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Sir:

Although it is nicer than most of the things I've been called, I have never called myself a "Dealey Plaza Irregular". Garrison has not "opened his files to" me. Quite the contrary, it is three of my four books that first focused on the New Orleans aspect of the assassination. My OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS was written, retyped and mailed ten days before I ever spoke to Garrison. I've never worked with Lane or Sahl.

Other TIMELY "facts":

"Shaw, Garrison said, was really one Clay Bertrand whose name cropped up in the Warren Report." It mentions neither name.

"Epstein systematically shredded every piece of evidence Garrison put forward." Pretty good, even for Epstein, who distinguished himself by making no reference to New Orleans in his own book, particularly because Garrison has yet to "put forward" or anywhere else the evidence against Shaw he will take to court.

"Garrison has yet to charge anyone but Shaw." Ever hear of Edgar Eugene Bradley? Under indictment for perjury and not yet tried are Layton Martens, David Ferris's former roommate, and Kerry W. Thornley, anti-Communist Oswald's Marine mate who red-fingered him.

"Despite being married and the father of two ..." I count five.

"... discharged from the Army for mental reasons ..." At the time of this allegation, he was a captain. Years later, he resigned over Viet Nam, when a light colonel. How nutty do you have to be to make colonel in the U. S. Army?

Or invent "facts" for TIME?

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