

6/19/68

Dear Hal,

Further response to your letter of 6/15. I have forwarded what should be.

Have any of you checked out the Sirhan Cuban connection?

It is hard to believe that those photographed in front of TSBD, who certainly know the photographs exist, would risk a second exposure, unless they are a very small, not connected band. Or expected incredible protection.

Chapman, who has been hiding from me what I have known all along, that he is violently anti-Semitic, has not responded to my last two letters. I think it best that I leave him alone for a while. I did not know this originated with you. Jim had told me. Possibly I asked Chapman for what gets too close to some of his close friends. None of this influences the validity of the pictures he took for me that, unfortunately, were so misused.

I agree it is possible the real killer disappeared in that church. I also agree that he may then have fled to New Orleans, and I have something bearing on this that I cannot put in the mail. Hence I would be more than interested in any other conjecture or fact you may have on this. I have reason to think it possible that people involved in that assassination were in New Orleans the Sunday night following. Amplification, what little there is, will have to await our meeting. Nothing firm in my plans yet. Questions remains money and housing. I have neither the fare nor the arrangements and will not, under any circumstances, be able to stay in a motel. Not all the time, anyway.

Lifton had sent me his mailing. I didn't order because I had two of the things, one of which he doesn't understand and the other he misrepresents. The Marina interrogation, which I discovered (not "recently", in his use of Thompson's dodge, but about May of 1966 and published in essence in WWII), is hardly worth this attention, particularly when compared with the other documents that could be published in that space, and makes me again wonder what his un-nesth real intents now are. His work on Thornley is quite dishonest. I have sent Paul copies of my letter on each article. I did not say all I could have. One of the fascinating things is the open lie that is repeated, that Thornley was back in New Orleans for only two weeks in September before O left. I am satisfied this is a lie. Without checking my files, it otherwise means Thornley had a much longer stay in Mexico. I know he was there 7/31/63. I have letters he wrote then, before and after, with envelopes. He could not account for the period immediately before these two September weeks when Jim asked him. I find significance in your correspondence and his opening clause, for this was before publication of O in NC and if he had thought of the significance of O's crypto clearance before that he knew things he has not disclosed, knows his testimony is at best misleading. I think I have told Paul a little about what I have learned of him. His use of P.O. boxes when he seems to have had no need to is also fascinating. That fits a pattern of not him and O only. Layton Mertens, for example, has one yet he has a permanent residence. I have reason to believe he also has interesting connections.

Nothing to add to my yesterday comment on the rumors and broadcasts. I think everyone was quoting my information, with a little of it getting garbled, like Lind and Harris getting confused as "emmisaries". I doubt Jones was, not that Hay. He has a hunk of a boxer who fought that weekend, in N.C. (got robbed).

I have new stuff if any of the fellows would like to air me by phone (I'd love an engagement that would pay so I could get out there to speak to all of you). I now charge and prove that what Life actually bought from Z was the right to suppress his film. I have evolved a way of using the film that is suit-proof and

have done it on a number of local TV stations and at least one press conference without comment from Life. I add to this the content of the nine missing frames of stills, 335-43, suppressed in the printing and use of the stills, and it makes an exciting show. The info is solid. These missing frames again disprove the accounting of the shooting. They clearly show the back of the head, the collars, and there is no blood on the neck of the shirt collar. Lene is, as usual, just whoring around when he says there is a simultaneous backward and leftward motion beginning at 313. There are two separate motions, and the body pivots first, toward the right. It is here that the back of the neck and the collars are so visible. Also, the head flap seems inconsistent with the explanation of the wound. It is much farther to the front and blocks from the camera view of his face, in these "missing" frames. They reacted to PW, where I go into this in the early pages, and quietly slipped those frames in. They published only to 334.

I wonder whether using that "too many guns" bit in connection with an ommissery was a good idea. I wonder whether this dribbling of what should not be mentioned if there are every to be approaches from those fearing repurcussions will not discourage any of the encourage who might be so inclined. For the sake of cheap attention to what he deserves no attention for, Mark has again set us back, as invariably he does. After this, I doubt if anyone not desperate or incredibly dedicated will get in touch with Garrison. If he is worried about his life, should he?

Regards to everyone. I'll send Paul the Radelot docs, etc., when I get them. I did order them and should have them in a few days.

Sincerely,

June 15, 1968

Dear Hal,

Your letters of June 7 were received by me the other day. Before I forget let me give you my new telephone number (I'm still at Tom's place but the telephone number was changed last week). The new phone number is: Area Code #415-237-0165. Make sure you write this down correctly and carry it with you. If you don't you won't be able to contact me since the operator will not give you the new number if you call my old phone number. Tom now has an unlisted phone and it is only by having me give you the number that you'll obtain it.

I've delayed my plans on coming to the East by several weeks and now figure on early July. It'll probably be within three weeks before I make the move. I want to do a few things before I leave and so I've had to push the date up a few weeks. Since no trial date seems on the horizon at this point I'm not too concerned that I will be leaving at the time a trial will be taking place.

I met with Jonn C. yesterday after trying to reach him for several days. I'll give you his new address and phone so that you can maintain contact with him. He now lives at: 1732 Pacific St., S.F. and his phone is #776-3626.

I told Jonn about the importance of the Youngblood photo and he promised me that he would get a copy for my use as soon as possible. He doubted that this could be done before the 24th of June since the one he would see on that won't be back at the S.F. Examiner offices until then. If you write him just give him a reminder. He knows the importance and I hope he can do something before that date but he himself doubted this. If he can do it after the 24th then we'll just have to wait.

Jonn told me that both Harv Morgan and Jim Eason are with KGO. Harv is the "anchor man" there and Jim does commercials plus news. I understand that the program Jim used to do has been dropped by that station it having adopted a full rock and roll type format. CBS, I understand, has also done away with the talk-radio programs and it would seem now that only KGO and KNEW are the only ones doing this kind of program. Have you heard from Morgan or Eason?

I expect to be in S.F. this coming Monday and I will try to see both Morgan and Eason. I haven't seen them since the last time you were here. I'll suggest to them that they contact you and perhaps see if they can build a program around you. Possibly it might deal with the two Kennedy assassinations. I saw Paul this week and looked at the letters you sent him. I was particularly intrigued at what you had to report on Bobby and your awareness of a plot against his life. I am quoting from memory but didn't you say ~~that~~ (on the night that Bobby was shot) that an attempt on his life would be made?

There are all sorts of rumors floating around here concerning the political assassinations of the last five years and I'll pass them on here to you. I have no confirmation of any of them but perhaps you can make use of them in some way.

One rumor I've heard is that Mark Lane allegedly stated on a radio (or TV?) program that Garrison had received an emissary from Bobby's office (before RFK's assassination) and that this person told

Garrison that there were "too many guns between Bobby and the White House." As best as I can determine this was aired on a Boston program known as "Contact" and appeared on a Washington, D.C. station, WFAM. I believe it was aired on Monday, June 10.

Another rumor that more or less follows along these same lines is a report from a friend who informs me that Mark Lane stated over KGO (S.F. station) on June 11 that Garrison had a letter from RFK in which Bobby states that he knew his brother was killed because of a conspiracy and that when he became President he would call for a new investigation.

There would seem to be some basis for the first rumor for on June 14th I heard Bill Turner state that he had spoken to Garrison on June 12th and Garrison told him that the statement by the emissary about there being "too many guns" was "essentially true". Turner even identified the aide (or emissary) as Charles Lind. I don't recall seeing this name before. Turner, incidentally, told this on KGO and publicly named Lind so it is no secret. If I'm not mistaken a friend said that when Mark Lane made the statement he pointed out that the emissary was a man whom both Garrison and Bobby would trust since this aide had gone to school with Garrison at one time.

Another rumor concerns the suspected murderer of Martin Luther King. According to this version when James Earl Ray stayed in St. Louis he stayed at a mission that is connected with Rev. Carl McIntire's religious organization. Have you heard this one?

Two rumors that seem similar concern Sirhan Sirhan. One rumor is that the "Frenchman" who appears in the photo of three men arrested on the day of the assassination was also spotted in a film taken at the Ambassador Hotel when RFK was shot. Allegedly this "Frenchman" was seen in the vicinity of Sirhan Sirhan just before he shot Kennedy at the Ambassador. The second rumor that is similar to this is a caller who phoned a talk show (most likely KNEW) and said that he recognized a couple in a photograph taken in front of the Depository Building the day of JFK's assassination. He claims this same couple were seen at the Ambassador Hotel when RFK was shot.

So much for the rumor mill. Now I'll try to present some factual data. I checked further into the Universal Life Church and found the following: From the National Review (April 9, 1968) under the heading of "The Week" appeared this story:

"A fat sheaf of requests for 4-D (ministerial) deferments from 1-As (Hey, you?) in the California draft pool has Selective Service officials rubbing their collective chin. Draft boards across the state are particularly skeptical of the many young clerics who have seen the light through the good graces of the Universal Life Church, Inc., the president of which corporation, the Rev. Kirby J. Hensley, explained his religious order this way to a New York Times reporter: "We ordain you without question of your faith, for life and without a price... You can start a church, and we'll send you a charter... and you can have it right in your own home if you ain't got nowhere else, know what I mean?" Know what you mean. Selective Service regulations entitle accredited ministers and seminarians to 4-D classification. California law gives the individual churches the right to establish qualifications for their ministries. The Rev. Mr. Hensley figures that his brand of spiritualism has kept "probably a hundred or more" young men out of military service thus far, and the reformation has just begun."

I checked the New York Times index and located the article by that reporter. It appeared in the March 24th edition (1968) under the heading: "California Selective Service Officials probe Universal Life Church, Inc., Modesto Sect which repeatedly ordains as minister youths seeking to avoid draft." I have, however, not had a chance to look this article up. I hope to do so in the near future and I'll send you a copy.

I checked out the Rev. Mensley in the Modest phone book and his address is 1766 Eoland Road, Modesto, Calif. (Tel. #537-0553).

As you requested I'm enclosing copies of both my letter to Thornley and his reply to me. As I noted in pencil on my copy to Thornley my question to him concerned his knowledge of Oswald as having a "crypto" clearance. His reply simply says that "the same theory has occurred to me" whatever he may mean by this.

I checked further into both the National States Rights Party and the Laymen's Commission of the American Council of Christian Churches (of which Bradley is a member). This is what I found in a book entitled the "Encyclopedia of Associations" (Fifth Edition, 1968). Volume I - National Organizations of the United States. This is published by Gale Research Co., Book Tower, Detroit, Mich. 48226:

On page 704:

National States Rights Party (NSRP)
P.O. Box 184
Augusta, Ga. 30903

Edward R. Fields, Director - Founded 1948 - Members 5641. Political party advocating racial segregation and state sovereignty. Membership composed of "White Gentile Americans of voting age." Publication: Thunderbolt, monthly.

On page 1012

"American Council of Christian Laymen" (The listing says it is now called the "Laymen's Commission of the American Council of Christian Churches").

On page 821

Laymen's Commission of the American Council of Christian Churches", P.O. Box 8775, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15221, George F. Kurtz, Chairman. Founded 1949 - Staff 3. Fundamentalist Christians, predominantly Protestant, active in religious and educational fields, and "interested in moral and religious phases of national and international issues."

Publication: Challenge, irregular. Formerly (1966) American Council of Christian Laymen. Holds annual meetin in conjunction w~~x~~ with American Council of Christian Churches.

If you'll recall in my last letter to you I mentioned that Bradley was on the "Laymen's Commission" and that the name John Stormer (also on the "Commission") seemed familiar. Stormer is the author of "None Dare Call it Treason" which was the right-wing pocketbook that flooded bookstores during the Goldwater campaign. He has written a new book, entitled, I believe, "A Nation of Hate". It is advertised in recent issues of the "National Review". If I'm not mistaken this book deals with the so-called Communist plan to incite riots throughout the country. It would be interesting to learn just how well Stormer

knows Bradley. Suggest you pass this information along to New Orleans and Garrison who may not be ~~xxxx~~ aware of Bradley's connection with this organization and Stormer's association with him (Bradley).

Now to answer questions you asked of me in your letter of June 7th. First, concerning my source on Geraci III (see paragraph 2). I was told this by Burton who said that it was Jim Garrison who told him this when he was in L.A. the last time.

See your paragraph #8 on page 2. Radelat does appear in CD 75 and on pages 295 and 341 according to information I possess. I don't know whether there are spelling errors in the name ~~xxxxxx~~ but the first ~~xxxx~~ spelling lists "Radelat, Bobby 295" and the second spelling lists "Radelet, Robert 341". Presumably these two are the same.

According to information I received when I was in L.A. (I don't want to mention who that person was in this letter but will do so when I see you) Radelot (if this is the correct spelling) is the person who ~~xxxxx~~ Bradley wrote to saying "You can be sure that Oswald was not the only one involved." (See L.A. Free Press, May 3, 1968).

Whether Radelot and the one listed in the Archives are one and the same I do not know but someone should get this and see what the Archives has. If it is marked secret perhaps you can ask your contacts in New Orleans if they know of this person.

I might add that I also came across two other names in L.A. which also appear in CD 75 (see Schmitt's listing). One is John Drian (probably Irion is the correct spelling) and the other is Alvin Meister. The ~~xxxx~~ latter, however, does not have the same first name as the one I learned of. Both were in the CAF unit with Ferrie and Miester (spelling uncertain) went on to become a priest and wound up either in Greenland or Iceland.

Referring to your question in paragraph 10 of my letter, page two I am referring to Rev. Broshears of whom I discussed when you were last here in the Bay Area.

Again, referring to my letter B (paragraph 10, page 2) Ferrie and others did not fly simultaneously but separately, I believe on that raid. I have no way of telling whether this is accurate or not but I merely passed it on to see if it fit in with anything you knew of.

You pointed out that Al Chapman was the "shamas" or custodian of the Universal Life Church in Dallas. Actually it was I who wrote you this based on what Roger Craig told me when I asked him if he had ever heard of this church before. He said he had and that Chapman was the custodian. If true this means Chapman knew Broshears. Can you ask him if he recalls him? Is it possible that the church once was known as the Abundant Life Temple where the killer of Tippit reportedly was seen entering according to the radio log? This could be very vital if true and both Craig and Chapman can check this out. I asked Penn Jones to check this out back in January but I've had no word from him. Since indications I have are that this church will in the near future figure importantly I think it should be looked into. What makes it significant is Broshears' strange comment to the person I talked to that he left Dallas immediately after learning of Tippit's shooting. I know it may sound far out but is it possible that Broshears could have encountered the real killer of Tippit at that church and fled to New Orleans because he feared for his own life? It certainly is no wilder than a lot of rumors one hears these days.

Better close now, have to do some writing for a newspaper that wants an article on the assassination. I'll send it to you. I'm enclosing Lifton's enclosure with this letter. Hope you got the "Open Press" article Paul said he would send.

Best,
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