

M E M O R A N D U M

January 30, 1967

REPORT # 6

TO: Jim Garrison

FROM: Alvin V. Oser

RE: Ownership of Land in Pretty Acres Vicinity, Ponchartrain Street and Bayou Gardens.

On Friday, January 27, 1967 I proceeded to the St. Tammany Parish Court House in an attempt to learn the ownership of certain properties; more specifically, Pretty Acres, Ponchartrain Street in Big Branch and Bayou Gardens in Lacombe, Louisiana.

After checking the records of the Conveyance Office in St. Tammany Parish, I was able to learn that Pretty Acres is located in Township 7 Range 11 Section 15 and is owned by Louis Prima. The area of land immediately behind Pretty Acres is Township 7 Range 11 Section 14 and Section 23. Section 23 is owned by Jules R. Monroe and Section 14 is owned by several people in as much as there are lots and acreage divisions. In Section 14 the owners since 1961 are Ernest Prieto, Amanda Davis, E.C. McCollum, D.A. Blunt, Joseph H. Spell, E.J. D'Antoni, S.D. Blunt, Adolph Cederholm, K. Phillipps, R.G. Phillipps and John Melvin.

In checking the ownership of property on Ponchartrain Street, Big Branch, Louisiana, I learned that this Street is located in what is called Forest Glen Subdivision.

The house where the arms were found by the Federal Gov't, in 1963 is located approximately 100 feet from U.S. Hwy. 190 on Ponchartrain Street on the right hand side of the street on lots 50, 51 and 52 in Square 22. This land is owned by Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Boril and has been since 1961.

William Gurchich had informed me that there was another location on Ponchartrain Street, on the left hand side, where the Gov't. found a cache of dynamite and shell casings. I checked the ownership of these properties and learned that the following people owned the property on the left hand side of Ponchartrain Street in the first block off of U.S. Hwy. 190: Irma McCubbin, Marian Hardin, Olive F. Green, T.J. Gilliespi, Wm. C. Garrett and Frank Ward.

In checking the area of Bayou Gardens, Lacombe, Louisiana I learned that the Redemptorist Fathers purchased Bayou Gardens from Dick Leche on November 10, 1955. The area immediately adjacent to Bayou Gardens, the area which was blocked off, is owned by H.S. Verlander.

It should be noted that the employees in the Conveyance Office as well as the Assessor's Office informed me that the records may not be entirely correct as they were in the process of checking their records for correctness.

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April 7, 1967

MEMO FOR: Smith Case

RE: Ammo Cache in St. Tammany Parish - August, 1963

BROUSSARD declined to reveal what time of day the bunker was burglarized or what kind of explosives were taken. He would not say whether he expects to charge others in the theft.

William Gurvich, chief investigator for Garrison, has said the "others" in the conspiracy are known and will be arrested.

The Schlumberger bunker at an abandoned military air base near Houma was burglarized in August, 1961. Almost two years to the day later, federal agents seized more than a ton of explosives and war materials at a secluded frame house in St. Tammany Parish between Mandeville and Lacombe.

As Garrison's Kennedy investigation unfolded in early March, the New Orleans DA was reported looking for a group of men involved in acquiring the cache of munitions uncovered in 1963.

THE ST. TAMMANY house was owned by William Julius McLaney of New Orleans, who operated a tourist business in Cuba until driven out by Castro in 1950. Mrs. McLaney said they had leased the house to a Cuban refugee who could identify only as "Jose Juarez."

No trace has been reported of Juarez, and no one has been charged in connection with the St. Tammany find. The munitions there included 100-pound bomb casings, bomb fuses, primer cord, blasting caps, and a thickener used to make napalm.

Assigned to
Al Case

Lead

Locate Jose Juarez. Get description (of him and his associates) from Mrs. McLaney. Where did he come from, who did he know, where did he go? Etc...

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