now.

As you may recall, my last government employment was as an intelligence analyst. I'd not planned more than one book on the JFK assassination and I'd done some research on others, along with several analyses of then current crises. Before the Cuba crisis was ended I'd made an analysis that seemed pretty offbeat and farout then but is close to 100% accurate based on what we now know. The departure from 100% depends on whose version to you accept of whether or not there were warheads in Cuba. (Not an indispensable part of the analysis, by the way.) That book had the working title Tiger To Ride: the untold story of the Cuba missile crisis. No "n" intended.

Based on this analysis prior to the second Wednesday of it I had decided ^{correctly} what the solution would be, barring a real catastrophe. I date it that way because on that day I discussed it with several people in Washington. I was in Washington Wednesdays in those days.

Another matter of considerable interest to me now because of several disinformational books is records relating to how and when Bobby Kennedy learned about the CIA's mafia plots against Castro and what he then said and/or did. Some years ago the CIA disclosed one to me, I think drafted by Harvey. Recently, referred by DJ, which is still dribbling out a few things from time to time on ancient requests, they sent me Shef Edwards' 5/14/62 memo to files on his meeting with Bobby, a different record. The first one seems to have been adopted by someone who used my files. (Sad to say, it does happen and there is nothing I can do about it. Except that what most now see is duplicate copies I made, with the originals intact.) DJ file # 8-2-46-5.

The mafia plotting was not under JFK. It dated to the Ike administration and from what I've gotten neither Ike nor Nixon knew a thing about it. Until the incompetent bugger was caught nobody in the Kennedy administration other than six high CIA officials knew a thing about it. (Plus, of course, those involved, who had varying degrees of knowledge.)

I'm not able to do much more than make information available to others, which I do, but I'd like to see whatever there is on this that I can and then give it to Hood.

Hope all goes well with you and yours, and thanks for anything you can do.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg

buying Dan Martin's bed
from Phyllis McGinnis
with it