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6/8/91

Dear Mr. Adams,

I do have a copy of the report I did on Boxley and I am not going to put it into general circulation and then face innumerable and uninformed letters to answer. I'm 78, in impaired health, limited in what I can do, and I cannot justify spending any time on what I know to be utter irrationalities including those Garrison invented.

I believe I did know who those neighbors were but I'm not going to take the time and those records are in the basement and I can use the steps only a few times and day and can't stand still in front of file cabinets to get and refile. My report was accurate, as was Lardner's account, and Garrison, albeit very reluctantly, fired Boxley, who did refuse to face me on it.

Fenton was not, to the best of my recollection, able to identify any of those called tramps, which they weren't, and that entire business was later, away from the scene of the crime and had no relationship at all to it. Some very good people made up some very bad "identification" meaning well but doing the opposite. There is absolutely nothing to it and please do not ask any more of me about it.

I do have a Vallee file, it is to me a "dead" file, I recall some FBI reports in it, and when I can I'll get and copy them and will enclose them. I appreciate your offer to pay the costs because we bought a relatively inexpensive copier unaware that the service and other costs make our per-copy cost high.

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg

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June 3, 1991

Harold Weisberg
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Harold Weisberg;

I recently obtained George Lardner, Jr.'s May 19, 1991 article in the Washington Post (Outlook) regarding the Oliver Stone film. The article stated the following:

"Weisberg flew to New Orleans, holed himself up in the DA's office and wrote a lengthy report demolishing Boxley's claims."

Do you still have a copy of that report. Is it possible for me to get a copy of the report? It would be willing to pay all costs.

The article also identified several Garrison suspects as follows:

"From there, the plot thickened. Neighbors identified one of the men in the celebrated "tramp photo" as someone who lived right across the hall from the man who was—or wasn't—Perrin!"

Do you know who these people were (ie: The man who wasn't Perrin; The neighbor Garrison thought was one of the tramps; The other tramps which Garrison was planning to arrest)?

Do these people tie in to the various reports by Garrison, Gandolfo and Richard E. Sprague regarding the identification and recording of "Frenchy" by the HSCA investigators led by Fenton?

Paul Hoch referred be to you regarding my search for documents concerning a possible Chicago assassination plot on Nov. 2, 1963. I am looking for the FBI and Secret Service files regarding Thomas Vallee and any other alleged plotters in Chicago. Do you have copies of these reports? If so, are you will to make copies if I cover all of you costs?

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,



Bill Adams

Date December 2, 1963Other Individuals and Organizations
Involved of Interviewed

LUKE CHRISTOPHER HESTER who is employed with NBC News, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his place of residence, 1211 Michigan Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, on November 28, 1963, at which time HESTER advised that he was born and raised in New York City and has only resided in the Chicago area for the past five years. After being appraised of the situation concerning the Bureau interests in the assassination of President KENNEDY, Mr. HESTER stated that he would be of any assistance and would advise of any information he possessed. He stated that a few days ago his superior, BILL CORLEY, News Manager, for NBC News, Midwest Bureau Merchandise Market, Chicago, Illinois, asked if he had any contacts in New York City by which information concerning a New York license plate could be obtained. CORLEY, knowing that HESTER used to be a native of New York, requested that he obtain a listing on New York license plate 311ORF, inasmuch as this automobile had some connection with OSWALD and the assassination. HESTER stated that he subsequently contacted his father-in-law, HUGH LARKIN, who resides at 5309 17th Street, Maspeth, New York, to see if he could be of assistance in obtaining information concerning the license plate. HUGH LARKIN thereafter advised him that the information was "frozen" and that only the FBI could obtain this information.

Mr. HESTER further stated that he was not aware of the background concerning why or how this license plate was connected with OSWALD, but that his superior, Mr. CORLEY, would probably know the circumstances surrounding the license plate and its connection. He requested that the FBI contact Mr. CORLEY for any further information.

On 11/28/63
On 11/28/63 at Evanston, Illinois File # 62-6115

by SAs LANSING P. LOGAN and JOHN P. QUINLAN/MAQ Date dictated 12/2/63

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Date 12/2/63

Mr. BILL CORLEY, News Manager, National Broadcasting Company (NBC) News, Merchandise Mart, advised as follows:

He recently became News Manager for NBC in Chicago and has administrative control over news items he feels should be investigated by reporters as possible stories of interest.

Several days ago, exact date unknown, it was brought to his attention, from an unrecalled source, that an individual alleged from New York had been arrested by the Chicago Police Department for a minor traffic violation and a search of this individual's automobile resulted in the finding of numerous rounds of ammunition and a weapon, make and caliber unknown. He did not know the name or address of the person arrested and did not know the disposition of the arrest. Inasmuch as the arrest occurred on the same day, November 2, 1963, the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY was to attend the football game between the United States Air Force Academy and the West Point Military Academy at Soldier Field, this arrest became of interest to CORLEY. Subsequently the above arrest became even more interesting to him when he learned of the details of the assassination of the late President. Although he knew of no connection between the individual arrested on November 2, 1963 and the man accused of the assassination, CORLEY assigned a Chicago television reporter, LEN O'CONNOR, to investigate and determine if there could possibly be a connection.

To assist O'CONNOR, CORLEY asked LUKE HESTER, a Chicago NBC employee who formerly worked in New York City if HESTER had any contacts in New York who could check on New York automobile registration 3110RF, inasmuch as this registration plate had some connection with LEE HARVEY OSWALD and the assassination. HESTER later informed CORLEY that the FBI in New York had placed a "freeze" on any information concerning this registration. By "freeze" CORLEY explained he meant that no information could be given out concerning this registration because the FBI had requested New York authorities to keep the information confidential.

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CORLEY personally knows of no connection between the aforementioned arrest in Chicago and the assassination of the President. He is still interested in this matter inasmuch as the FBI in New York has put a "freeze" on the license plate information.

CORLEY concluded by stating that if he received any additional information in this matter, he would immediately contact the FBI in Chicago and would cooperate with the FBI in any way possible.

He was unable to supply additional information.

Date December 4, 1963

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A review of the records on file at Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, for THOMAS AUTHER VALLEE, Serial Number 111 44 55, indicated he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on August 12, 1949, and entered on active duty the same date at Greenbay, Wisconsin. He was honorably discharged on November 28, 1952, as a Corporal at Campe Lejeune, North Carolina, by reason of expiration of enlistment.

He re-enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, same serial number, on February 9, 1955, and entered on active duty on November 28, 1955, at Chicago, Illinois. He was honorably discharged on September 14, 1956, as a Corporal at Great Lakes, Illinois, by reason of physical disability without severance pay.

Records contain letter dated August 31, 1956, Subject: Discharge by Reason of Physical Disability, and stated that on August 24, 1956, the Secretary of the Navy approved the proceedings and recommended findings of the Physical Evaluation Board in the case of the subject - named Marine, and directed he be discharged from service by reason of physical disability with disability shown as

His record contained a Naval Speed Letter, dated August 6, 1956, to the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C., which requested a bed be designated in a Veterans Administration Hospital in the case of Caucasian male THOMAS ARTHUR VALLEE, Corporal, United States Marine Corps, Serial Number 111 44 55,

, home address - Chicago, Illinois, man's choice is Hines Memorial Veterans Administration Hospital, Hines, Illinois, man appeared before Physical Evaluation Board third August, 1956, latter patient class 1-A, length of future hospitalization is indefinite, there is no previous request for a Veterans Administration bed pending.

Records contained letter dated December 23, 1955, requesting correction be made to show VALLEE's middle name as AUTHER, instead of ARTHUR, evidenced by birth certificate. Record contained letter

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dated June 12, 1951, changing date of birth from November 15, 1931, to November 15, 1933, as evidenced by birth certificate.

Marine Corps medical records on file, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, for VALLEE contained a letter dated February 23, 1956, Subject: Psychiatric evaluation of VALLEE, THOMAS ARTHUR, Corporal, 111 44 55, United States Marine Corps, report of and reflected the following:

"1. VALLEE was referred to the Neuropsychiatric Department of the post dispensary for psychiatric evaluation because of extremely abnormal nervousness and periods of excitement in which he cannot talk to anyone. He is also said to be very hyper-active and does not get along well in the barracks..."

"4. VALLEE has had two episodes of passible concussion, once when a mortar shell exploded near him in Korea and a second time in an auto accident which required hospitalization for two months. His father died as the result of the automobile accident..."

"7. VALLEE was referred for psychological testing. The conclusion reached following the testing period is as follows:

"He is functioning well within the average range of intellectual evaluation. VALLEE shows indications of paranoid-thinking. We see then, a rather weak male person (i.e. a weak ego structure) who experiences difficulty in his interpersonal relationships with males, but compensating by building up a somewhat pseudo-concept of his own virility. There are in addition indications from psychological tests of some type of organic difficulty'....."

Record reflected that on June 19, 1956, the patient appeared before clinical board which concurred with the findings and diagnosis of [REDACTED]

This clinical board also reflected that on May 21, 1953, "the patient was discharged against medical advice at the request of himself and his family, and into their custody", with a diagnosis

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Record reflected disability claim filed with the Veterans Administration Regional Office, under Claim number 17460-615, 2030 West Taylor Street, Chicago, Illinois, with alleged disease or injury shown as "N.P. condition, head wounds".

Relatives shown as MARY CATHERINE VALLEE, sister, 6030 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois. Parents shown as THOMAS ARCHABALD and MARY CATHERINE VALLEE (deceased). VALLEE's address at time of discharge from the United States Marine Corps was that shown for sister. Prior address shown as 3711 North Pine Grove Street, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, 1955.

Photograph available upon request.

Education two years college. Date of birth November 15, 1933, Chicago, Illinois.

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VALLEE / Thomas

Other Individuals and Organizations
Involved or Interviewed

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/10/68

Acting Supervisor MARTINEAU, Secret Service Division, Chicago, on December 9, 1968, advised SA WILLIAM L. HERRMANN as follows:

Investigation conducted by the Secret Service in Chicago reflects that there was only one arrest on November 2, 1963 regarding protection of President KENNEDY, who was expected to be in attendance at the Army-Air Force game to be held that same day. This arrest pertained to THOMAS VALLEE, previously mentioned.

MARTINEAU added that there might have been other arrests made that same date by Chicago Police Department officers on charges of "carrying a concealed weapon," but none of these would have related to protection of the President. He advised further that no individual by the name of OSWALD was arrested on such charge on November 2, 1963.

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On 12/9/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # 62-69615
by SA WILLIAM L. HERRMANN/bak 19* Date dictated 12/9/68

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA DENNIS W. SHANAHAN Office: Chicago
Date: 2/5/64
Field Office File #: 62-6115 Bureau File #: 62-109060
Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

Synopsis: LARRY FANNING, Executive Editor "Chicago Daily News", advises there is no truth to story that four men were arrested in Chicago on 11/2/63 carrying concealed weapons, one of which men was reported to be OSWALD. On 1/14/64, THOMAS VALLE appeared before Branch 46, Municipal Court, Chicago, Illinois, on charge of "Unlawful Use of Weapon". Subject found guilty on above charge and in addition was imposed a \$5.00 suspended fine on a traffic violation. 1/28/64 set as date of sentencing for subject who was released on \$100.00 bond.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

LARRY FANNING, Executive Editor "Chicago Daily News", had previously advised that on November 2, 1963, four men were reportedly arrested in Chicago, Illinois, and charged with carrying a concealed weapon. One of these individuals, according to FANNING's source, was believed to be the subject OSWALD.

SAC MARLIN W. JOHNSON has periodically maintained contact with Mr. FANNING in an effort to determine FANNING's source for this story. On January 21, 1964, Mr. FANNING advised SAC JOHNSON that he had looked into the matter thoroughly and there was absolutely no truth whatsoever in the story. He stated he could not tell Mrs. JOHNSON exactly how the story originated.

On January 14, 1964, THOMAS VALLE appeared before Judge GORDON B. NASH, Branch 48, Municipal Court, Chicago, Illinois, charged with "Unlawful Use of Weapon". VALLE had been arrested on November 2, 1963, for a traffic violation, at which time arresting officers observed a hunting knife lying on the front seat of VALLE's car. During the interrogation of VALLE by Chicago Police Officers, VALLE revealed he was very much against the present minimization. On the date of trial, VALLE, through his attorney, PETER DEGRACE, entered a plea of "not guilty". His attorney submitted a motion to suppress the evidence on the grounds that the weapon in question was found in an illegal search of VALLE's vehicle. During the course of testimony by the arresting officer PETER SCHURIA, SCHURIA stated that the weapon was observed on the passenger side of the front seat. VALLE in testifying on his behalf stated that he maintained this weapon for protection purposes and kept the weapon on the front seat of his car. Judge NASH denied the motion to suppress the evidence. On the conclusion of hearing evidence Judge NASH found THOMAS VALLE guilty of the charge of Unlawful Use of Weapon, and imposed a \$5.00 suspended fine on the traffic violation. At this time Judge NASH granted a continuance for a hearing on the sentence and set the date for sentencing as January 28, 1964. VALLE was released on a \$200.00 bond.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA DENNIS W. SHANAHAN

Office: Chicago

Date: 2/12/64

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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Synopsis: THOMAS A. VALLE placed under local court jurisdiction for one year and finding of guilty withdrawn. WILLIAM KLINE, United States Customs, Laredo, Texas, interview set forth.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On January 28, 1964, THOMAS A. VALLE appeared before Judge GORMAN E. NASH in Municipal Court for sentencing on conviction for "unlawful use of weapon." Judge NASH withdrew the finding of guilty imposed on January 14, 1964, and continued the case for one year. During this year continuance, VALLE* is to be under the supervision of the court and must report to a probation officer each month.

VALLEE

MEETING AT DAILY NEWS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WITH
Bill Mooney, Asst. City Editor
Bob McCartney, City Editor
Bob Gruenberg, Reporter
Newman, Reporter

May 28 and 29, 1968

All shown Commissions' Exhibit 2887 and Bill Mooney in particular recalled the following which, for some reason, did not get in the paper: at the time of JFK's scheduled visit to Chicago, there were four men in town who planned an assassination attempt from one of the overpasses from O'Hare into town. They were seized but apparently not arrested. Mooney recalls a disassembled rifle in the story.

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This is not to be confused with the police detention of an ex-Bircher, Thomas A. Vallee, who was picked up with a gun in his car. This did show up in the Daily News of Nov. 1 or 2. (See attached).

When we attempted to check this story with Lt. Frank Heimosky (?) of CIB, he was "no speaka da English". Said he knew nothing about it - no file, etc., etc.

The person who probably knows all is present Superintendent James B. Conlisk, Jr., who on November 1, 1963, was in charge of the parade (500,000) which was called off. He was out of town on May 29, 1968, but, in all likelihood, he, too, would have a very bad memory.

[Checked Chicago Police files and no relevant arrest records.]