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Re: Walter P. Peyson  
Minuteman

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San Francisco

- (1) William Pfanmiller, Kansas City, listed in Shaw address book
- (2) Walter Patrick Peyson, Minuteman

Attached is photocopy of a letter to me from Harry Jones, Jr., a reporter on the Kansas City Star. The letter is in reply to a request I made of him to (1) check out Pfanmiller and (2) supply a photograph of Peyson---Bill Boxley wants it. The photograph is also attached.

On the basis of what Jones found out about Pfanmiller, the strong possibility is that he was a Shaw boy friend. I will leave it to your discretion as to further investigation on Pfanmiller. I would suggest that if there is anything further you get in touch with Harry Jones direct.

The relevance of Peyson is this. He is a charter member of the Minutemen. He is from St. Louis and is particularly close to Richard Lauchli across the river in Collinsville, Illinois. On the Minutemen tapes in your possession, you will find that Brooks the informant states that Peyson taught the use of machineguns and guerilla warfare. He is a tough ex-Marine, and extraordinarily militant. He was convicted with DePugh about six months ago of illegal possession of an automatic weapon, this in the federal court in Kansas City.

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Dear Bill:

I don't know in how much of a hurry you are for info regarding Mr. Pfanmiller, so will fire off the results of my initial inquiries today and hope for more later.

A William Pfanmiller lived at the Wellington apartments, 519 West 11th Street, KC, until "about four or five years ago," according to the landlady there who remembered him the instant I mentioned the name. He is in his early 40's, she said, is single and was "very nice." When I asked her if he was ever involved in politics, she replied no, definitely, "I doubt if he even voted." "He was just for himself, no associates." And he had no visitors while living there. The apartment house, by the way, appears to be in the \$60-\$75-a-month category from the outside, is just a block from West 12th Street's grubbier areas --- prostitutes, cheap bars --- Jack Kerouac once mentioned this short stretch of 12th as more or less "in" to the beats.

The landlady said his forwarding address, when he left, had been 3413 Baltimore Ave., where he moved to be closer to work at the Parkview drug store (one of a large local chain) at 3207 Prospect, which isn't all that close to the Baltimore address, really. A phone call there produced a woman who remembered he had left the store about two years ago --- his feet bothered him --- so he could join the Missouri National Guard. I don't know how the National Guard was going to help his feet, but she seemed to think it might. She said he was a "perfect fellow" as an employee.

So I called the National Guard and was told that William Pfanmiller (I haven't been able to verify the middle initial) was on a field training trip at Camp Riley, Minn., right now and would not be back here until Aug. 13. Pfanmiller is a staff sergeant in the medical corps, I was told. His address is:

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Staff Sgt William Pfanmiller  
SSGE6  
864th Med. Co.  
Ambulance  
35th Command  
Headquarters Division  
Camp Ripley,  
Little Falls, Minn.

At home in Kansas City, according to the latest telephone directory, he is at 4623 Wyoming.

I checked with a usually good source on the Minutemen who said he had never heard of this bird. Jerry Brooks, for what it might be worth, did once talk of a couple of guys who worked in a drug store not far from the Prospect address, saying they were Minutemen, but I can't recall the details.

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If you like, I can ask a few questions around his neighborhood on Wyoming, or at the National Guard office. And if you like, I also could approach Pfanmiller once he is back here, tell him, "hey, I hear you know something about the Kennedy assassination," and see what he says. Let me know.

The book is tentatively scheduled for publication next spring, damn it. The slowness of publishers is infuriating. I'll send you a copy.

Your piece a month or so ago about the assassination and Garrison affair was fascinating. I'd love to take about two years off --- properly subsidized --- and look into that subject from start to finish. Great assignment.

*→ Jim, I  
would  
suggest you  
get in touch  
with Harry  
directly if  
you want  
further  
investigation.*

Question: You mentioned, I believe, in your bugging article last year that Katzenback personally went to Sen. Ed Long at his home in Bowling Green, Mo., and persuaded him to lay off the FBI, regarding bugging. Are you at liberty to reveal your source on that? It fits interestingly into a project I'm working on right now. In case you haven't seen it yet, the letter Hoover wrote long in January, 1966, can be found in the Congressional Record of July 24, 1967, as part of a windy Long speech. Read it and you might be inspired to a fresh sense of outrage.

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The Peyson photo is inclosed. It's the best I have. If you use it, please forget your source for it. Wally's about 5' 10" and looks to weigh maybe 150. I have quite a bit of background material on him if you need it. I'd be intrigued to know why you need the photo, but shall be discreet and won't ask.

Best regards,

*Harry Jones*  
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