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Gaudet-Oswald

Recently you have complained about Schweiker sending Lane off to Mississippi or Tennessee looking for someone named Gaudet, whom I gather from your brief references may have had something to do with Oswald in or en route to Mexico City.

It may or may not be relevant, but it was an Edwin M. Gaudet who was sought in NO in August, 1973, after Nixon spoke there to the VFW convention, at which time Gaudet is supposed to have made some sort of a threat against Nixon in a bar. He fled to New Mexico, where he was captured after an alleged gun battle with pursuing officers. Federal charges were dropped against him in NO because the woman who had fingered him refused to confirm her evidence under oath. The state of New Mexico held Gaudet a bit longer because of their officers involved in his surrender, but I believe New Mexico finally let him go too.

If this is the same Gaudet, he looks like a seasoned employe.

Ordinarily this would be a shrewd guess. However, the Gaudet after

whom Lane chased foolishly is William George, on whom I have a fat file and about whom I wrote at some length in a book I was not able to get published. The framed Gaudet of the Nixon caper is a cop who turned hippie. The real one was at a different part of Mexico at a time other than Oswald went to Mexico City. HW 11/15/75. Lane isn't even a good crook.

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