

Implications WG Arrests Were Not Accidental (KPFA 5/17/73, etc.)

In reasoning the possibilities through, first I'd ask the lawyers' question, cui bono? Of those who might be expected to ~~benefit~~ benefit, I think all can be eliminated because all but some kind of spook could not obtain police silence followed by perjury and of the non-spooks, all would either be hurry by the arrests or failed to arrange maximum from them. If it had been the Dems, for example, they would have given time for files to have been removed for examination and for some to be photographed, for reporters to be on the scene, etc. Both the FBI and CIA, inevitably, would be badly hurt, as they were. I believe this ~~scenario~~ is more or less the case with every possibility.

The precinct out of which those cops worked is high in crime, downtown, where the concentration of police stations is high. It is less than a 15 minute walk to that in Georgetown. It is only four blocks from the eastern edge of Georgetown, seven from the center. So, I have no trouble believing that on their own or because they were asked to, that crew worked overtime. No trouble believing that its relief was late or had to be assigned to sometime as soon as it went on duty, or that they were working on a case requiring overtime.

I have known cops to work in overtime of their creation and as a military policeman I often enough had my relief late.

Winterberger's hypothesis is that they were being followed or that someone inside their own very small group gave them away. A ~~spook~~ spook with a tendency toward self-destruction? Look at what has happened to all those who could have known. Who could have followed them? Castroites? And if it was a tip, why should the police be reluctant to say they had a tip? I see no reason, since no glory accrues to the police from what did happen.

One word in W's comments are the key to this and his refusal to believe it was accidental, "reason". You have to know these types to know what for them passes for fact, for reality. They are irrational and think the rest of the world is. They do crazy things and thing all else is insane. And they all got ~~wa~~ away with what they did in their pasts either because power was on their side or because nobody ~~expected~~ (or ever does, generally) the kinds of things they pulled. Like the Filing ripoff.

Remember also this was weekend, and in that area extra police needs would be weekend norm, like extra duty in the French Quarter in N.O. weekends.

Once they made the arrests, I see nothing really exceptional with their having to (or wanting to) hang around until evening, long a day as it made. What a story, what a case! Aside from need for officials to be able to talk to them, beginning with their superiors, then the prosecutors (two different jurisdictions), FBI, White House-almost anyone.

This also would require that every scout car or motorcyclist in the precinct would have had to be contrived out of that area, not easy. The precinct has a fair percentage of its men on scooters, which can respond rapidly. The precinct itself was not all that far away. Maybe six diagonal blocks up New Hampshire. That a car was not sent from it rather than some kind of coverup I'd attribute to one not being there at the moment.

Why not catch Hunt, Liddy and Baldwin red-handed?

There is basis for the suspicion, but I don't go for it and I think it is a needless complication. And afterthought: if it was someone on the GOP inside who wanted to hurt the GOP, they could have done it more, leaked much more faster, etc.

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