

6/25/72

Mr. Edward Bennett Williams
Hill Bldg.
17 & Eye Sts., nw
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Williams,

Although I've considered volunteering what information I have that you might consider relevant in the Watergate bugging case, until reading this morning's Post I decided against it, believing the offer would be unwelcome. My knowledge comes from that which I think is responsible for your representing us so inconsistently with your reputation, my work on the JFK assassination and the Warren Commission. Neither you nor Peter Taft ever took the time to learn what my beliefs and objectives were and are, as I suggest genuine friendship with Mr. Warren should have impelled.

Increasingly there has been a press campaign to separate this thing from Republican interests. Today's Post is an excellent example. If I do not for a minute thing that either Mitchell or Dole ordered the caper, I am also without doubt that it is "Republican connected and in a way that has not yet been indicated. There are Republican Cubans. I have files on their organization and some of its leading lights. They are so far out they seem like they can't be real. Their politics make the Birch Society look pink. Their members are openly associated with overt fascists.

The quote from Miguel Acoca is wrong. Fiorini was the subject of FBI interviews. I have nine or ten pages of them. It was not because of his "activities". It was because he and others of these nuts were part of a systematic campaign to deceive the Commission and the FBI, which permitted itself to be "deceived" and in turn misled the Commission. That was SOP for the FBI when it didn't lie to the Commission. Fiorini and countless others, including a man active in and honored for his activity in a Republican committee and another who became and may still be for all I know Dade County chairman, manufactured countless false reports about Lee Harvey Oswald. The net result was to dilute the initial investigation, at best. I have about 15 pages of FBI reports on the county chairman. He later served in an identical role and identical fraud when Robert Kennedy was killed. In that case, the man he used bears a striking resemblance to Gonzalez in the current case.

I have had fairly close contact with a number of these soldiers of fortune and have hours of taped interviews with three. While I have yet to meet one whose word can be taken without confirmation, at least one I have interviewed detests Fiorini. I have a letter he wrote that includes a denunciation. Should you desire to conduct an investigation that includes such things, I'll be glad to give you the last addresses I have on each.

These right-wing Cubans are beyond belief and are capable of incredible insanities. If you do not mind a suggestion, I'd be surprised if in the last presidential election they did not violate the Corrupt Practices Act - as an officially-recognized Republican committee, too. If I had the time and money to spare, I'd have gotten copies of their reports and checked all the names on income and expenditures. If you decide to do this, I'll be glad to help in any way I can. I have fairly extensive files on these Cubans.

I could not avoid this because two of the soldiers of fortune used the name "Oswald" prior to the assassination in one case where a Republican staff member did the Commission and history an enormous disservice under circumstances that precluded the knowledge of any Commission member. I have his personal description on tape and transcribed. There were a number of other uses of the Oswald name in advance of the assassination by Cubans. I have the unpublished FBI reports, many more than those involving Fiorini.

I do not believe your client really expects to collect \$1,000,000. This ~~belief~~ leads me to believe that I can, perhaps, be of some help. Without the collection of money damages, I think this suit can help cleanse society and politics a bit. Among the evidence in my possession (and friends may have more) are a large number of FBI reports connecting Cubans active in Republican politics to such characters are Billy James Hargis and General Edwin Walker. This includes both the Dade County Chairman and the committee of the last presidential election. (I do not know if they are re-activated in the current campaign but presume they are.) I have the anti-black literature one printed with money he collected for "Cuban freedom". They are also anti-semitic. Carrying the investigation I have conducted forward should be child's play. My interests were limited to what related to the assassination, not to Republican politics.

To show you how extreme these soldiers of fortune anti-Castroites are and were, one of them got what he acknowledged to be a "proposition", in the words of the suppressed FBI report, "to get rid of KENNEDY, the Cabinet and all members of Americans for Democratic Action and maybe 10,000 other people" and didn't even report it, although he was a reserve Army captain (since made major) and the graduate of two Army intelligence schools.

Fiorini, by the way, may also be a Minuteman. My information on this is not official and is not confirmed.

If your client is interested, or if you would care to have anyone from your office go over these files or discuss possibilities of further investigation or sources of information, I am but an hour from either office by car. You can, of course, have copies of any of these FBI reports that interest you, any of the pictures I have -anything. There is nothing in my possession that I obtained improperly. All documents came from official sources. None of the tapes are clandestine.

I wish I thought it possible to end these rotten intrusions into people's lives, of which bugging is but one. Few things, in my view, are more deeply subversive in a society such as ours. All of the means have not yet been exposed. I have for example, carbon copies, not xeroxes, of federal espionage on me, complete with bills for it rendered to a front established for such purposes, checks in payment for it, even the envelopes in which the checks were mailed. So I do hope you and your client will press this case with vigor.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg