

Dear Dick,

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I never believed the Dallas police story that it did not tape its Oswald interviews. I was openly skeptical about it in my first book. However, if this guy's Mr. X has those tapes I can see that they could rapidly make a best-selling book. I did not mention this possibility in my enclosed letter to the fellow who did hear those tapes and I did tell him, as you'll see, that first thing is establishing their authenticity. It is on the chance that you can see a book in this if they are genuine that I send this to you.

Ted Gandolfo is easily the wildest of the critics, probably the least inhibited, and I think has no competitor in spontaneous crudeness. He is usually beyond his depth. For ^a while he had a TV show on a NYC cable access channel and from that and innumerable talk shows coast to coast built up a rather large mailing list. He has or did have a newsletter I did not subscribe to that by most standards would be regarded as kookie.

He was very close to Garrison after the Shaw fiasco and if he told me the truth spent several months in New Orleans, where he has relatives, just before the book was published. He gave me the impression that he made the connections for Garrison that got publication.

Remember^{ing} this connection I can also see an invisible hand in the background, whether or not one is there. It can be that once he arranged for publication Garrison had little interest in him. He used to report frequent communications, mostly by phone, but none since the book appeared and got its initial promotions except one in which he reported that Garrison had asked him for two tapes for Stone, who paid him for them. One was a tape I do not recall and the other was a videotape from which Stone wanted to use Garrison's voice. Perhaps also picture. Ted used to tape all his phone conversations and all the talk shows he could receive or make. He has the equipment for it, and for duplicating his tapes.

That he regards the alleged Dallas police tapes as authentic means nothing at all.

If I remember what he told me several years ago, his Mr. X is a relative of or had some kind of relationship with the late Will Fritz, homicide captain. Last I heard of Fritz he was living in a hotel and retired, so not likely with a wife.

If these are genuine tapes it is a helluva story and a sensational book that can be done very rapidly once the tapes are transcribed. This is why I write.

Best,