

Went the Waldron tape? about an hour

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Dear Jim,

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In recent days there has been little time for writing and much other work to be done, some not easy and under an assortment of pressures. Here I refer to getting to where we can take an unorthodox step in the spectro suit. As of now I hope and believe that except for emergencies, my immediate preoccupation with it is past.

It also has not been easy to try to do what I have tried to do with Jaworski. After beginning it, I had to let Ford go, at least for now.

The suit situation is that Bud seems to have revived a bit, Jim has done a magnificent job, and the papers should be filed sometime tomorrow, the last day, after retyping of the petition, which was to have begun tonight. We completed my affidavit, I swore to it today, and Jim took it back with him. It is what I insisted upon, a direct confrontation with Danaher, serious allegations against him and even his presence on the banc sitting, and serious charges against the government, together with a few things that, with some press attention, could get interesting.

What I have not been able to stay as close to as I'd have liked is the Jaworski business. Orr Kelly of the Star and I talked this evening, and he admits what I suspect was not in his story, that Jaworski lied. This is to say deliberately. Fortunately, if Kelly is a man, he also knows the lie was through the special prosecution press officer. Jaworski says he had no idea the Anderson Fund was in CIA work. However, we also have through Art the statement that he personally made the contribution. Aside from this, can anyone believe that with all the attention to the scandals after the NSA story broke that a man whose name and organization were involved so very publicly had no knowledge? Where is his denial if it is, as it is not and can't be, false?

What seems to have happened is that someone got onto this pretty fast, helped by UPI's long delay. Each of the two men Art interviewed to get the solid stuff he got, both personally involved and where I told him to call, changed their stories after they spoke to him. Two out of two can't be coincidence. The changes in the story are in the two key areas, another coincidence?

Claiborne's story in this morning's Post is rather weak. This stuff is at the end and there is not much of it. I have seen no other papers and I do hope this is just Post caution. I'll know if and when Hanrahan's story appears for I can what that can justify saying and what it clearly shows and he said independently it shows after reading, not on my word.

Poor Art is out of his depth. He didn't even know the standard manuals by name and did not know such sources were available. She, with no help, other work and no experience in such tracings, he has serious problems. With one bright kid there to help him, in a day or two a thorough job of listing and crosschecking all the directorates could be completed. Then we could know if they show what seems probable. One of the interesting possibilities is an Allen at the head of Gulf Publishing (Jaworski) and another Allen at the head of Gulf Resources and Chemicals (the laundered Mexican money).

The Post didn't carry it, but J said he won't quit the Anderson fund because it is engaged in charitable works. Or, he is perpetuating one of his conflicts of interest. I've seen no published comment.

The problem is what happens if the staff gets its back up and walks out? There will be a stink, but anything else?

(Strikes me as a remarkable coincidence that Waldron phoned me for the first time today, in the middle of all this.)

If Waldron's story is true, there is another rather interesting coincidence. He says that Jaworski got the Houston Post to fire Hudkins after his story that Oswald worked for the FBI. Now the Houston Post is Hobby and the Hobby Foundation was a fellow Houston CIA conduit—at the same time as the Anderson Fund. So, one CIA'nik got another to axe the exposé. Who has been terrified since. I told Orr the story, and Art. I asked him to include a check on his directorates.

What a cowardly press! After enough know that Jaworski was exposed publicly as part of the CIA operation all are silent at his open, blatant lie about it. Here is the real problem, cowardice and fears. Best,

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