

Dear Paul,

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While I am fairly free with my phone, as you know, I also can be cautious and have reason to be. So there are some things I did not say and one I could have and just forgot about. We have just finished talking. I went into the kitchen to convey your greeting to Lil and found her preparing to can some of her garden produce. Great stuff!

What I forgot is that Oswald in New Orleans is one of my two books to have editing. The other, Frame-Up, was by a Prussian mind. O in NO was by a very fine young woman was great on slush but lost on this. I wanted nothing to do with the editing. I just wanted to get onto other work. The publisher, meanwhile was quite discouraged because he knew he'd get no organized distribution, the company that distributed his books having told him that as explicitly as possible.

Lil, however, went over the galley with his customary precision. She found and reported all the typos and other errors, reported also the omission of the table of contents and the index, so naturally the book appeared with all the errors uncorrected, not table of contents and no index. I even had an appendix for it.

The editor, really a fine young woman, was also sick and about to enter the hospital for surgery. So there were some cuts I did not check. The largest one was on the training camps. She cut some great stuff, including Orwellian FBI reports on them I had obtained and used word-for word.

What this caused is beyond belief!

The guy who ran the main camp across Lake St. Fontchartrain picked up a copy of Oswald in New Orleans at the Chicago airport. How? When I had a radio talk show to do in Chicago I arranged a meeting with the drivers who put out the paperbacks for that distributor and turned them on! Without this the book would not have been on a rack. It may interest you and Eben to know that truck-drivers do control what goes on racks.

And so it was, having not seen what I had really written about him because it was incompetently edited out, that a little after midnight one night I received a phone call from Houston from Rudolph Richard Davis, better known as Ricardo. Absolutely raving about the book and insisting that I tape our conversation as an historical record! And spilling enough of his guts.

Wild enough? Well, that was 1967. In 1976 he is one of the unnamed characters in the Schweiker report, ~~named~~ The CIA conned Schweiker into believing it was all "national security" secrets. What Davis actually spilled assumed Watergate significance: he worked for Jack Caulfield in the early 60s, such genteel jobs as picking out the pro-Castros the police horses would trample in New York City.

I'll give you a few Ford details before returning to the affidavits. I had just finished drafting an insertion with the specifics of the third perjury by an FBI agent when the phone rang. This is relevant to your questions about what I'm doing.

Ford had pre-Watergate connections with Watergater figures and after he was President did a big favor for one. There was CIA help in his campaign to get Justice Douglas. Make up the best names and they fit! I've got the unpublished documentation. It is in the unread draft of The Unimpeachment of Richard Nixon, completed save for the conclusions before he resigned. This help, at the very least, included personnel and office space. The names are of three key people. In WG, that is. Are you beginning to get an idea of the unexposed Watergate story? I really did have it written in advance of what did come out. This includes of the Bennett connect and what still has not come out on it. There is also what is in Whitewash IV. Use the index on it, Ford, ~~Verááá~~. Aka good guy, honest man.

In my haste I may have been underinformative on the Perjuring Agent. It is Kilty. You should remember him from Post Mortem. I've nailed him in a new perjury in the King FOIA case. I've gotten the proof from regular DJ files. Kilty did not know what a lawyer had written five months earlier and in that vast bureaucracy the lawyer to this day does not know what Kilty swore to. Fortunately, I did recall, of the many thousands of words in the court records. I had just finished an insertion from these records when you called. I'm hoping Jim will go for my making the charge. I think maybe Green will see it as the way out of an endless morass. Hastily, and thanks for calling,