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8/16/94

Dear Anna Marie,

Today's mail reminded me of what you told me about John Newman taking credit for your work when you loaned him a batch, including of your notes. This is for my file and for your information only. It does no good for these things to get around and we are all, as is our work, hurt by that.

You may remember that when we spoke I asked you if you have a copy of the Rankin memo on Oswald reported to be an undercover agent. I think the date is 1/24/64. You said you did. Apropos of what you'd told me I told you why I need a copy of it. I repeat it. When the Newmans were here for Thanksgiving dinner last year and we were talking a little about his work I asked him if he had this memo and I told him about it, including what he did not know, the Oswald number given in it. ^{110664.} He said he'd like to have it. We went into my office and those files were missing. From an overstuffed drawer. Their absence would have given it much space. That space had been taken up by the keeper in the back of file drawers. I told John there was to the best of my recollection only one person who could have stolen it, Richard Waybright, a Baltimore copy who worked for Livingstone and Lipton. He was here searching for Livingstone. *that was in Lipton.*

Because John said he'd like to have that memo I told him how to find it in the Commission's files. I got in there about 1966, when no other files were there other than as given to the Commission.

John phoned me either the next day, a Friday, or the Monday following. He was quite pleased. He told me had found the memo exactly where I said he'd find it. He also said he'd send me a copy, after I asked.

He also wanted to borrow about two inches of research on Jean Davison's book. I loaned that to him, too. And it also was not returned.

I wrote him several reminders and when he phoned several times I reminded him each time.

For some started work to which I planned to return I needed that memo. So I wrote him the short letter a copy of which I enclose last Thursday, the 11th.

Monday he wrote me the enclosed letter. He sent me a different copy of that memo. And he sent those files with a rubber band holding them inside the accordion file in which I kept them, otherwise unwrapped, in an oversized/puffed-up plastic-lined bag. The file folders are scored by the rubber band.

Note how he refers to that memo and to what I told him that he did not know.

He does not give me a Commission file copy, the ribbon copy, which is the one to which I directed him. He cannot claim he found that by his own derring-do in the newly-disclosed CIA files. He refers to it by its CIA number, and it is a carbon copy.

With regard to what I told him that I repeat he did not know, he does not put it that way at all. He says of it that on "page 3, (it) has the discussion you and I were interested in."

I do not really care, but his files show that it is his work that we ["]discussed."
I've skimmed those CIA records. The 1 Feb 77 memo on ~~XXXX~~ Agency Activities in New Orleans" is disingenuous in referring to the training and camp on Lake Pontchartrain as Hemmings, with which they say they had no connection. That Hemming had one there surprises me. I did not know it. There were several. I learned of an unknown one from a deputy sheriff of that Parish. Long story. It without doubt was Agency. It was in a State forest and it ran small fast boats to Cuba with weapons regularly. I have him on tape somewhere.

One the Index Search and 201 Consultation Request re Alexei Davison, that is cute, too, in referring to him only as "Air Force Captain; doctor at US Embassy, Moscow c.1962"

If you do not know, Davison was one who served the Penkovsky drops and got caught and expelled. That was not practising medicine in the embassy. I have a file on that if it interests you. Including a copy of a Russian paper, in Russian, on that part of the trial and if I remember correctly, some stories from our papers.

His mother was as virulently anti-Communist as possible. She was a nurse in the Wrangel White Army in Siberia where she met his father when he was a doctor in our army lead by a General Graves. With that kind of antiCommunist background Davison gave Oswald his mothers address so he could look the mother up, his explanation for that entry in Oswald's addressbook? He would do that with one he believed was any kind of Red?

I've given McKnight the other copies for the Hood library, so studentst can start using them if they want or need to. My only interest in the LBJ phone records relates to the Commission. I have those through 11/29/63. I'll have to ask McKnight if that with Russell 9/18/64 is in them. That and anything on the Report when issued I'd like.

Best wishes,

Harold

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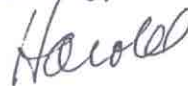
8/11/94

Dear John,

I'm doing some writing in which I'd like to be able to use that Rankin memo of which you'd said you'd send me a copy last November and the work I did on Jean Davison's book you borrowed then.

I hope you find a safe way to return it soon.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg

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Harold,

I am so sorry for taking this much time. No excuses really. Just disorganization.

I enclose a fairly nice copy of CIA XAAZ3637, which, on page 3, has the discussion you and I were interested in.

I copied some of Jean's book and am Fedexing it back to you.

I do hope you rest plenty and take care of yourself. Thanks for your help and support.

Sincerely,

John Newman

Cheers, -- John Newman

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

FROM: Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel
SUBJECT: Rumors that Oswald was an undercover agent.

XAAZ-363
Jan 64

Allegations have been received by the Commission to the effect that Lee Harvey Oswald was an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Central Intelligence Agency prior to the assassination of President Kennedy on November 22, 1963. This memorandum reviews these allegations and summarizes the action taken to date by the Commission.

On Wednesday, January 22, 1964, I received a telephone call from Waggoner Carr, Attorney General of Texas. Mr. Carr stated that he had received on a confidential basis an allegation to the effect that Lee Harvey Oswald was an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation since September of 1962 and that he had been paid \$200.00 a month from an account designated as No. 179. Mr. Carr indicated that this allegation was in the hands of the press and defense counsel for Ruby and suggested that his information came ultimately from District Attorney Henry Wade, although he stated that he had not discussed this matter directly with Wade.

After a discussion with the Chairman of the Commission and Mr. Leon Jaworski, I contacted Attorney General Carr. I asked the Attorney General to contact District Attorney Wade and try to

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CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

1 February 1977

TO : Security Inspector General
FROM : Raymond H. Reardon
Security Analysis Group/OS
SUBJECT : Agency Activities in New Orleans

1. During our Task Force meeting on 27 January 1977, there was some discussion of the question of any Agency training activities having taken place in the vicinity of New Orleans. The attached debriefing of a former staff employee in regard to training and demotions given to anti-Castro Cubans came across my desk recently. You will note that paragraph three contains a reference to Agency training conducted near New Orleans circa 1960. I have also seen references to some Agency training having taken place at the "Wild Algeers Live Camp" near New Orleans and this may be the site referred to in the attached debriefing.

2. This Agency training should not be confused with the infamous training activity which took place at Lake Ponchartraine circa 1962. The Lake Ponchartraine activity was run by Gerald Patrick Harding as part of his Intercontinental Penetration Force (INterpen). Frank Sturgis (aka Frank Morioli) of Watergate fame was also connected with the activities of Interpen. There was no Agency connection with any of the activities of Interpen.

Raymond H. Reardon

Attachments

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