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Dear Hal,

Our situation is basically unchanged except that I expect to be able to be able to bring 'til home soon. So, what I can do is more rushed than before.

I'm sorry you did not identify those who maligned you so that when I heard from or about them I will know.

More carzies all the time!

Odd that when Kaffka w/as a symbol informer the FBI did not redact his name.

One possible explanation for some of this stuff is that at the least the FBI had the RM FPCC HQ informer working for it.

Maybe more.

Thanks and best,

Hal

I LED ONE LIFE

by

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- "THE FIRST PRINCIPLE IS THAT YOU MUST NOT FOOL YOURSELF —
AND YOU ARE THE EASIEST PERSON TO FOOL."
— RICHARD FEYNMAN, PHYSICIST
- "THE INTERNET CAN...BE ^A BRAVE NEW WORLD OF MISCOMMUNICATION."
— "FEATURES PAGE" COLUMNIST, LEAH GARCHIK, IN THE
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE (7/1/99), QUOTING A
HOLLYWOOD MOVIE WRITER/PRODUCER ON HOW THE
INTERNET DISCUSSED HIS NEW FILM BASED ON AN
ACTUAL HISTORICAL EVENT.
- "THE MORE RIDICULOUS A BELIEF SYSTEM, THE HIGHER THE PROB-
ABILITY OF ITS SUCCESS."
— WAYNE R. BARTZ, "HUMAN BEHAVIOR" (1975).

LET ME STATE AT THE OUTSET OF THIS ARTICLE THAT I DO NOT
OWN A COMPUTER NOR AM I ON THE INTERNET OR HAVE A WEB-SITE
LISTING. BUT IN THE VERY RECENT PERIOD OF 1999 ~~RESEARCHER~~ *JFK ASSASSINATION*
RESEARCHER FRIENDS OF MINE HAVE BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO SUPPLY
ME WITH INTERNET PRINT-OUTS AND FBI DOCUMENTS ON WHICH THE
MANY PAGES OF INTERNET RESPONSES HAVE ALLUDED TO.

IN A ~~RESEARCHER~~ NUTSHELL: ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE A-
GAINST ME THAT I AM AN "FBI INFORMANT" AND THAT THE FBI
DOCUMENTS CLEARLY "PROVE" THESE ALLEGATIONS.

AS I WILL DEMONSTRATE IN THIS ARTICLE NOT ONLY ARE
THE CHARGES AGAINST ME ENTIRELY FALSE, RIDICULOUS IN THE
EXTREME AND HILARIOUSLY SO BUT THE ENTIRE EPISODE CONTAINS
VALUABLE LESSONS ALL SERIOUS-MINDED RESEARCHERS CAN LEARN
FROM. WHETHER OR NOT MY ACCUSERS OR DETRACTORS CAN LEARN
SOMETHING, TOO, DOES NOT RANK VERY HIGH ON MY PROBABILITY SCALE
BUT TIME WILL TELL AND HISTORY WILL SO RECORD THEIR REACTIONS.

BEFORE LONG I SHALL PRESENT A NINE POINT LISTING OF THE
VARIOUS ALLEGATIONS AND ALLEGED "FACTS" ABOUT MY PARTICIPATION
IN RESEARCH ON THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION (I STARTED ON "DAY
ONE", NOVEMBER 22, 1963). THIS LISTING INCLUDES BOTH ALLEGA-
TIONS BY ACCUSERS AND "FACTS" ABOUT ME BY MY WELL-MEANING
FRIENDS DEFENDING ME AND BOTH SIDES GOT IT WRONG!

LEST ONE FEEL THAT THIS ARTICLE IS SIMPLY TO BE CON-
STRUED EITHER AS A TIRADE OR DIATRIBE AGAINST MY ACCUSERS
AND DETRACTORS OR A PUT-DOWN OF MY RESEARCHER FRIENDS (WHO,
INCIDENTALLY, ARE MANY AND I AM PROUD TO SAY I HAVE THE
UTMOST RESPECT FOR THEIR WORK AND THEIR UNSOLICITED RESPONSE
IN COMING TO MY DEFENSE) — NO, ABSOLUTELY NOT! MY MAIN CONCERN
IS TO SHOW (HOPEFULLY) HOW A DOCUMENT SHOULD BE READ; HOW IT
SHOULD NOT BE READ; WHAT A DOCUMENT ACTUALLY REVEALS; WHAT A
DOCUMENT CONCEALS (AND WHY) AND WHAT VALID AND RELIABLE SCHOL-
ARSHIP DEMANDS OF US ALL IN PURSUING WHATEVER AVENUES OF RE-
SEARCH WE TAKE UP.

TO ADD TO MY INTENT I WILL ATTEMPT TO ANALYZE HOW A RUMOR ORIGINATES: HOW IT GETS PASSED ALONG ~~THE~~ THE RUMOR MILL AND THE VARIOUS TRANSMISSION BELTS PUSHING THAT RUMOR TO ITS CONCLUSION. FINALLY, BUT BY NO MEANS MINIMIZING THEIR IMPORTANCE AND SIGNIFICANCE, I WILL ATTEMPT TO GIVE HARD EVIDENCE ON HOW THE FBI AND EVEN THE CIA (NOT MENTIONED IN THE DOCUMENTS) ACTUALLY PERFORM. THIS LATTER POINT UNDOUBTEDLY WILL RAISE EYEBROWS EVEN AMONG THOSE OF US PRIVY TO READING THE FBI DOCUMENTS BUT A FURTHER READING OF THIS ARTICLE WILL MAKE THIS PARTICULAR POINT CLEARER. SINCE I AM THE ONE MENTIONED PROMINENTLY IN THESE DOCUMENTS WHAT I AM ABOUT TO REVEAL ABOUT FBI METHODS AND WHAT IS HIDDEN BY THE FBI WILL MAKE THE ACCUSERS CHARGES AGAINST ME LOOK EVEN MORE ABSURD AND RIDICULOUS THAN THEY COULD EVER IMAGINE! - READ ON!

BEFORE CONTINUING I CANNOT RESIST TELLING A TALE I LIKE TO REPEAT. IT HAS TO DO WITH SOMETHING I READ ABOUT A GREAT AMERICAN ORATOR AND ATHEIST, ROBERT INGERSOLL, WHO WAS ON HIS WAY TO POSSIBLY BECOMING A CANDIDATE FOR THE U.S. PRESIDENCY MORE THAN A CENTURY AGO BUT HIS DETRACTORS GOT TO HIM AND SAW TO IT THAT HE WOULD NOT RUN. AMERICA, I THINK, WOULD HAVE BEEN A BETTER PLACE HAD HE RUN AND WON.

HERE IS THAT INGERSOLL STORY:

THE CLAIM WAS MADE DURING INGERSOLL'S LIFETIME THAT THE GREAT ORATOR'S ONLY SON HAD SPENT YEARS READING INDECENT LITERATURE, THAT THIS PRACTICE CAUSED THE YOUNG MAN'S MENTAL COLLAPSE, THAT HE SPENT YEARS IN AN INSANE ASYLUM, WHERE HE FINALLY DIED.

A CLERGYMAN WROTE TO INGERSOLL ASKING WHETHER OR NOT THE STORY WAS TRUE, TO WHICH INGERSOLL REPLIED THAT IT WAS FALSE THAT HIS SON HAD READ OBSCENITIES, THAT HE HAD NEVER GONE INSANE, THAT HE HADN'T DIED, AND FINALLY, THAT HE HAD NO SON!!

NOW LET US RETURN TO THE NINE POINTS MENTIONED ABOVE. BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION THE FOLLOWING ARE BASED ON RECENTLY RELEASED AND ONCE CLASSIFIED SECRET FBI DOCUMENTS OBTAINED BY THE ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD. INCLUDED IN THE NINE POINTS ARE COMMENTS MADE ON THE INTERNET BY MY ACCUSERS AND RESEARCHER FRIENDS DEFENDING ME.

HERE IS THE LIST:

(1) THAT RECENTLY RELEASED AND FORMERLY SECRET FBI DOCUMENTS OBTAINED FROM THE ARRB "REVEAL" THE NAMES OF FOUR "FBI INFORMANTS" WITH ONE OF THESE "INFORMANTS" BEING YOURS TRULY, HAL VERB. THE FBI DOCUMENTS COVER A TWO YEAR PERIOD PRIOR TO KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION.

(2) THAT THESE SAME FBI DOCUMENTS "REVEAL" THE "I.D. NUMBERS" (IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS - PLURAL EMPHASIS, MINE) OF EACH OF THESE "INFORMANTS").

(3) THAT HAL VERB IS A "PROVOCATEUR" WHO "PRETENDS" TO BE A "VICTIM" THUS "AVOIDING" BEING "EXPOSED".

(4) THAT HAL VERB IS A "WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING".

(5) THAT "WE HAVE AN FBI INFORMANT IN OUR MIDST" (EXACT QUOTE ON THE INTERNET OFFERING THE VIEW THAT I AM CONTINUING TO BE AN "INFORMANT" DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE DOCUMENTS REFER ONLY TO PERSONS AND EVENTS BEFORE THE JFK ASSASSINATION).

(6) THAT HAL VERB WAS IN (OR WORKED FOR) THE FBI.

(7) THAT HAL VERB WAS IN THE O.N.I.(OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE).

(8) THAT HAL VERB HAS BEEN SAYING THIS "FOR YEARS"(ABOUT BEING IN ~~THE~~ BOTH THE FBI AND ONI).

(9) THAT HAL VERB "REPORTED" AN ALLEGED THEFT OF FPCC (FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE) FUNDS TURNED OVER TO THE S.W.P.(SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY).

ALL OF THE ABOVE NINE CHARGES OR STATEMENTS(ALL OF WHICH WERE AIRED ON THE INTERNET) ARE ABSOLUTELY, UNEQUIVOCALLY AND RIDICULOUSLY FALSE! IN THE INSTANCE OF THE FIRST FIVE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ME THESE ORIGINATED FROM MY ACCUSERS AND IN THE INSTANCE OF THE LATTER FOUR POINTS (6 TO 9) THESE STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY RESEARCHER FRIENDS OF MINE BUT THESE ALLEGED "FACTS" ABOUT ME ARE EQUALLY FALSE!

ON THE LATTER ~~THE~~ FOUR STATEMENTS I RECALL READING SOMEWHERE WHAT A GREAT WRITER (I BELIEVE IT WAS VOLTAIRE)ONCE UTTERED IN A SAGE OBSERVATION ABOUT HIS FRIENDS; "I CAN DEFEND MYSELF AGAINST MY ENEMIES BUT WHO WILL PROTECT ME FROM MY FRIENDS?!"

BEFORE BREAKING DOWN EACH AND EVERYONE OF THESE NINE POINTS OFFERING MY ANALYSIS OF HOW AND WHY ERRONEOUS CONCLUSIONS WERE REACHED I MUST ADD A COMMENT AND OBSERVATION I MADE TO SEVERAL OF MY RESEARCHER FRIENDS ABOUT THE ARRB RELEASES. AT ABOUT THE TIME I RECEIVED THE FBI DOCUMENTS AND THE INTERNET PRINT-OUTS I WAS WORKING ON AN ARTICLE WHICH WAS TO PROVIDE A DETAILED EXAMINATION OF HOW THE ARRB HANDLED THE PHOTOGRAPHIC AND THE MEDICAL EVIDENCE (MISERABLY, I WAS TO CONCLUDE). WHILE I HAVE WRITTEN MORE ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE THAN I HAVE ABOUT THE MEDICAL EVIDENCE I POINTED OUT TO MY FRIENDS THAT THIS RECENT FLAP ABOUT ME BEING AN "FBI INFORMANT" HAS PROVIDED, UNWITTINGLY, MEDICAL EVIDENCE FROM THE ACCUSERS. THIS MEDICAL EVIDENCE WAS THREE-FOLD AS FOLLOWS: (A) "FOOT IN MOUTH DISEASE"; (B) "SHOOTING ONE'S SELF IN THE FOOT DISEASE", AND, FINALLY, BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST OF ~~THE~~ ALL, (C) "DOMAINE POISONING". THE FIRST OF THESE TWO DO NOT REQUIRE ANY FURTHER ELUCIDATION BUT POINT (C) DOES AND BY "DOMAINE POISONING" I MEAN THE TENDENCY BY CERTAIN RESEARCHERS TO CLAIM THAT AN AREA THEY ARE WORKING IN - PARTICULARLY THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE - IS ONE WHERE THAT PARTICULAR RESEARCHER CLAIMS THE FINAL WORD ON A CERTAIN DETAIL OR DETAILS. AN EXAMPLE OF THIS IS SOMETHING TOLD TO ME BY A FELLOW RESEARCHER WHO SAID ABOUT ME (BY ONE OF MY ACCUSERS LONG BEFORE THIS "INFORMANT" EPISODE) THAT " I THOUGHT HE (HAL VERB) WAS ON OUR SIDE!"

THAT I DIFFERED ON A PARTICULAR ASPECT OF THE PHOTO EVIDENCE (THE FAMOUS OR INFAMOUS OSWALD BACKYARD PHOTOS - PLURAL AND MY EMPHASIS) WHEREIN I CLAIMED THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE AUTHENTIC AND NOT FAKED WAS BASED ON MY EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION INTO THE MATTER (ON WHICH I WILL PROVIDE FURTHER EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT MY POSITION WHICH WAS AN UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT AS I WAS CHECKING MY NOTES AND WILL BE PRESENTED IN THIS ARTICLE FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME).

LET US NOW BEGIN WITH THE NINE POINTS MENTIONED ABOVE IN THE ORDER I'VE PRESENTED:

(1) RECENTLY RELEASED FBI DOCUMENTS (ONCE CLASSIFIED "SECRET") CLEARLY "REVEAL" THE NAMES OF FOUR "FBI INFORMANTS" WITH ONE OF THESE "INFORMANTS " BEING MYSELF WHERE MY FULL NAME IS LISTED AS HAROLD VERB.

ANSWER: THE SEVEN PAGES OF DOCUMENTS DO NOT STATE THAT AT ALL. THE RELEVANT PAGE WHICH MY ACCUSERS AND DETRACTORS ARE USING IS ~~THE~~ THE SECOND PAGE OF THESE DOCUMENTS WHICH HAS AT THE BOTTOM A NOTATION TITLED :

COVER PAGE

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(NOTE: IF THE PARTICULAR MAGAZINE I'M REPORTING THIS CAN PRINT THIS PAGE IN ITS ISSUE IT WILL AID IN COMPREHENDING WHAT I'M DOCUMENTING AND EXPLAINING. IF NOT, MY EXPLANATION SHOULD SUFFICE).

THE WORDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS PAGE HAS THE HEADING: INFORMANTS . (THIS HEADING IS WHAT LED THE ACCUSERS TO MISREAD THIS PAGE AND, THEREBY, NOT FULLY COMPREHEND IT. BUT, AS SUPPOSEDLY LONG-TIME RESEARCHERS AND READERS OF THOUSANDS OF PAGES OF BOOKS, ARTICLES AND DOCUMENTS THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR THEIR ABYSMAL LACK OF ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND HISTORICAL SCHOLARSHIP. NONE!

NOTE FOR EXAMPLE THAT THERE ARE THREE HEADINGS WITH THE FIRST (ON THE LEFT) SHOWN AS : IDENTITY OF SOURCE AND IN THE MIDDLE THERE IS THE HEADING: CHARACTERIZATION AND, FINALLY, ON THE RIGHT SIDE THERE IS THE HEADING: LOCATION.

UNDER THE HEADING OF "IDENTITY OF SOURCE" ARE INCLUDED SIX SYMBOL NUMBERS OF WHICH TWO ARE PARTLY REDACTED AND TWO HAVE THEIR SYMBOL NUMBERS IN FULL WITH THEIR COMPLETE NAMES AND AFFILIATIONS LISTED. BOTH OF THESE NAMES HAVE TYPED BELOW THEIR NAMES: (CONCEAL BY REQUEST). ONE NAME IS A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL AND THE OTHER IS DESCRIBED AS A "SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMANT." OF THE TWO THE LATTER DIED MANY YEARS AGO AND I HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WHOM I NEVER HEARD OF PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF THESE DOCUMENTS. IT COULD BE, AS MY VERY GOOD FRIEND, TOM SANDERS, (INCIDENTALLY, LISTED AS ONE OF THE FOUR ALLEGED "INFORMANTS" RIGHT ABOVE MY NAME) POINTED OUT TO ME THAT THIS STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL COULD VERY WELL BE DECEASED ALSO AND THAT IS WHY HIS NAME WAS NOT REDACTED. IF HE IS DECEASED THERE WOULDN'T BE THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTACTING HIM NOW THAT THE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

IT SHOULD BE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR FROM ALL THIS THAT "IDENTITY OF SOURCE" PROVIDES THE NAMES (WHETHER IN SYMBOL FORM OR NOT) AS TO WHO IS PROVIDING THE INFORMATION. INFORMATION ON WHAT? AND THIS LEADS US TO THE MIDDLE SECTION WITH THE HEADING "CHARACTERIZATION" . WHEN I FIRST SAW THIS HEADING

I THOUGHT OF IT AS A POOR CHOICE OF A WORD. FRANKLY, A BETTER WORD WOULD HAVE BEEN : "SUBJECT" OR "SUBJECT MATTER". WHAT IS MEANT HERE BY "CHARACTERIZATION" IS THAT I, HAL VERB, AND THREE OTHERS ARE BEING REPORTED ON OR ABOUT AND WHAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE AND THEIR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS. THAT IS WHAT THE SIX REAL INFORMANTS (LISTED IN THE "IDENTITY OF SOURCE" COLUMN) ARE REVEALING IN THESE DOCUMENTS. NO OTHER REALISTIC CONCLUSION COULD POSSIBLY BE DRAWN OTHERWISE.

ANOTHER WAY TO LOOK AT THIS IS THE FOLLOWING: IF THESE MANY DOCUMENT PAGES WERE TO PROVIDE THE NAMES OF "FBI INFORMANTS" WHAT WOULD BE THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING DETAILS OF THE ACTIVITIES AND POLITICAL ASSOCIATIONS? WOULDN'T THE FBI ALREADY KNOW WHO THEIR INFORMANTS WERE, ANYWAY? AND THEN YOU'D HAVE THE SILLY AND RATHER HILARIOUS SITUATION OF INFORMANTS SPYING ON AND REPORTING ON OTHER INFORMANTS!!! A WHOLLY LUDICROUS SCENARIO THAT MUST BE MAKING MEMBERS OF THE FBI WHO COULD VERY WELL BE READING THE MAGAZINE THIS ARTICLE IS PRINTED IN ENGAGE IN HOWLS OF LAUGHTER AT HOW CERTAIN RESEARCHERS CONDUCT THEIR WORK. (I RECALL THE ANCIENT SAYING HERE THAT "AGAINST STUPIDITY EVEN THE GODS STRAIN IN VAIN.").

STRIKE IF THERE ARE ANY DOUBTS ABOUT WHAT IS MEANT BY "CHARACTERIZATION" A FURTHER READING OF OTHER DOCUMENT PAGES CLARIFIES THIS ALSO. FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE VERY LAST PAGE OF THE SEVEN PAGES THERE IS A NAME IN THE "IDENTITY OF SOURCE" SECTION (FULLY GIVEN) AND IN THE MIDDLE IS TYPED (UNDER THE HEADING "FILE # WHERE LOCATED") "USED TO CHARACTERIZE..." WITH THE NAMES OF TWO INDIVIDUALS UNKNOWN TO ME.

AS FOR THE THIRD COLUMN (TITLED "LOCATION") ON THE "COVER PAGE B" THREE SETS OF NUMBERS ARE TYPED IN WITH ALPHABETICAL NOTATIONS ADDED (C AND D). OF THE ~~TWO~~ *THREE* SETS TWO ARE PARTLY REDACTED. IT IS VERY CLEAR (OR SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLEAR) THAT "LOCATION" REFERS TO THE PRECISE SITE (OR FBI FIELD OFFICE) WHERE THESE PAGES OF DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND. THESE NUMBERS ARE NOT I.D. NUMBERS AS ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED BUT MORE ON THIS WHEN I ANSWER THIS IN POINT NUMBER TWO.

BUT LET ME ADD HERE WHAT A FORMER FBI AGENT, BILL TURNER, ~~HAD~~ WHO HAS WRITTEN ON THE JFK ASSASSINATION HAS WRITTEN IN A LETTER HE RECENTLY SENT ME:

PRIOR TO THE FOLLOWING QUOTATION TURNER DESCRIBED THE CHARGES AGAINST ME AS "ABSURD". HERE ARE HIS REASONS: "IN THE FIRST PLACE YOUR NAME WOULD NOT APPEAR IN THE 'DETAILS' (OR BODY) OF THE REPORT IF YOU WERE AN INFORMANT; IT WOULD BE ~~BY~~ DISGUISED BY A T-SYMBOL. THE T-SYMBOL IS USED TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF, SAY, A WIRETAP, A BANK OFFICIAL WHO IS KNOWN AS A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, OR A POTENTIAL OR

APPROVED INFORMANT FURNISHING INFORMATION ON A CONTINUING BASIS. THE IDENTITY OF SOURCES PROTECTED BY T-SYMBOLS IS NORMALLY SET FORTH ON AN ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE WHICH IS NOT DISSEMINATED TO OTHER AGENCIES.

"WITH REFERENCE TO COVER PAGE B, SF T-3, WHO INFORMED ON YOU, IS A LIVE APPROVED SECURITY INFORMANT. WHAT HAS BEEN REDACTED ARE THE FOUR DIGITS OF HIS INFORMANT NUMBER. YOU ARE NAMED WITH THREE OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN THE COLUMN 'CHARACTERIZATION' IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY WHO OR WHAT SF T-3 INFORMED ON. IF SF T-3 HAD INFORMED ON THE FPCC AS AN ORGANIZATION, A CHARACTERIZATION OR THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF THE FPCC WOULD HAVE APPEARED. CHARACTERIZATIONS OF MAJOR ORGANIZATIONS, AS FOR EXAMPLE THE COMMUNIST PARTY USA, ARE PREPARED SO THAT AN AGENT DOES NOT HAVE TO COMPOSE ONE EVERY TIME HE WRITES A REPORT."

ENOUGH SAID ON POINT NUMBER (1) FOR NOW.

(2) THESE AFORE-MENTIONED FBI DOCUMENTS "REVEAL" THE "I.D. NUMBERS" OF THE FOUR "INFORMANTS".

ANSWER: ABSOLUTELY FALSE AGAIN. AS TURNER'S LETTER INDICATES AND THE DOCUMENTS SHOW NO SUCH I.D. NUMBERS EXIST. WHAT MY ACCUSERS HAVE WRONGLY READ AS I.D. NUMBERS ARE LOCATION SITES (NOT I.D. NUMBERS). IF, INDEED, THERE WERE I.D. NUMBERS POSTED ON THIS PAGE WHAT WOULD POSSIBLY BE MY I.D. NUMBER? IF THE I.D. NUMBER IS MEANT THE NUMBERS LISTED WITH THE ALPHABETICAL NOTATION OF BOTH C AND D) THEN YOU HAVE THE LUDICROUS SITUATION OF THE ALLEGED FOUR "FBI INFORMANTS" HAVING THE SAME IDENTICAL I.D. NUMBER!! LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAPS OR TAKE A COURSE IN LOGIC 101!

BEFORE GOING INTO POINT (3) ALLOW ME TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO AN EARLIER COMMENT I HAD MADE WHICH WAS THAT THIS ARTICLE WOULD REVEAL INFORMATION ABOUT "FBI METHODS" AND WHAT IS "HIDDEN" IN THE DOCUMENTS. I THINK I CAN SPEAK WITH SOME AUTHORITY SINCE I WAS ONE OF THE PRINCIPALS NAMED IN THESE DOCUMENT PAGES.

ON METHODS (AND THIS IS APPEARING IN THIS PUBLICATION YOU ARE READING ^{FOR THE FIRST TIME} AND CANNOT POSSIBLY BE REFUTED IF YOU WILL BEAR WITH ME):

ON THE THIRD PAGE OF THE FBI DOCUMENTS I RECEIVED (WHICH IS TYPED AS PAGE 7) THERE IS A MENTION OF A FPCC PARTY WHICH WAS HELD AT MY APARTMENT IN BERKELEY WHERE I WAS THEN LIVING. THE ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ OCCASION FOR THE PARTY WAS TO CELEBRATE THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION. APPARENTLY THE FACTS ARE CORRECT IN SO FAR AS WHAT TRANSPIRED BUT IN COMMENTING ON THE PARTY I HELD THE FBI REPORT GOES OUT OF ITS WAY TO MAKE A RATHER SNIDE COMMENT ON THE EVENT AS FOLLOWS: "...ONLY ABOUT EIGHTEEN PERSONS WERE IN ATTENDANCE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE NOTIFICATION WAS MAILED TO ALL PERSONS ON THE BAFPC MAILING LIST."

IN ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE A TALLY OF HOW MANY ATTENDED MY PARTY THE FBI WAS ATTEMPTING TO DOWNGRADE THE INFLUENCE OF THE FPCC IN THE BAY AREA. "ONLY ABOUT EIGHTEEN" DOESN'T REFLECT THE REALITIES. MY OPINION THEN (AND NOW) WAS THAT WE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL PARTY EVENT. OF COURSE ONE COULD HAVE HOPED FOR MORE

BUT IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT OUR MAILING LIST WAS VERY WIDELY DIS-
TRIBUTED ALL OVER THE BAY AREA AND NOT JUST BERKELEY AND SAN FRAN-
CISCO. BECAUSE OF FPCC'S POPULARITY IT WAS ONE OF THE REASONS
THAT THE FBI, UNDER HOOVER, WAS DETERMINED TO SMASH AND CRUSH THE
FPCC HOWEVER HE COULD (MORE ON THIS TO FOLLOW SHORTLY). IT SHOULD
ALSO BE NOTED THAT OUR MAILING LIST INCLUDED MANY STUDENTS WHO AT
THE TIME THE LETTERS WERE MAILED OUT (LATE JULY, 1963) WERE ON
VACATION. FURTHERMORE WHEN TRANSPORTATION FROM OUTLYING REGIONS WAS
~~NOT~~ NOT AS DEVELOPED AS ~~IT IS~~ TODAY IT WAS DIFFICULT TO TRAVEL
ESPECIALLY IF ONE DID NOT OWN A CAR. IT IS

AND HOW DID THE FBI LEARN THAT "ONLY ABOUT EIGHTEEN" WERE
PRESENT, ANYWAY? IT MEANS THAT THE FBI HAD ONE OF ITS INFORMANTS
AT THE PARTY! WHO THAT PERSON (OR PERSONS) IS OR WERE I HAVE NO
IDEA BUT ALL OF US IN THE FPCC KNEW THAT THERE HAD TO BE INFORM-
ANTS WITHIN OUR RANKS. WE WERE NEVER ABLE TO IDENTIFY THEM AL-
THOUGH WE HAD OUR OWN INDIVIDUAL SUSPICIONS.

MOREOVER, IN THIS DOCUMENT NOTE THE FBI AGENT MAKING THE
COMMENT THAT "NOTIFICATION WAS MAILED TO ALL PERSONS ON THE
BAFPCC MAILING LIST". NOW, HOW WOULD HE KNOW THAT UNLESS THE
FBI HAD A MAIL SURVEILLANCE INTERCEPT PROGRAM WHICH WAS THEN
(AND STILL IS) ILLEGAL? ALL OF US IN THE FPCC KNEW THE FBI
WAS INTERCEPTING THE MAIL - WE TOOK THAT AS A GIVEN IN THOSE
DAYS. THAT IT IS STILL BEING DONE (MAIL INTERCEPT) AND BY WHOM
WHICH SHOULD NOT BE STUNNING NEWS I CAN PERSONALLY CONFIRM BE-
CAUSE MY ^{CUBA FILE} MAIL HAS OBVIOUS SLITS MADE ON THE FLAPS OF THE ENVEL-
OPES! DOES THIS SURPRISE THE READER? IT SHOULDN'T, OF COURSE,
KNOWING THE WHOLE HISTORY OF THIS CASE OF WHICH I AM THOROUGHLY
AND INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH. EVEN MY MAIL FROM THE ARRB HAS
BEEN OPENED UP AND A RESEARCHER FRIEND OF MINE TOLD ME OF THIS
SAME THING HAPPENING TO HIM WITH RESPECT TO MAIL FROM THE ARRB.

IT DID
IMAGINE THAT- THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SPYING ON ITS OWN GOVERN-
MENTAL CREATION WHICH ESSENTIALLY ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ACCOMPLISHED
VERY LITTLE EXCEPT TO PROMOTE AND PROPAGANDIZE WHAT A TERRIFIC
JOB IN UNCOVERING ASSASSINATION-RELATED DOCUMENTS WHICH WERE
NOT THAT TO BEGIN WITH!!

THERE IS MORE TO THE WRECKING JOB THE FBI ATTEMPTED AGAINST
THE FPCC AND I OUGHT TO KNOW BECAUSE OF ANOTHER INCIDENT REPORTED
IN ONE OF THE PAGES OF THIS DOCUMENT. THIS IS A TRUE STORY THAT
IS BEING REPORTED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THESE PAGES OF THIS PAR-
TICULAR MAGAZINE AND ITS LESSONS FOR ALL OF US SHOULD BE LEARNED.

HERE I REFER TO PAGE 44 OF THE DOCUMENT PAGES WHICH WAS
ACTUALLY THE FIFTH OF THE SEVEN FORWARDED TO ME. AROUND NEAR THE
MIDDLE OF THE PAGE THERE ARE THE FOLLOWING TWO SENTENCES QUOTED
HEREIN WITH THE REDACTION: "~~XXXXXXXXXX~~S ADVISED ON 6/17/62 THAT A
PUBLIC FPCC MEETING WAS HELD ON 6/16/62 AT 108 CLINTON AVE.,
NEWARK. INFORMANT FURTHER ADVISED THAT RICHARD GIBSON, ACTING
SECRETARY OF THE FPCC, WAS THE SPEAKER AT THIS MEETING."

REDACTED
IN BLACK

NOTE THE TWO VERY SHORT AND RATHER CLIPPED SENTENCES HERE AS CONTRASTED WITH THE BERKELEY PARTY I HELD IN 1963. (IN 1962 I WAS LIVING IN NEW JERSEY BUT LATER IN THE YEAR MOVED TO BERKELEY). THERE ARE NO SNIDE COMMENTS BY THE FBI ABOUT HOW MANY ATTENDED AND THERE ARE GOOD REASONS AS TO WHY THE FBI WOULD NOT DARE TO ENGAGE IN THEIR UNSOLICITED COMMENTS.

WHAT HAPPENED DURING THAT TIME IS THIS: IT WAS I WHO CONTACTED RICHARD ~~XXXXXXXX~~ GIBSON, THEN HEAD OF THE FPCC, AND HE AGREED TO SPEAK BEFORE OUR NEWARK, NEW JERSEY FPCC CHAPTER. THE MEETING WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED AND ALL OF US IN THE FPCC WERE BUOYED BY THE EXPERIENCE. BUT THE STORY DOESN'T END THERE. FOR IN ARRANGING TO HAVE THAT MEETING AT THE CLINTON STREET ADDRESS I HAD TO REALLY PULL SOME RABBITS OUT OF THE HAT, SO TO SPEAK, TO HAVE A MEETING AT ALL. ALMOST WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE MEETING TIME AFTER I AND OTHERS HAD ARRANGED FOR A MEETING SITE (NOT THE CLINTON ADDRESS NOTED ABOVE BUT ANOTHER LOCATION ENTIRELY) I RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM THE PERSON WHO AGREED TO HAVE A MEETING AT HIS STOREFRONT WHICH WAS ANOTHER STREET ADDRESS. HE TOLD ME HE COULDN'T HOLD THE MEETING. I ASKED WHY AND HE TOLD ME THAT THE FBI HAD COME TO SEE HIM AT THE PREMISES AND THREATENED HIM BY SAYING THEY WERE GOING TO THROW ALL KINDS OF HOUSING CODE VIOLATIONS AT HIM IF HE HELD THE MEETING. I TRIED VERY HARD TO PERSUADE HIM OTHERWISE (AND HE WAS A SUPPORTER OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION AT A TIME WHEN THE U.S. AND THE MEDIA WERE ENGAGED IN A HOSTILE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN TO DEFEAT THE CUBAN REVOLUTION). HE WOULD NOT CHANGE HIS MIND CITING THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES THIS WOULD PLACE HIM UNDER IF HE DID ALLOW THE MEETING TO OCCUR.

I HAD TO THINK FAST BECAUSE WE OBVIOUSLY DID NOT WANT TO CANCEL THAT MEETING AT SUCH A LATE DATE IN TIME. SO I CONTACTED AN ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS "THE HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS" IN NEWARK WHICH HAD A GOOD TRACK RECORD OF ALLOWING CONTROVERSIAL SPEAKERS APPEAR AT THEIR FORUMS (SOME OF WHICH I ATTENDED). THEY IMMEDIATELY AGREED TO HOLD THE MEETING ~~THE~~ WITHOUT A MOMENT'S HESITATION. THE DAY WAS SAVED AND WE HELD OUR EXCELLENT MEETING.

THIS DOES NOT QUITE END THE STORY BECAUSE PRIOR TO THE MEETING THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A WAY OF NOTIFYING PEOPLE COMING TO THE MEETING ABOUT A CHANGE ~~IN~~ IN THE MEETING'S LOCATION. THERE WAS OBVIOUSLY NO TIME TO MAIL ANYTHING OUT (WHICH IS WHY I BELIEVE THE FBI WAITED UNTIL THE LAST DAY TO VISIT THE ORIGINAL LOCATION. THEY KNEW WE'D HAVE A TOUGH TIME REACHING EVERYONE ON OUR MAILING LIST WHICH WAS RATHER EXTENSIVE).

I TOOK IT UPON MYSELF TO STAY IN FRONT OF THE ORIGINAL LOCATION AND ADVISE PERSONS COMING TO THE MEETING WHERE THE NEW SITE WAS. IT WORKED. AS I WAS STANDING IN FRONT OF THE ORIGINAL LOCATION I NOTICED A VERY TALL GENTLEMAN - HE MUST HAVE BEEN WITH THE FBI - HE WAS STANDING ABOUT SOME ~~TWENTY~~ TWENTY FEET AWAY BUT BLOCKING PART OF THE ENTRANCE AS IF TO INDICATE HE WAS THERE TO PREVENT YOU FROM GOING IN BUT ALSO,

~~REDACTED~~ UNDOUBTEDLY, TO ATTEMPT TO LEARN WHERE OUR NEW MEETING PLACE WAS. AS I WAS TELLING PEOPLE COMING TO THE ORIGINAL MEETING SITE I WARNED THEM NOT TO GO NEAR THE OBVIOUS FBI MAN BUT SOMEHOW THE ~~RE~~ MUST HAVE BEEN AN INFORMANT WHO LEARNED WHERE THE NEW MEETING PLACE WAS AS EVIDENCED BY THE BLACKED OUT INFORMANT SYMBOL NUMBER IN ~~THE DOCUMENTS~~ REPORTING ON THE MEETING.

I COULD NOT HELP BUT RECALL ~~REDACTED~~ TO MIND THAT WHEN THE FBI TURNED OVER ITS ACCOUNT OF THE JFK SHOOTING TO THE WARREN COMMISSION ITS REPORT WAS ONLY TWO SHORT AND VERY CLIPPED SENTENCES AND DIDN'T EVEN TELL THE CAUSE OF DEATH!! SHOULDN'T THIS BE TAKEN NOTICE OF BY RESEARCHERS THAT WHEN ONE SEES AN FBI REPORT WITH A MINIMAL AMOUNT OF REPORTING IN LACONICALLY STATED SENTENCES THERE'S SOMETHING AMISS HERE?!

AND, ~~REDACTED~~ AS MARINA OSWALD ONCE NOTED, "THAT IS THE FBI FOR YOU!"

(3) THIS CHARGE IS THAT I WAS A "PROVOCATEUR" AND AS SUCH I'M SUPPOSEDLY "PRETENDING" TO BE "VICTIM" SO THAT MY "INFORMANT" ROLE WON'T BE "EXPOSED".

ANSWER: IF THERE IS NO ROLE AS BEING AN "FBI INFORMANT" EXISTING THEN THE CONCLUSION OF BEING A "PROVOCATEUR" COLLAPSES COMPLETELY. AND SINCE NO INSTANCES OF WHAT CONSTITUTES "PROVOCATIVE" ACTIONS ARE OFFERED IN THE INTERNET PAGES AT ALL IT IS HARD TO KNOW WHAT IS IN THE MINDS OF MY ACCUSERS & WHAT THEY MEAN. THE BURDEN IS UPON THEM TO SHOW VERY SPECIFIC PIECES OF EVIDENCE. IF THEY CITE SOME OF MY PHOTOGRAPHIC OR MEDICAL EVIDENCE UPON WHICH I DIFFER IN CERTAIN CASES THEY ARE ON THE THINNEST OF GROUNDS BECAUSE ONE CAN FIND RESEARCHERS WHO AGREE WITH ME AS WELL AS THOSE WHO DON'T. ARE MY ACCUSERS GOING TO MAKE THE BOLD ACCUSATION THAT ANYONE WHO AGREES WITH ME IS ALSO AN AGENT? THIS WOULD BORDER ON SHEER LUNACY AND APPROACHES THE LEVEL OF THE HEIGHT OF ABSURDITY.

BUT WHAT IS TRULY IRONIC ABOUT THIS CHARGE (ABOUT BEING A "PROVOCATEUR") IS MY ACTUAL PAST HISTORY IN THIS CASE. WHEN SUBMITTING THIS ARTICLE FOR PUBLICATION I ENCLOSED A BIOGRAPHY OF MYSELF WHICH LISTS CERTAIN ITEMS OF MY WORK. ONE OF THESE WAS THE UNCOVERING OF A DOCUMENT AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES DEALING WITH JACK RUBY WHO WAS VISITED BY THE FBI NINE TIMES IN 1959 WHICH WAS WELL BEFORE THE JFK ASSASSINATION. I TURNED THE DOCUMENT OVER TO HAROLD WEISBERG, WHO I CONSIDER THE NUMBER ONE RESEARCHER IN THE WORLD, AND WE BOTH RECOGNIZED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WHAT THE DOCUMENT MEANT (THAT RUBY WAS AN INFORMANT).

ADD TO THE FURTHER IRONY OF TARNISHING ME WITH THE BRUSH OF BEING A "PROVOCATEUR" IS THE DISCOVERY I MADE OF OSWALD'S FAMOUS SLIP WHEN HE APPEARED IN NEW ORLEANS IN AUGUST, 1963 ON A RADIO PROGRAM TO DISCUSS HIS ROLE AS A FPCC "LEADER" (WHICH HE WAS NOT). THE SLIP REFERRED TO HIS HAVING BLURTED OUT THAT HE WAS "UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT" AND QUICKLY RETRACTING THAT. THE WARREN COMMISSION VOLUME PRINTS ONLY HIS RETRACTION. IT WAS MY OPINION THEN (AND NOW) THAT OSWALD WAS WORKING UNDER O.N.I PROTECTION (MORE ON THIS LATER).

AS ONE MORE NOTE TO THIS BREW AND MIXTURE OF HEAVY IRONY MY BIOGRAPHY VERY BRIEFLY NOTES THAT I HELPED PARTICIPATE IN BREAKING UP AN ALLEGED CIA/MAFIA PLOT TO MURDER JIM GARRISON WHILE HE WAS SECRETLY IN SAN FRANCISCO INVESTIGATING THE MURDER OF KENNEDY (LATE IN 1967). PART OF THE WORK I DID WAS TO PROVIDE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PERSON TOLD ABOUT THE PLOT WHO WAS THE INFORMANT REVEALING THE NATURE OF THE PLOT. GARRISON WANTED THE INFORMANT TO COME DOWN TO NEW ORLEANS AND REVEAL ALL HE KNEW. THIS REQUIRED VERY ELABORATE ARRANGEMENTS ON MY PART AND OTHERS TO ACCOMPLISH ~~THIS~~. AND WHO WERE THE OTHERS? NONE OTHER THAN MY VERY GOOD FRIEND, TOM SANDERS (MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY AS ONE OF THE ALLEGED FOUR INFORMANTS) AND BILL TURNER WHOSE LETTER I'VE PREVIOUSLY QUOTED FROM!

CAN THIS BE THE JOB OF "FBI INFORMANTS" AND "PROVOCATEURS": UNCOVERING OTHER INFORMANTS? I AWAIT IN EAGER ANTICIPATION HOW MY ACCUSERS AND DETRACTORS HANDLE THIS HOT POTATO.

(4) THE CHARGE HAS BEEN MADE THAT I AM "A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING".

ANSWER: OF ALL THE CHARGES AND STATEMENTS ABOUT MYSELF THIS IS THE EASIEST TO ANSWER. WHEN I LAST CHECKED MY ANCESTRY THERE IS NO RECORD OF ANY WOLFISH LINKAGE AND WHAT RECORDS I DO FIND OVERWHELMINGLY SHOW THAT I AM DESCENDED FROM A LONG LINE OF SPECIES KNOWN AS HOMINIDS. IF MY ACCUSERS CAN PROVIDE CONTRARY EVIDENCE I CERTAINLY WILL BE WILLING TO LISTEN. I WILL GLADLY MATCH MY DNA EVIDENCE AND FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION WITH THEIR DNA AND (PAW?)PRINT EVIDENCE.

AS FAR AS MY WEARING "SHEEP'S CLOTHING": SORRY, BUT I WOULD FIND THIS UTTERLY UNCOMFORTABLE AS I'D BE CONSTANTLY ITCHY.

(5) THE CHARGE IS MADE THAT "WE HAVE AN FBI INFORMANT IN OUR MIDST".

ANSWER: IF THE FIRST THREE OF THE ABOVE CHARGES ARE PROVEN TO BE ENTIRELY FALSE THEN HOW CAN POINT (5) BE TRUE? POINT FIVE MUST REST ENTIRELY ON POINTS (1) TO (3) BEING ESTABLISHED AS FACT. THEY ARE CLEARLY NOT FACTS SO WHAT ELSE CAN THIS CHARGE REST ON? SOMETHING MADE UP OUT OF ONE'S OVER-[^]ACTIVE IMAGINATION AND NOTHING MORE!

(6) THE CHARGE IS MADE THAT HAL VERB WAS IN (OR WORKED FOR) THE FBI.

ANSWER: THIS IS THE FIRST OF THE REMAINING POINTS AND THE STATEMENT WAS MADE BY ONE OF MY RESEARCHER FRIENDS ATTEMPTING TO DEFEND ME. THE ~~STATEMENT~~ STATEMENT IS ABSOLUTELY FALSE AND WHILE I CAN TRACK DOWN HOW OTHER RUMORS ABOUT ME ORIGINATED I AM BAFLED AS TO HOW THIS RUMOR GOT STARTED. UNEQUIVOCALLY AND HEREWITH I ABSOLUTELY DENY HAVING ANY ASSOCIATION WHATSOEVER WITH THE FBI!

NOTE THAT ALL THAT I'VE WRITTEN ABOUT MY ACTIVITIES CONTAINED WITHIN THIS ARTICLE MAKES IT LUDICROUS TO SAY I HAD ANY FBI CONNECTION. FELLOW RESEARCHERS, PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK YOUR SOURCES AND INFORMATION BEFORE YOU PUT THINGS IN WRITING. THIS BEARS REPEATING OVER AND OVER, AGAIN, FOR WHAT I HAVE SEEN ON THE INTERNET ONLY DEMONSTRATES MY POINT AND THAT DOESN'T COVER AT ALL WHAT I HEAR AT JFK CONFERENCES OR READ IN ARTICLES AND BOOKS.

(7) THE STATEMENT IS MADE ON THE INTERNET THAT I "WAS IN THE O.N.I.(OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE).

ANSWER: AGAIN, THIS WAS PUT ON THE INTERNET BY ONE OF MY RESEARCHER FRIENDS AND IS, ALSO, ENTIRELY FALSE. I NEVER EVER WORKED FOR THE ONI AND I COULDN'T HAVE AS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL SHOW. MY BIOGRAPHY LISTS ME AS HAVING SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY IN PANAMA IN THE 1952-1953 PERIOD. I SERVED IN AN "INTELLIGENCE SECTION" WHERE I DID DAILY CRYPTO-GRAPHIC WORK USING AN ANCIENT WORLD WAR II DEVICE THAT BY NOW IS PROBABLY OBSOLETE WHAT WITH ALL THE HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED COMPUTER EQUIPMENT NOW AVAILABLE. INCIDENTALLY, ONE RESEARCHER FRIEND OF MINE WHO GAVE ONE OF MY STRONGEST DEFENSES ON THE INTERNET, GOT MY INTELLIGENCE RECORD WRONG WHEN IT WAS REPORTED THAT I WAS IN THE USAI (UNITED STATES ARMY INTELLIGENCE). NO - I WAS NOT IN THAT DIVISION WHICH IS DEVOTED SOLELY TO INTELLIGENCE GATHERING AND REPORTING. MY PARTICULAR JOB WAS IN A "SECTION" OF AN OUTFIT. THINK OF IT AS AN OFFICE WHERE THERE ARE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS (OR "SECTIONS") SUCH AS SALES, MARKETING, ACCOUNTING, ETC.

AS I NOTED EARLIER ONE OF MY INTENTS IN THIS ARTICLE WAS TO TRACE HOW A RUMOR GOT STARTED AND THIS PARTICULAR ONI RUMOR CAN MOST PROBABLY BE TRACKED DOWN. THIS IS HOW I BELIEVE THE RUMOR GOT STARTED: MANY YEARS AGO IN WASHINGTON, D.C. I GAVE A TALK BEFORE A JFK ASSASSINATION CONFERENCE IN WHICH I DEVELOPED WHAT I CONSIDERED WAS COMPELLING EVIDENCE THAT OSWALD WAS A U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENT AND I STATED THAT I THOUGHT HE WAS UNDER THE HELM OF THE ONI. I MAY BE MISTAKEN BUT I BELIEVE THAT AT LEAST ONE OF MY ACCUSERS WAS IN THAT AUDIENCE & HEARD ME SAY WHAT MY PROOF WAS FOR OSWALD BEING ONI-CONNECTED AND ALSO HEARD ME SAY THAT WHILE IN THE U.S. ARMY I WAS IN AN INTELLIGENCE SECTION. THE CONFERENCE PRINTED MY TALK IN ITS JOURNAL AND THERE IS A VIDEO OF MY TALK SO WHATEVER I SAY HERE CAN BE BACKED UP ENTIRELY. NOWHERE IN MY TALK DID I STATE THAT I HAD BEEN IN THE ONI (NOR DID I SAY I WAS IN THE FBI).

ONE GOOD REASON THAT I COULD NOT HAVE WORKED FOR ONI IS THAT I WAS IN THE U.S. ARMY. ACCORDING TO A FORMER MARINE FRIEND OF MINE WHO WAS (POSSIBLY) BEING CONSIDERED TO WORK FOR ONI HE ASSURED ME THAT THERE WAS NO WAY ONE COULD BE IN BOTH THE US ARMY AND THE NAVY AT THE SAME TIME. (ONI IS UNDER THE NAVY DEPARTMENT). WHILE I CANNOT SAY I KNOW THIS TO BE TRUE IT DOES SEEM ENTIRELY UNLIKELY. BUT A MORE POINTED ARGUMENT ON MY PART IS THAT EVEN IF I HAD TRIED TO GET INTO THE ONI I MOST PROBABLY WOULD'VE BEEN REJECTED BECAUSE I CAN'T SWIM AND IT WOULD APPEAR TO ME THAT JOINING ANY NAVY SECTION ONE WOULD HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO SWIM. IF I AM INCORRECT ON THIS POINT I WOULD CERTAINLY APPRECIATE A NOTE TO THAT EFFECT FROM ANYONE READING THIS ARTICLE.

OF COURSE ALL MY DENIALS MAY MEAN NOTHING TO MY ACCUSERS MISTAKENLY USING WRONG INFORMATION FROM MY RESEARCHER FRIENDS BUT PERHAPS THESE ACCUSERS SHOULD TAKE UP SOME FORM OF EASTERN MYSTICISM, MEDITATE A LITTLE MORE AND CONTEMPLATE THEIR NAVAL!

AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED I INDICATED TO MY READERS THAT I WOULD PROVIDE INFORMATION ON HOW THE CIA OPERATES EVEN THOUGH THE CIA IS NOT DIRECTLY NAMED IN THE SEVEN PAGES OF DOCUMENTS. REFERRING AGAIN TO MY WASHINGTON, D.C. TALK WHERE I PROVIDED EVIDENCE ON OSWALD BEING A GOVERNMENT AGENT. AS I WAS GOING OVER THE SEVEN PAGES OF DOCUMENTS I NOTED THE HUGE NUMBER OF AGENCIES AND CITIES ALL OVER THE WORLD ~~THE~~ DOCUMENTS WERE CIRCULATED AMONG. ABSENT FROM THESE PAGES WERE ANY COPIES BEING FORWARDED TO THE CIA! WHY IS THAT, I ASKED AS THE CIA WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE ANTI-CASTRO MOVEMENT ALMOST FROM THE TIME CASTRO TOOK POWER? I SAY "ALMOST" BECAUSE IT IS A FACT THAT WHEN CASTRO ARRIVED IN HAVANA JUST AFTER NEW YEARS DAY IN 1959 PART OF THE WELCOMING CROWD GREETING HIM WERE CIA AGENTS! WITNESSES TO THE EVENT SAID THEY STOOD OUT THERE LIKE A SORE THUMB!

BUT WHY OF ALL AGENCIES ISN'T THE CIA IN THESE SEVEN PAGES? IF MY ANALYSIS IS CORRECT (AND OF THIS I DO NOT CLAIM INFALLIBILITY BUT I THROW IT OUT TO THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY FOR ALL TO PONDER ON). THE AGENCIES TO WHICH COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENT WERE FORWARDED ABOUT MY FPCC AND SWP ACTIVITIES ARE AMONG THE FOLLOWING: ARMY G-2, DIO, INS, OSI, AND, OF COURSE, VARIOUS FBI FIELD OFFICES. BUT NOT CIA!

THE POSSIBLE REASONS THAT CIA ~~WAS~~ ^{WAS} NOT INCLUDED COULD BE : (A) BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947 THE CIA WAS BARRED FROM ENGAGING IN DOMESTIC SURVEILLANCE (WE NOW KNOW, OF COURSE, THAT THE CIA DID SUCH DOMESTIC SURVEILLANCE A POINT TO WHICH I SHALL RETURN SHORTLY); ~~AND~~ AND (B) IT WAS NOT THE PRACTICE OF THE FBI UNDER HOOVER TO PROVIDE THE CIA WITH INFORMATION TO THE CIA THAT ~~HOOVER~~ HOOVER CONSIDERED HIS "TURF" AND WAS JEALOUS OF THE CIA STEPPING INTO HIS "PLANTATION" SO TO SPEAK. IF ANY READER HAS ANOTHER WAY OF LOOKING AT THIS I'D BE GLAD TO HEAR WHAT HE OR SHE HAS TO SAY.

AS I WAS DEVELOPING MY PROOFS (ON OSWALD AS AGENT) AT THIS WASHINGTON CONFERENCE I DISCUSSED AT LENGTH A PAMPHLET THAT OSWALD HAD ORDERED FROM THE FPCC AND WHICH BECAME USEFUL FOR HIS PURPOSES OF INFILTRATING VARIOUS ANTI-CASTRO ORGANIZATIONS. HE CERTAINLY DIDN'T USE IT TO INFILTRATE PRO-CASTRO GROUPS AS THERE WERE NONE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HIMSELF AND HE WAS THE LEADER OF A NON-EXISTING GROUP!

BUT WHAT IS INTERESTING ABOUT THIS PAMPHLET IS THAT IT DEALT WITH COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS AND THEIR TRAINING CAMPS ALL OVER THE U.S. AND THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR A SECOND INVASION OF CUBA. I OUGHT TO KNOW BECAUSE IT WAS I WHO GAVE V.T. LEE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THAT PAMPHLET (I STILL HAVE A COPY OF THE CHECK RECEIPT). V.T. LEE HAD WRITTEN THE PAMPHLET AND I SAW THE URGENT NEED OF GETTING IT WIDELY CIRCULATED. LEE WAS THEN HEAD OF THE FPCC AND SUCCEEDED RICHARD GIBSON WHO I ALSO KNEW (MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY).

WHAT WAS MY MOTIVATION IN SEEING TO IT THAT THIS PARTICULAR PAMPHLET GOT CIRCULATED? I WAS TRYING TO DO WHATEVER I COULD TO HEAD OFF THE MAD DASH TO A POSSIBLE WORLD WAR III IF, INDEED, CUBA WAS TO BE INVADED.

~~THE~~ ^{ONE} ~~VERY~~ INTERESTING ASPECT ABOUT THIS PAR-

TICULAR PAMPHLET IS THAT WHEN A RESEARCHER FRIEND OF MINE FINALLY OBTAINED A COPY FROM THE ARCHIVES (AFTER AN EXTREMELY PROLONGED TIME) HE SENT ME A COPY AND ALL OF THE INSIDE PAGES (BUT NOT THE OUTSIDE COVER NOR THE BACK COVER) WERE PARTLY BLACKENED-BUT NOT REDACTED-JUST BLACKENED. AS THIS RESEARCHER NOTED IT APPEARED TO BE FBI INKING MATERIAL TO RECOVER ANY FINGERPRINTS TO BE FOUND ^{FINGERPRINTS} OBVIOUSLY, SINCE OSWALD HAD ORDERED IT AND OWNED IT HIS ^{FINGERPRINTS} WOULD BE EXPECTED TO BE FOUND ALL OVER THE PAMPHLET BUT WHY WOULD ONLY THE INSIDE PAGES BE DUSTED FOR FINGER-PRINTS? COULD IT BE THAT OSWALD SHOWED IT TO ANTI-CASTRO PEOPLE AND UNKNOWN RIGHT-WING INDIVIDUALS OF WHOM WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE? I DO NOT KNOW NOR DO I KNOW WHAT THE RESULTS OF THAT FBI FINGER-PRINT DUSTING LED TO FOR I NEVER FOLLOWED UP ON THIS AND I KNOW OF NO ONE WHO HAS. THIS SHOULD BE A WORTH-WHILE PROJECT FOR A READER TO FOLLOW UP ON BY INITIATING A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACTION.

I SHOULD ADD HERE THAT GUS RUSSO IN HIS BOOK WHICH CLAIMS TO OFFER "PROOF" THAT FIDEL CASTRO "MAY" HAVE BEEN BEHIND THE JFK ASSASSINATION ("LIVE BY THE SWORD") WHICH I CONSIDER AS TOTALLY PREPOSTEROUS LABELS THE PAMPHLET MENTIONED ABOVE AS A "TIRADE" AGAINST THE ANTI-CASTRO MOVEMENT.

A "TIRADE"? PROVIDING EVIDENCE THAT PREPARATIONS FOR ANOTHER CUBAN INVASION IS IN THE MAKING AND ATTEMPTING TO ALERT ~~AMERICAN CITIZENS~~ OF THE ~~DANGER~~ IS A "TIRADE"??! AND THIS IS THE STUFF THAT A BOOK OF THE MONTH SELECTION IS BASED ON? *DANGERS INVOLVED*

THERE IS ANOTHER DIMENSION TO WHAT I'VE REPORTED ABOVE ABOUT WHAT THE CIA DOES AND DOESN'T DO AND THAT IS THIS: YEARS AGO ANTHONY SUMMERS WAS DOING AN ARTICLE FOR "ESQUIRE" MAGAZINE ON THE ~~JFK~~ JFK CASE. HE WROTE ME A LETTER (OR CALLED ME, I CANNOT QUITE RECALL) AND SAID "GUESS WHAT, HAL. I CAME ACROSS THIS CIA DOCUMENT DATED IN 1962 AND YOUR NAME IS IN IT!" I ASKED HIM WHAT THE DOCUMENT WAS ALL ABOUT AND HE SAID IT WAS AN ENTIRE LISTING OF ALL FPCC MEMBERS WITH MY NAME LISTED IN THE NEWARK, NEW JERSEY SECTION. NATURALLY, I WAS NOT SURPRISED AT THIS (EVEN THOUGH BY LAW THE CIA WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ENGAGED IN ~~DOMESTIC SURVEILLANCE~~) AND SUMMERS SENT ME A ZEROX OF THAT 1962 REPORT SUBSEQUENTLY. BUT I ASKED SUMMERS THE MORE IMPORTANT PERIOD OF TIME WOULD HAVE BEEN THE 1963 TIME PERIOD. SUMMERS DID HAVE A COPY OF THAT CIA REPORT. THE INEVITABLE QUESTION FROM ME FOLLOWED, "WAS OSWALD'S NAME INCLUDED?" THE REPLY FROM SUMMERS WAS: "NO, HE IS NOT!" I SAID TO SUMMERS DIDN'T HE FIND THAT ODD? OSWALD, WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS, HAD BEEN ON RADIO, PHOTOGRAHED, IN THE PRESS AND SURVEILLED AT LEAST ONCE BY THE ONI AND THE CIA DOESN'T HAVE ~~HIS NAME~~ HIS NAME! WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?, I ASKED! ALTHOUGH I HAVE MENTIONED THIS POINT IN ANOTHER MAGAZINE NO ONE TO DATE HAS LOOKED INTO THIS AND I, AGAIN, THROW IT OUT TO THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY TO SEE WHAT IT CAN FIND.

(8) THE STATEMENT HAS BEEN MADE ON THE INTERNET ^{THAT} HAL VERB HAS BEEN SAYING THIS "FOR YEARS"(BY "THIS" IS MEANT THAT I HAVE BEEN IN BOTH THE FBI AND ONI).

ANSWER: AGAIN, THIS IS ABSOLUTELY FALSE THAT I HAVE BEEN "SAYING THIS FOR YEARS". AND THIS STATEMENT WAS NOT MADE BY MY ACCUSERS BUT RESEARCHER FRIENDS WHO IN AN HONEST ATTEMPT TO DEFEND ME PUT OUT ERRONEOUS INFORMATION ABOUT MY PAST. I HAVE NEVER STATED THIS "FOR YEARS" OR EVEN A MILLISECOND.

BUT WHAT THIS PARTICULAR POINT DOES ILLUSTRATE IS SOMETHING I REFERRED TO AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS ARTICLE AND THAT IS HOW A RUMOR ORIGINATES AND GETS PASSED ALONG. SINCE I AM THE FOCUS OF THIS RUMOR I, AGAIN, THINK I CAN RENDER MY THOUGHTS ON THIS.

RECALL THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE OF A TEACHER WHISPERING A RUMOR INTO THE FIRST PERSON SITTING CLOSEST TO THE TEACHER. THE NEXT PERSON IS TOLD TO REPEAT WHAT WAS SAID AND THIS CONTINUES ON AND ON UNTIL THE VERY LAST PERSON IN THE ROOM HEARS THE RUMOR AND THAT PERSON IS ASKED TO REPEAT WHAT IS SAID. INVARIABLY, THE LAST PERSON'S TALE WILL DIFFER MARKEDLY FROM WHAT THE TEACHER HAS WHISPERED. HERE THEN IS MY SCENARIO AS TO HOW THIS RUMOR ABOUT MYSELF (REFERRING TO THE "FACT" THAT I WAS IN THE ONI):

TEACHER: (TO FIRST PERSON IN CLASSROOM): "DID YOU HEAR THE TALK HAL GAVE ABOUT OSWALD AND HIS BELIEF THAT OSWALD WAS UNDER ONI CONTROL?" FIRST PERSON (TO SECOND PERSON): "DID YOU HEAR HAL SPEAK ABOUT THE ONI AND OSWALD?" THIRD PERSON(OR ANY NUMBER DOWN THE LINE): "DID YOU HEAR HAL'S TALK ABOUT THE ONI?" (NEXT TO LAST PERSON IN LINE ON THE RUMOR TRANSMISSION BELT): "DID YOU HEAR ABOUT HAL AND HIS WORK HE DID FOR THEM WHILE HE WAS IN THE ONI?" AND FINALLY, THE LAST PERSON IN THE CLASSROOM REPEATS WHAT IS ALLEGEDLY ^{SAID} AND SAYS: "HAL VERB HAS BEEN IN THE ONI. SO WHAT, WE'VE BEEN HEARING THIS "FOR YEARS"!"

THIS MAY NOT BE THE PRECISE COURSE THIS RIDICULOUS RUMOR TOOK BUT IT SHOULD PROVIDE A CLASSIC CASE OF HOW TO AVOID PUTTING OUT ERRONEOUS INFORMATION. ENOUGH SAID!

(9) THE STATEMENT IS MADE (AGAIN BY ONE OF MY DEFENDERS) THAT HAL VERB "REPORTED" AN ALLEGED THEFT OF FPCC (FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE) FUNDS WHICH WERE TURNED OVER TO THE SWP (THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY).

ANSWER: ABSOLUTELY FALSE! I NEVER REPORTED ANYTHING ABOUT A THEFT TO THE FBI.

THIS STATEMENT AGAIN REFERS TO MY POINT ABOUT HOW ONE READS THE DOCUMENT. IT IS TRUE THAT ONE OF THE SEVEN PAGES DOES REFER TO THE THEFT BUT A VERY CAREFUL READING OF THAT PARTICULAR PAGE DOES NOT STATE THAT IT WAS I WHO REPORTED THAT THEFT. IN FACT WHAT THE DOCUMENT DOES STATE IS THAT THE INFORMATION WAS "FURNISHED" BY AN UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL AND IDENTIFIED BY THE SYMBOL NUMBER OF "NY 2440-S*". IT IS OBVIOUS (OR SHOULD HAVE BEEN) THAT THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION IS FROM SOMEONE IN NEW YORK (AND NOT BERKELEY OR SAN FRANCISCO). MOREOVER, EVEN IF

THAT NEW YORK SOURCE HADN'T BEEN PROVIDED ON THIS DOCUMENT PAGE THE INFORMATION IS GIVEN THAT THE ALLEGATION OF THEFT WAS REPORTED BY V.T. LEE WHO TOLD AN INDIVIDUAL IN DENVER.

SEE, NOW, WHAT I MEAN ABOUT APPLYING ONESELF DILIGENTLY IN READING DOCUMENTS. PERHAPS WHAT IS NEEDED IS A REFRESHER COURSE ON DOCUMENT READING.

THAT CONCLUDES MY NINE POINT REBUTTAL OF THE VARIOUS ACCUSATIONS AND STATEMENTS ABOUT ME WHICH ARE ALL FALSE. BUT IN CONCLUSION I WISH TO ADD SOME OBSERVATIONS AND THOUGHTS ABOUT THIS WHOLE SORRY AND SAD EPISODE WHICH I HOPE THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY WILL TAKE TO HEART AND SERIOUSLY CONSIDER. THERE ARE THINGS THAT CAN BE LEARNED FROM MY EXPERIENCE.

FOR THE MOMENT LET ME EXPLORE ONE THOUGHT. NOT MENTIONED IN THE ABOVE ~~NINE POINTS~~ BUT ~~PUT~~ PUT OUT ON THE INTERNET COPIES BY ONE INDIVIDUAL (WHO SHALL BE NAMELESS AS ALL THE OTHERS ARE NOT SO NAMED IN THIS ARTICLE AND THAT INCLUDES BOTH MY ACCUSERS AND DEFENDERS) WHO ASKED POINTEDLY "WHAT (IS) VERB'S REAL INTEREST IN THIS CASE?"

IF THAT PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL HAS MANAGED TO READ THIS ARTICLE UP TO THIS POINT HE OR SHE COULD NOT FAIL TO KNOW WHAT MY "REAL INTEREST" IN THIS CASE. MY INTEREST? TO FIND OUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963 AND WHO WAS INVOLVED. REPEATEDLY AT MANY FORUMS I HAVE STATED MY BELIEF THAT THERE WAS A CONSPIRACY AND IT IS ALSO MY BELIEF THAT OSWALD WAS FRAMED AND NEVER FIRED ANY SHOTS THAT DAY (INCLUDING RIFLE AND PISTOL). HAS THIS DOUBTER OF MY "REAL INTEREST" READ ANYTHING I'VE WRITTEN OR HEARD ME SPEAK? FROM HIS STATEMENT IT DOES NOT APPEAR VERY LIKELY OR IF THIS PERSON HAS, HE (OR SHE) JUST "DOESN'T GET IT".

OR, AS ONE WRITER HAS PUT IT SO SUCCINCTLY, "FOR THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND, NO EXPLANATION IS NECESSARY. FOR THOSE WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND, NO EXPLANATION IS POSSIBLE".

AS A FINAL NOTE I WISH TO EXPAND ON MY ABOVE-MENTIONED "DOMAINE POISONING" REMARK. HUMOR ASIDE, I DO BELIEVE THAT THIS HAS OCCURRED IN THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY. I AM HERE REFERRING TO THE PRACTICE OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS IN TAKING IT UPON THEMSELVES TO CLAIM WITH AN AIR OF FINALITY ~~THE~~ THE AREA THEY ARE WORKING IN. ANYONE WHO DIFFERS WITH THIS FINALITY MUST BE "ON THE OTHER SIDE" OR EVEN A GOVERNMENT AGENT WHOSE ROLE IS TO DIVIDE THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY SO THAT THE CONSPIRATORS ARE SHIELDED FROM BEING EXPOSED.

THE AREA I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH HERE IS THE AREA OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE BUT IT COULD JUST AS WELL HAVE BEEN ANY OTHER AREA.

THIS NOTION OF MINE (ABOUT "DOMAINE POISONING") CAME INTO PLAY SHORTLY AFTER A PROMINENT RESEARCHER FIRST PHONED ME AND TOLD ME OF THE FBI DOCUMENTS AND WHAT WAS BEING SAID ABOUT ME ON THE INTERNET. I ~~Subsequently~~ SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED FROM THIS RESEARCHER SOME DOCUMENT PAGES AND LATER ON A MORE COMPLETE SET OF DOCUMENT PAGES PLUS PRINT-OUT SHEETS OF INTERNET EXCHANGES BETWEEN ACCUSERS AND DEFENDERS ~~WERE~~ SENT TO ME BY OTHER RESEARCHERS.

EVEN BEFORE RECEIVING THE DOCUMENTS I HAD MENTIONED TO THE RESEARCHER WHO FIRST PHONED ME THAT "I'LL BET THAT ALL THIS HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH MY POSITION I'VE TAKEN AGAINST WHAT I CONSIDER AN ABSURD THEORY AND THAT IS THE ZAPRUDER FILM ALTERATION THEORY." REMEMBER THAT AT THE TIME OF THE PHONE CALL I HAD NOTHING IN THE WAY OF ANY READING MATERIALS OR DOCUMENTS. SURE ENOUGH, MY INITIAL THOUGHT ABOUT THIS TURNED UP IN ONE OF THE INTERNET REPORTS I RECEIVED. IT WAS WRITTEN BY ONE OF MY DEFENDERS AND HERE IS WHAT HE WROTE: "...COULD THIS (MY ACCUSERS ATTACK) BE LEFT OVER ANIMOSITY FROM THE JFK LANCER ZAPRUDER FILM PANEL (1998) WHERE WHITE, DAVID LIPTON AND JIM FETZER GOT STOMPED IN A PSEUDO-DEBATE BY HAL VERB, JOSIAH THOMPSON AND ART SNYDER?" (AUTHOR'S NOTE: THERE IS A MINOR ERROR HERE. WHITE WAS NOT ~~WHITE~~ PART OF THIS PARTICULAR PANEL. THE INTERNET REPORTER WRONGLY PUT WHITE AND IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DR. MANTIK).

UPON FURTHER REFLECTION AND HAVING CONSULTED MY NOTES I THOUGHT THAT THE GENESIS OF THE ATTACK UPON ME GOES EVEN FURTHER BACK IN TIME THAN THE RECENT PERIOD WHERE THE THEORY OF Z-FILM ALTERATION IS NOW BEING PROPOSED.

I THOUGHT OF THE TIME IN THE EARLY 1990'S WHEN I GAVE A TALK ON THE FAMOUS (OR INFAMOUS) OSWALD BACKYARD PHOTOS (MY PLURAL EMPHASIS). I HAD STATED AND TAKEN THE ADMITTEDLY CONTROVERSIAL POSITION THAT THE PHOTOS WERE AUTHENTIC AND WERE NOT FAKED. ONE OF MY ACCUSERS (WHO SHALL, AGAIN, REMAIN NAMELESS AS ALL OTHER NAMES ARE BECAUSE MY AIM IS TO ARGUE AGAINST FAULTY EVIDENCE AND NOT ENGAGE IN PERSONAL ATTACKS) ~~THIS PERSON~~ HAD QUESTIONED ME AND I ANSWERED HIS ARGUMENT WHICH I BELIEVE KNOCKED HIS ARGUMENT DOWN (A VIDEO TAPE OF THE EXCHANGE IS UNDOUBTEDLY AVAILABLE AND WILL CONFIRM NOT ONLY MY TALK BUT THE EXCHANGE AND DIFFERENCES WE POSED).

BEFORE ELABORATING FURTHER I REALIZE THAT MY STANCE ON THE BACKYARD PHOTOS IS NOT A VERY POPULAR ONE AND A GOOD PART OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY SUPPORTS THE FAKED THEORY VERSION BUT ONE OF THE POINTS I RAISED WAS THAT IN ALL THE CONTROVERSIAL DISCUSSION OF THE PHOTOS NOT A SINGLE MEDIA PERSON WHETHER OF THE LEFT, CENTER OR RIGHT TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO CONTACT THE "MILITANT" NEWS-PAPER TO LEARN WHAT THEY KNEW. NOT ONE AND THAT INCLUDED MY ACCUSER! I SAID TO THE AUDIENCE THAT I KNEW THIS NON-CONTACT TO BE A FACT BECAUSE I DID CONTACT THE "MILITANT" AND SPOKE TO SEVERAL PERSONS WHO DID RECEIVE THE PHOTO AND LEARNED OF OTHERS WHO ALSO SAW THE PHOTO. THEY ALL SAID NO ONE HAD CONTACTED THEM ABOUT THE PHOTO. NO ONE! AND ISN'T IT JUST ELEMENTARY IN NEWS REPORTING TO GO TO THE SOURCE?

A NEW BOOK BY GUS RUSSO ("LIVE BY THE SWORD") DOES MENTION THIS PHOTO AND IT WAS I WHO GAVE GUS THE INFORMATION. ~~HOWEVER~~ HOWEVER WHAT IS REPORTED IN RUSSO'S VERSION IS INCOMPLETE AND MISLEADING AND NEEDS TO BE ACCURATELY REPORTED (IT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG TO DESCRIBE THE MANY ERRORS IN HIS BOOK AND WOULD BE BEYOND THE PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE. NEEDLESS TO SAY I UTTERLY REJECT HIS RIDICULOUS PREMISE THAT

CASTRO "MAY" HAVE BEEN BEHIND THE PLOT TO KILL JFK IN WHICH OSWALD SERVES AS A LONE SHOOTER).

BUT SOMETIMES BAD EVENTS CAN LEAD TO GOOD HAPPENINGS. AS I WAS GOING THROUGH MY NOTES & STUDYING THE OSWALD PHOTOS ~~PHOTOS~~ (AGAIN, PLURAL FOR THERE MAY HAVE BEEN AS MANY AS FIVE INVOLVED. FOUR HAVE BEEN REPORTED ON) I RAN INTO THIS "HAPPENING":

WHAT WAS THIS "GOOD HAPPENING?? AND WHAT I PRESENT HERE IS OFFERED TO THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY TO EXAMINE FURTHER WHICH I BELIEVE STRENGTHENS MY ARGUMENT THAT THE PHOTOS ARE REAL.

FOR YEARS I HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR A PHOTO OF ~~OSWALD~~ (OSWALD) SHOWING HIM WEARING A BLACK OR DARK OUTFIT WHICH OSWALD IS SEEN WEARING IN THAT BACKYARD SERIES OF PHOTOS. I SPENT HOURS AND HOURS EXAMINING ALL THE PHOTOS TAKEN OF HIM. NONE I EXAMINED SHOWED HIM WEARING ANYTHING SIMILAR TO THOSE PHOTOS. IT SEEMED LIKE A FRUITLESS EFFORT ON MY PART TO CONTINUE LOOKING AND WHILE I'VE NEVER GIVEN UP ON THIS I ALWAYS FELT THAT SOMEDAY I WOULD COME UPON SOMETHING.

WHY IS THE BLACK OUTFIT IMPORTANT? WELL, IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS TO THOSE RESEARCHERS WHO HAVE EXAMINED THE PHOTOS IN GREAT DETAIL AND EVEN THOSE WHO'VE EXAMINED IT IN LESSER DETAIL THAT THE ARGUMENT WAS PUT FORWARD THAT THE PHOTO OR PHOTOS WERE FAKED IN THAT IT SHOWS OSWALD'S HEAD BUT SOMEONE ELSE'S ~~BODY~~ BODY WAS PUT IN PLACE OF OSWALD. THIS PARTICULAR ARGUMENT WAS FUELED BY OSWALD'S OWN COMMENTS HE MADE UNDER INTERROGATION WHERE HE SAID, TOO, THAT THE PHOTO WAS FAKED BECAUSE IT WAS HIS (OSWALD'S) HEAD SHOWN BUT SOMEONE HAD PUT SOMEBODY ELSE'S BODY BENEATH HIS HEAD. IF YOU WILL RECALL, OSWALD SAID THAT GIVEN TIME HE COULD PROVE THE PHOTO HE WAS SHOWN TO BE A FAKE. RECALL ALSO THAT HE SAID (AND THIS IS CRUCIAL TO WHAT I AM ABOUT TO PRESENT THAT HE KNEW SOMETHING ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHY AND WOULD DEMONSTRATE THIS GIVEN THE CHANCE. OF COURSE, AS WE AND THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWS, HE NEVER GOT THAT CHANCE).

BUT AS I WAS GOING OVER ALL THIS I THOUGHT ABOUT OSWALD'S REMARK THAT HE KNEW ALL ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHY. AND THEN IT DAWNED ON ME. OSWALD MAY NOT HAVE AT THE TIME OF HIS INTERROGATION BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT I'M NOW OFFERING BUT THE WORD "CONTRAST" CAME TO MIND. SINCE I, LIKE OSWALD, WORK PROFESSIONALLY WITH PHOTOGRAPHS I DEAL WITH CONTRASTING IMAGES ALMOST EVERY DAY. BUT WHAT IS THE RELEVANCE OF "CONTRAST" WITH RESPECT TO THE BACKYARD PHOTOS?

I MAY BE TOTALLY IN ERROR ON WHAT I AM ABOUT TO REPORT BUT SINCE I DO BELIEVE THE PHOTOS ARE REAL THE CONCEPT I AM DEVELOPING HERE FITS IN PERFECTLY WITH MY BELIEF. I INVITE COMMENTS OR CRITICISM FROM THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY ON THE FOLLOWING:

OSWALD POSING AS A LEFTIST WANTED THE LEFT TO KNOW THAT HE WAS WHAT HE CLAIMED TO BE. HE GOT MARINA, HIS WIFE, TO TAKE PICTURES OF HIMSELF WHICH SHE THOUGHT REPRESENTED FOOLISHNESS ON HIS PART. SO HE HAD HER TAKE SEVERAL (AND NOT ONE) PICTURES OF HIMSELF WITH THE RIFLE AND THE TWO NEWSPAPERS AND THE PISTOL NEAR HIS HIP. ALL THE PHOTOS WERE OF HIM IN FRONT OF THE WHITE FENCE AND WHAT BETTER OUTFIT TO WEAR AGAINST A WHITE FENCE COULD SHOW THE BEST "CONTRAST" THAN A BLACK OUTFIT. THE BLACKER THE BETTER AS ANY GOOD PHOTOGRAPHER WILL TELL YOU AND EVEN AMATEURS RECOGNIZE. OSWALD WAS OUT TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.

OF COURSE, ^{THIS} WOULD IMPLY THAT THE PHOTOS SHOWING THE RIFLE AND PISTOL MUST MEAN THAT THE RIFLE AND PISTOL ARE REAL AND OWNED BY OSWALD. I DO ASSERT THAT BOTH WEAPONS ARE REAL BUT I ALSO ASSERT THAT NONE OF THESE WEAPONS WERE FIRED THAT DAY (NOVEMBER 22, 1963). IF NONE OF THESE WEAPONS WERE FIRED AND CAN BE PROVEN NOT TO HAVE BEEN FIRED OSWALD'S INNOCENCE CAN BE ESTABLISHED. THUS THE PHOTOS CAN BE REAL AND STILL NOT PROVIDE SOLID EVIDENCE HE WAS THE LONE SHOOTER.

BUT THE WORD "CONTRAST" KEPT RECURRING IN MY MIND. AND AS I WAS GOING THROUGH THE MANY, MANY BOOKS I HAVE ON THE JFK ASSASSINATION (ONE OF WHICH I'M CURRENTLY WAITING AND WORKING ON) I CAME ACROSS A TOTALLY UNEXPECTED SOURCE (OR SOURCES) AND THAT WAS ED BUTLER AND GUS RUSSO BOTH OF WHOM SUPPORT THE "LONE NUT" OSWALD HYPOTHESIS WHICH I COMPLETELY REJECT.

TURN TO PAGES 201-202 OF RUSSO'S BOOK ("LIVE BY THE SWORD"). RUSSO IS DESCRIBING THE FIRST MEETING BUTLER HAD WITH OSWALD BEFORE OSWALD APPEARED ON BUTLER'S RADIO PROGRAM (NEW ORLEANS, AUGUST, 1963). RUSSO: "BUTLER RECALLS THAT OSWALD ARRIVED AT THE STATION IN A HEAVY BLACK WOOL SUIT (MY EMPHASIS) ON A TYPICAL NEW ORLEANS AUGUST DAY - INCREDIBLY HOT AND HUMID".

THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT, I THINK, THAT OSWALD VIEWED HIS APPEARANCE ON THAT RADIO SHOW AS VERY IMPORTANT IN ESTABLISHING HIS FAIR PLAY CREDENTIALS AND AS ODD AS HIS APPEARANCE IN SHOWING UP IN A "HEAVY BLACK" OUTFIT HE WAS, AFTERALL, OUT TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION AND MAY HAVE CONSIDERED THE VERY LIKELY ~~CHANCE~~ POSSIBILITY OF PHOTOS BEING TAKEN OF HIM. BUT AT LEAST FROM WHAT BUTLER SAYS HERE IT ESTABLISHES THAT OSWALD DID WEAR A BLACK OUTFIT.,

HERE AGAIN, I THROW THIS OUT TO THE RESEARCH ~~AND~~ COMMUNITY. WHY NOT CONTACT BUTLER AND ALL THE RADIO PERSONNEL CONNECTED WITH THAT PARTICULAR PROGRAM AND SEE IF SOME KIND OF PHOTO EVIDENCE CAN BE FOUND TO LINK THE TWO BLACK OUTFITS? PERHAPS A PHOTO (OR SEVERAL) WERE TAKEN AT THE STUDIO AND EITHER PASSED ON TO OTHER REPORTERS OR KEPT BY THE RADIO PEOPLE THERE. I SIMPLY DO NOT KNOW BUT IT DOES REQUIRE LOOKING INTO.

OR EYE WITNESS EVIDENCE

SUMMING UP: IN THE COURSE OF THIS WHOLE BIZARRE EPISODE ABOUT MYSELF I HAVE LEARNED SEVERAL VALUABLE INSIGHTS AND I HOPE, SINCERELY, THAT ALL OF US AS RESEARCHERS CAN LEARN SOMETHING WHICH I HAVE SHARED IN THIS ARTICLE.

IT MAY WELL BE THAT MY ACCUSERS AND DETRACTORS WILL IN SPITE ALL I'VE SAID BELIEVE THE NONSENSE THEY CLING TO.

WHEN THE FAMOUS HERETIC, GIORDANO BRUNO, WAS BURNED AT THE STAKE IN ROME IN THE YEAR 1600 HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT HISTORY WILL DEMONSTRATE THAT HIS DEATH WILL BE REMEMBERED NOT SO MUCH FOR WAS DONE TO HIM BUT FAR MORE FOR THE SHAME AND DISGRACE HIS EXECUTIONERS HAVE BROUGHT UPON THEMSELVES.

AND BRINGING THINGS MORE UP TO DATE THERE IS THE COMMENT MADE BY FIDEL CASTRO AS HE WAS BEING SENTENCED BY DICTATOR BATISTA'S COURT, "CONDEMN ME. I DON'T CARE! HISTORY WILL ABSOLVE ME!"

I THINK AS CONTROVERSIAL A FIGURE AS HE IS, HISTORY HAS AND WILL ABSOLVE HIM.

BUT CAN HISTORY ABSOLVE THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO PERPETUATE FALSE RUMORS, INNUENDOS AND FACTS THAT ARE NOT FACTS? I THINK THE ANSWER IS NO.

I CHOSE THE TITLE OF THIS ARTICLE BECAUSE I HAVE LED AND CONTINUE TO LEAD ONE LIFE AND THAT IS THE PURSUIT OF TRUTH AND LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY.

AS GEORGE ORWELL ONCE SAID, "THERE WAS THE TRUTH. AND EVEN IF YOU WERE A MINORITY OF ONE THERE WAS STILL THE TRUTH."

IN THE WORDS OF SOME ONE WHO NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO TELL HIS SIDE OF THE STORY -- OSWALD:

"EVERYONE WILL KNOW WHO I AM NOW".
