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2/21/67 From feature story an Lane:

"Punishing the culprit is not the only reason you try to find out the facts about historical events. There was no known culprit when the French government pardoned Dreyfus. When they changed their position it was not because they found a culprit, but because it was wrong to say that someone committed a serious crime when in fact he was innocent. Wrong on moral grounds.

"I've never said Oswald was innocent. I think there's no question he could not have been convicted at a trial. Did he do it or was there more than one person involved? I think the evidence that there were at least two people is conclusive." *Oakland Tribune*, Mike McGrady

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Oswald's trail in the State Department, in the Soviet Union. *San Francisco Examiner*, Henry J. Taylor

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Joe Tonahill, attending meeting of the *American Trial Lawyers Association* says 99 per cent of the evidence the state had against Oswald came from his widow. "None of the evidence obtained from her or through her could have been used against him" [in an ordinary court].

"She is the only person who ever identified the rifle as his," Tonahill said. He added she was also the only person to link the purchase of the rifle under an assumed name to Oswald. *AP B29 Las Vegas*

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Tonahill says Oswald died not from gunshot wound but from air embolism during blood transfusion from a plastic bag; cites a Beaumont, TX, Dr. Howard Wilcox as supporting this theory and prepared to testify at Ruby trial. In San Francisco, Belli says Tonahill wrong, that was considered as defense evidence but rejected as not feasible in this case. "Oswald died from the gunshot wounds." *San Francisco Examiner-Chronicle*, Las Vegas, *UPI*

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Dr. Earl Rose, who performed the autopsy on Oswald, refuted Tonahill's claim that Oswald died on an air embolism during a plasma transfusion.

"There was air embolized, and there was also a hemorrhage, but these are purely secondary things." He said the embolism was caused by the gunshot wound, not by a transfusion. "I think Mr. Tonahill is being presumptuous ... I say death came from the gunshot wound".

Pete Geilich, assistant administrator at *Parkland Hospital*, said Oswald never received a plasma transfusion. "He was given whole blood. ... I think Mr. Tonahill is probably a very good lawyer." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, *UPI Dallas*

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Taylor column quotes Fritz as saying Oswald talked well enough until asked a question that meant something, a question that

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would produce evidence. Says Fritz, Shanklin and others in Dallas remain absolutely convinced Oswald did it alone, are not in touch with the Garrison investigation in New Orleans, and say both they and Garrison cannot be right. Taylor himself insists Oswald was "the cool canny Communist that millions have been led to believe was a "crackpot." Blasts Manchester's version of Oswald watching TV and going crazy at 9:30 p.m. the night before the assassination. *San Francisco Examiner*, Henry J. Taylor, Dallas

- 4/10/67** Taylor blow-by-blow of the Tippit shooting sequence which depicts both FBI chief Gordon Shanklin and Police Captain Will Fritz baffled about why Tippit didn't draw his gun. Says these top investigators fed up with many mysteries claimed by outsiders that they know are not mysteries at all. But this is their own side mystery. They find no answer to what happened at 1:15 that Friday, 11/22. *San Francisco Examiner*, Henry J. Taylor, Dallas
- 4/18/67** At 840': Lane does not believe that in all cases it was a "false Oswald." *Billy Rose Show, KNEW*, Oakland
- 5/5/67** *New Orleans States-Item* says in copyright story Garrison will show Oswald was anti-Castro and using *Fair Play for Cuba Committee* as a cover -- a picture diametrically opposite that sketched by the Warren Commission.
- Recalls his use of the 544 Camp St, address used both by W. Guy Bannister and Sergio Archaca Smith, and says sources close to Garrison say Oswald may have been trained as an intelligence agent at Japan's Atsugi Air Force Base, reportedly an instruction camp. *San Francisco Examiner*, *AP* New Orleans
- 5/8/67** *New Orleans States Item* says Garrison will seek full-scale Senate inquiry into CIA's role in the Warren Commission probe. Says Oswald's activities in 1963 in New Orleans were carried on with full knowledge and consent of both FBI and CIA, that agents of both cooperated in concealing facts from Warren Commission and public, and now trying to obstruct gathering of evidence. *AP* A099, B75 and various reprints
- 8/18/67** New Orleans District Attorney, on order of court, provides Clay Shaw defense with the date of Shaw's alleged meeting with Oswald and Ruby – 9/3/63 from 2 to 9 p.m. at the *Jack Tar Capitol House Hotel* in Baton Rouge. *New Orleans States-Item*
- 8/19/67** Following criticism by Alexander M. Bickel of the *CBS* program on the *Warren Report*, broadcast 6/25 to 6/28/67, *New Republic* carries response by Walter Lister of *CBS News Special Reports*. Lister defends the *CBS* program, but ends with this paragraph: "If Mr. Bickel is looking for a weak point in the case against Lee Harvey Oswald, let him concentrate on the lack of proof that Oswald himself actually pulled the trigger of his rifle." *New Republic*
- [Program also on tape No. 57. For partial resume see Garrison chronology 6/25/67 et seq.]
- 9/67** Quotes from Medford Evans, contributing editor to *American Opinion*, closely associated with the *John Birch Society*:

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"...My conclusion is that anyone who will believe that Lee Harvey Oswald and he alone killed Jack Kennedy will believe anything."

"Maybe he wasn't really a Communist at all. ... Maybe Oswald was a rightist trying to make the party look bad. Maybe he really worked for the FBI or the CIA, and had flipped." Etc. etc. *American Opinion*

9/67 Mark Lane publishes for the first time a picture taken of Billy Lovelady, and juxtaposes it with a blowup of the Altgens picture of the man in the doorway, and one of Oswald. Points out that Lovelady said he was wearing no jacket and a red and white striped sport shirt at the time. *Film Comment* Fall/Winter 1967, *The Man In The Doorway*, Mark Lane

[See Oswald, 12/2/63.]

9/21/67 Taping a broadcast for 9/26/67, Garrison charges JFK assassination ordered and paid for by oil-rich psychotic millionaires, all extreme conservatives. Said there considerably more than seven men involved, radio-equipped and taking virtually no risk of being caught. "The connecting link at every level from the oil rich sponsors down to the Dallas police department, down through Jack Ruby and including anti-Castro adventurers at the operating level were *Minutemen*, *Nazi* oriented. It was essentially a *Nazi* operation. Said Oswald at the time was a CIA operator playing his part in the assassination thinking he was fulfilling another government's [government ?] assignment. *New Orleans States-Item*, by Carl Pelleck

10/67 Norden quote of statement by John A. McCone, former director of the CIA [no date given]: "The Agency never contacted [Oswald], interviewed him, talked with him or received or solicited any reports or information from him or communicated with him in any manner. Lee Harvey Oswald was never associated or connected directly or indirectly in any way whatsoever, with the Agency." *Playboy* interview of Garrison by Eric Norden

[Statement made 2/13/64? See Oswald, 1967, 2/13/64]

11/10/67 From review of Harold Weisberg's *Oswald in New Orleans*:

Lee Harvey Oswald had a "crypto" clearance while serving in the Marine Corps in a unit whose function was highly classified. This security clearance was considered above that of "top secret." The Warren Report makes no mention of this.

According to Weisberg, Oswald was only officially to have had a "confidential" clearance which is the lowest grade in security clearances. Weisberg reveals also that Oswald spent his last few weeks in the service with the Criminal Intelligence Division, before his so-called "hardship" discharge. *Berkeley Barb*, Hal Verb

11/24/67 Harold Weisberg, in interview with *LA Free Press*, quotes from tape recording of remarks by Wesley Liebeler describing his

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personal re-writing of section of Warren Report, to conclude that "Leon Oswald" could not have been "Lee Oswald." Liebeler says "on the night of the 20th or 21st of September when we were going over the page proofs of the Report for the last time," a report was received from the FBI that the three men who had visited Sylvia Odio had been found. He rewrote the section that night and sent it to the Government Printing Office. Weisberg points out that no member of the Commission saw this before it was published. *LA Free Press*

[Also see Weisberg 11/13/68]

12/17/67 Robert Oswald, in *WFAA-TV* into, says he still "at this particular time" thinks Lee alone shot JFK but suspects someone planted the idea in his head, and thinks the Warren Commission did not prove Lee had the necessary practice to do the shooting. Had never fired a high-powered bolt action in his life before, nor had used a telescopic sight. *AP* 440 pcs

[See Oswald, 1967, 2/22/64, Anthony Lewis. Robert Oswald Testimony, *Warren Report*, pp. 314, 468, 447

12/26/67 Garrison says that Oswald, acting as a federal informant, told the FBI five days before the assassination there would be an attempt on JFK's life in Dallas 11/22/63. Says FBI sent out TWX to this effect the same day, that it went to J. Edgar Hoover, whom Bradley tried to promote for president in 1964. *New Orleans States-Item, San Francisco Examiner, Oakland Tribune* [all 12/26/67, latter two using *AP* version]

12/26/67 Later *AP* version from LA, mostly about fugitive complaint issued for Bradley, has an add from New Orleans quoting Garrison as saying Oswald was feeding all the information he could obtain about the assassination plans to the FBI. *AP* A099LA-72NU 12/26/67. New Orleans add not seen in print.

12/27/67 *WVUE-TV* in New Orleans says Garrison's story about Oswald sending telegram to FBI from Dallas is based on a report from Dallas and quotes him as saying he could crack the case if a *Western Union* agent would reveal a copy of the telegram but that he fears for his life. *Oakland Tribune UPI* 27dec67