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We quote below an interesting letter printed in The Dallas Times Herald of Sunday June 14, 1970:

SUPPORT FOR NIXON

President Nixon and our military leaders need the support of all Americans for their courage in hitting Communist strongholds supplying Viet Cong troops from the sanctuaries of neutral Cambodia.

I have thanked the President for his courageous stand and told him of support from the Civil Air Patrol throughout our nation. It was my good fortune to have been one of the co-founders of Civil Air Patrol six days before another enemy in another time staged a sneak attack on our forces deployed at Pearl Harbor.

In years of peace and war since that time, the Civil Air Patrol has drawn its membership from the mainstream of America. I feel the support of this volunteer group to anti-Communist policies of our government should be made known. The President should hear from more individuals and groups who want peace with honor, to offset the loud demonstrations of those who would settle for peace at any price. He has sent a reply that shows his deep concern. He, too, is a man of peace.

BRIG. GEN. D. HAROLD BYRD
Civil Air Patrol Dallas

Interesting speculation here is whether or not General Byrd ever knew Captain David Ferrie of the Civil Air Patrol unit of New Orleans. Pictured here is a photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald while

he was a recruit in Captain David Ferrie's Civil Air Patrol unit in New Orleans. The picture is from the book "Red Roses from Texas" by Nerin E. Gun which was published in England in 1964.



One of the reasons Gun's book is so scarce is that it showed Oswald in the uniform furnished by Commander Ferrie. No one, that we know of, has ever questioned Gen. Byrd as to whether or not he ever knew Lee Oswald or Captain Ferrie.

Another strange co-incident is that General D. Harold Byrd owned the Texas School Book Depository Building at the time of the assassination. Also very strange is that Gen. Byrd recently sold the building at auction and took \$650,000 for the building. The building was worth more money than that, and in fact, Gen. Byrd had let it be known

that he expected to get \$1,500,000 for it.

It is our speculation that the actual purchaser of the building was the United States Government, who will be able at the appropriate time to turn the building over to Dallas for complete demolition.

Buryette Byrd of Midlothian is a brother to Gen. D. Harold Byrd. Twenty five years ago, D. Harold decided to sell the School Book Depository Building, and asked brother, Burette to try to sell the property. Burette called on a Mr. Purse, furniture dealer only a block from the site. Purse rejected the \$50,000 price, but offered \$40,000.

Burette calmly pulled a silver dollar from his pocket and offered to match Purse for \$10,000. Purse declined.