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Mr. Robert Scheer, Managing Editor
RAMPARTS
501 Broadway
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Scheer:

I am writing to you personally for some information; if you can't supply it, then I'll give you all I know and ask you to take it from there.

Your current (June) issue features the Garrison investigation. A month ago the N.Y. Times Magazine did one. I read both avidly, looking in vain for clarification of a piece of supposedly "hard" information known to much of the French-speaking world, concerning Mr. Clay Shaw. I want to know from you if this information has been discredited and simply ignored--or if it ever reached the English-speaking world. If it hasn't--if both the N.Y. Times and Ramparts, which represent the extremes of thoroughness haven't heard of it--then things are far more muddled than even you might believe.

My information: the respected morning paper in Montreal, LE DEVOIR, carried an article last winter by their American correspondent, Louis Witznitzer, on the Garrison investigation. While he said many things later admitted by Garrison (that it was perhaps a CIA-inspired job, and not a Castro caper, as many American papers first intimated); his most startling revelation by far (and not even picked up by the English-language STAR, or any American liberal weekly), was that Clay Shaw, in 1960, was on the board of directors of the "Centro Mondiale Commerciale" of Rome, a giant outfit that did no known business. On the board with him were: the son of Nazi Hjalmar Schacht; the lawyer to the Italian royal family (and secretary of the Italian Fascist Party); the editor of the neo-Nazi Nazional Zeitung of Germany; and a Montreal-based American, former major in the O.S.S., by the name of Bloomfield. There were others, who now escape me, but all were absurdly fascistic. The same group also incorporated in Switzerland under the name of the Permidex Corporation, and that company was dissolved by the Swiss gov't when it was proven to be a conduit for funds (of funds?) for the Algerian colon movement, the O.A.S. They later re-incorporated under the same name in the more conducive city of Johannesburg. Furthermore, LE DEVOIR, a week before, carried a brief announcement, from LE MONDE of Paris, that PRAVDA said Clay Shaw, through connections in Rome, was an identified agent of the CIA. All of this can be verified by checking with the paper in question, French-Canada's leading paper, conscientious to the hilt. I wrote to the NYTimes a month ago, after reading their account, demanding to know why they hadn't mentioned the above, and got no reply. So, take it. I am a professor, and published essayist and fiction writer, and a U.S. citizen. I want to know what happened to this "lead".

Clark Blaise
Clark Blaise

Montreal

... (Carren Domestica) ...
... at the residence of Sol Silbowitz on 113th St. (New York City). At the time of the assassination, she lived, ... in Salt Lake City. At that time, she had a friend (whose name she now refuses to furnish) whose aunt lived in Dallas and was allegedly ... a "Chicago gangster" who was then "stationed" in Dallas. This ... was, according to Kathy Thomas, a liason between Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald. Both Ruby and Oswald were supposed to have visited the home of this gangster, separately and together--prior to the assassination, obviously. This story comes to us via Kathy Thomas, who got it from her friend whose aunt allegedly entertained Ruby and Oswald for her gangster husband. Kathy Thomas will have to be interviewed in New York and treated very delicately, ~~X334~~ since she is not now willing to say anything, fearing for the lives of the family involved.

Turner

EXHIBITS

July 11, 1968

Mr. Jim Garrison
District Attorney, Orleans Parish
2700 Tulane Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Jim:

Here are two pieces of mail just in that I thought you should have right away.

Cordially,

Bill Turner

→ Lou -

Please make copies
of our DF & phone calls
for James.

Handled
H

...of course
...West-
...men. He
...extended."

I also spoke of
the M-16 rifle. Fall
communication from
the U.S. Military Command
in reply to his
M-16 rifle drill. The
agreed and were setting
the interest in the M-16
that it also violated the
schools on the use of "dum-
bullets. Fall spoke of the
stering on impact, causing
damage. I showed him
appeared in the Saigon
of December 20, 1966,
U.S. Army doctor who spoke
medical difficulties in treating
had been hit by Vietcong
ured M-16s. Fall was much
and carefully noted the date
of the story.

his same line, Fall also told
struction of a hospital at
another clear Geneva viola-
aised the question with the
ing Officer. His tongue in
y was, 'Hospital? What hos-
perhaps it was a hospital,
the supplies and equipment
ved it was just a building,
royed it.'"

Fall was chasing a will o'
recalling signed agreements
efforts to civilize war. Yet
in Fall that for him this
two important things. First
d to recall to Americans the
of the enemy. We were still
th human beings, after all,
an effort to correct Amerer-
attitudes toward interna-
reements with perhaps a
the Geneva accords which
e war in 1954.

another interesting inter-
out correspondents going
ed. I had asked how corre-
ould claim objectivity when
about in uniform, in many

...responded, "your
...clothes wouldn't last a day in
...hush. Secondly, if you were cap-
...ured in civilian clothing you might
...be shot as a spy. In uniform you have
... 'Press' over the right breast pocket and
... the name of your paper over the left.
... Then the Vietcong at least know what
... classification to put you in."

I asked how he could square being
such a critic of American policy in
Vietnam with his own shooting at the
Vietcong. "Well, in an ambush, for
example, they don't know I am a cor-
respondent, let alone which one. I
figure they have the right to shoot at
me, but I certainly have the right to
defend myself." No doubt it was all
part of Fall's basic feeling that you
could not fully understand the war
without being in it. He certainly spoke
with pleasure at the unique position
he occupied: being both a frequent
lecturer at the U.S. National War Col-
lege and one of the ablest critics of
the war.

But beneath his interest in things
military, and under the layer of cyn-
icism that all good international
correspondents use to shield their
struggle for some semblance of objec-
tivity, Fall was deeply touched by the
Vietnamese war. During our meeting
he spoke of interviewing a Vietcong
prisoner who had been fighting con-
tinually for thirteen years. This partic-
ular one, a captain, had an advanced
degree in physics and mathematics and
he and Fall had reminisced together
about the earlier years of the war.
Victory or defeat no longer seemed to
concern this captain, nor even a life
that might have been. All that seemed
left was the attitude exemplified by
his final words to Fall. "We will all
die, but we will not surrender."

Fall spoke of walking among the
Vietcong dead, many of whom were
young girls. He spoke of one about
eighteen years old who had been carry-
ing a love letter in her pack. Finally
Fall described a death tableau which
he said was "one of the most poignant
moments for me in this war. Some ner-
vous and trigger-happy GI had sud-
denly come upon a young Vietnamese
couple out taking a walk. The GI had
promptly opened fire. I looked down

We parted company in front of the
restaurant. He walked off to keep his
appointment on the M-16 check-out.
Beneath that brisk confidence and
knowledge about his own competence
with respect to Vietnam lay a real
love of the country. Fall knew Viet-
nam was dying and he was fighting
American policy in his own way. A
few weeks later he was killed by a
land mine in the Vietnam countryside.
He deserved to see the outcome of
the war: The "victory of the grave-
yard"—or dare we hope that the United
States will come to its senses be-
fore it is too late?

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William W. Turner
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Dear Mr. Taylor:

Just in case you have not seen it, the Vancouver Sun of August 8 or 9 carried an exclusive interview with Donald P. Norton, who insists that he is a former paid agent of the CIA. In the interview, he claims that while in the employment of the CIA he had contacts with Clay Shaw, David Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald, all with regard to CIA activities concerning Cuba.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Wainock, Jr.
John W. Wainock, Jr.
Assistant Professor

Jim,

If you've seen the article, disregard. I couldn't find the Sun issues in San Francisco so have written Vancouver for the article. Will send it on.

Bill V.