

October 2, 1968

Lt. Hayden Lavinghouse  
Sheriff's Office  
St. Tammany Parish  
Covington, La.

Dear Lt. Lavinghouse,

Delay in responding to Deputy Darregh's letter of July 30 and the quite valuable pictures enclosed with it is because of the time required by other investigations and writings on which I was engaged. I do appreciate the trouble your office and you kind people have taken. The pictures are much clearer than any I had and show views I did not have.

This is one of three camps visited by your deputies on a single night. I am still not satisfied that it is, beyond doubt, the one I think may be of greatest significance and of most interest to me. That one was known as the Christian Democratic camp. One Rudolph Richard Davis (known as Ricardo), who then lived at the Parkchester development in New Orleans, was in charge of it. He has since moved away. A number of witnesses have given descriptions that, in some degree, differs from this site, particularly in its most conspicuous feature, that swimming pool.

The wife of one of your deputies, Chelise Ann Cole, might be helpful. By coincidence, the night before the Davis camp broke up, she accompanied him to the camp. He then alerted the men. She was terrified, as a young girl should have been. Her account of the length of time required to get there indicates a greater distance than three miles. Also, her description of the number and kinds of back roads traversed.

It would be helpful to me in distinguishing one camp from another if you have the names of the men at the various places. I can separate on that basis.

Perhaps, in this connection, Lt. Bennett could be helpful to you, for he was at all the camps that night.

During my investigation, I found a man who says he was at still a fourth camp, situated on State property along the lake, a maritime camp, from which small boats departed for Cuba regularly.

If you can be of any further help, have any further information or names, no matter how seemingly inconsequential, I certainly would appreciate it. I would like to be able to distinguish between the camps and locate them as precisely as possible. Also, in your reports, if you still have them, have you any indications that Lee Harvey Oswald or a man or men resembling him, were there? I have several such indications. They are not solid, but they repeat.

My sincere thanks.

Yours truly,

Harold Weisberg

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SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR

July 31, 1968

Mr. Harold Weisberg,  
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Frederick, Maryland, 21701.

Dear Sir;

Attached please find photographs of house and grounds of camp, three miles North of Lacombe, La., as per your recent request of this office.

At the time that this camp was used as a training ground for Cubans it was owned by a Mr. Mack Fletcher.

The camp is presently owned by Mr. Nick Papich.

It is located 3 miles North of Lacombe on La. Hwy. 434.

Lt. Hayden Lavinghouse was in charge of this investigation.

Photographs were made by Dpy. Fred C. Darragh.

Please address further enquiries to Lt. Lavinghouse through this office.

Yours truly

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