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Dallas. I departed the day after the assassination. Hence, Garrison's statement that I "followed" Oswald to Dallas, while a half-truth is misleading and confusing to people who read it, and his statement conveys ideas that are completely inaccurate. The only other conclusion I can make is that Garrison's sources or his intelligence was extremely poor and hence, if that were true, this may explain the above quoted comment which is typical of his prolific flow of inaccuracies, at least as best as I can discern it.

I was then asked whether I knew about Cuban training camps in the New Orleans area. I commented that there were numerous rumors that the Federal Government had such camps in the New Orleans area, but I had never really confirmed their actual existence. I added that I had not conducted any investigation concerning the alleged establishment of the U. S. Government of camps in the area as I felt that one agency of the Federal Government should not investigate the alleged official activities of another (CIA) unless specifically instructed to do so for suitable reasons by higher authority.

I was then asked if I knew of the raid conducted in the New Orleans area on one of those camps or training sites. My response was "no". I then added that I had personally conducted a search warrant of an unoccupied summer home located on the other side of the lake from New Orleans and had found and seized a large number of cases of dynamite, percussion caps, napalm powder, wiring and some gutted aerial bombs. I then said that the owner of the house was present during the execution of the search warrant as a result of our efforts to contact him. I believe his name was McIlheney (ph), who was a gambler who had previously operated in Cuba. I indicated there was no raid by FBI on any training camp.

McIlheney

I do not recall the ensuing discussion emanating from one or more of the Committee members, but whatever it was it prompted me to make comments, the gist of which would be as follows:

I believe I suggested there were other types of theories compounded by various individuals as to how the assassination occurred, many of which supported the theory of a conspiracy and none of which, to my knowledge, was based on hard evidence. I then commented that whatever I did in the form of investigation and analysis pertaining to Oswald or the FPCC prior to the assassination as well as my efforts after the assassination all were performed in a probative manner with a considerable amount of forethought, and after the assassination, under conditions of high stress, adding