

Reuben D. ...

The remainder of that week I was back at the Archives tracing through the official versions of Oswald's movements before the killing and determined two things, which you did not seem to have use for; one, that there were no records or estimates anywhere of what Oswald was doing in October 1963 despite the piles of evidence showing where he was at all other times before and after Kennedy was killed; and two, I found De Mohrenschildt's contradictory testimony on the letter he wrote to Mrs. Auchincloss, Jackie's mother from Haiti on Dec. 12, 1964 in which he said he never saw Oswald since November 1962. In fact he saw him on the Monday after Easter, April, 1963, just after Walker was shot.

You still asked me to continue looking on the hope something big might turn up. I had sent you my expenses ~~up~~ up to and through the N.Y. trip and an estimate of the time I had put in for you up to that time. You then called and asked that I concentrate on Gary Underhill, which I did starting on about May 20. A few ~~days~~ days after that you asked me to go to Tom's River to talk with Mrs. Fitzsimmons, who had heard the story that Jones Harris and John Donovan were telling. I spent the majority of the week May 23 to May 27 on Underhill in Washington, searching out the corporate records of the District on Falcon Aeronautics and trying to find Underhill's widow and Paul Cole. John Hanes III, who was a director for Falcon and once Dulles' assistant at the State Department in the early 1950's, claimed to me he did not know Underhill, though Irving Dawson, a lobbyist here for the Murckmans, knew both Gary and Hanes, but not Cole. Though I did not work that Monday, May 23, the rest of the week was used to build a case for ~~me~~ against Underhill having any special knowledge.

Contact David

You still wanted me to Tom's River, even though I had serious doubts that Charlene Fitzsimmons could enlarge at all on what was in that letter. Others here conformed to me that they thought Underhill was not well in his last year, but a final conclusion about his death was elusive since I could not locate the medical student who was supposed to be present when he was ~~found~~ dead of the gunshot wound in his head.

24-May 27--Gary Underhill

June 2--Gary Underhill and some loose ends on the Archives documents and trip to Tom's River.

Friday, June 3. I left for Florida and sent you an accounting for the second three weeks, plus expenses.

I have summarized the timing of the work for Ramparts. Unfortunately there were no great discoveries, but I am not sure there could be fruitfulness on inquiries of this sort. Much of what you asked me to do had to be based on mere speculation, though that does not alter the fact that I used considerable time and energy seeking answers for you. I kept telephone calls and ~~travel~~ travel expenses to a minimum as I felt that telephoning is the worst way to establish a piece of evidence. Finally, because I must attend to my own work, I separated very carefully time spent for you and time spent on preparing my book. And where I put in for a couple of hours for you, or a morning, or simply an evening, I did not count it; the only time I have recorded for pay purposes are full days, from 9 a.m. in the morning to 5:30 p.m. in the evening. I hope this will answer any questions your accountants might have.

Sincerely,
Edward S. Cohen