

MEMORANDUM

August 25, 1995

To: Jeremy Gunn
 cc - Anne Buttimer

From: Joe Freeman

Subject: Wegmann Papers

Per your request, I spent some time at the end of last week going through two of the three Wegmann boxes (EW-1 and EW-3). I directed most of my attention to EW-3, as it contained all the files you had flagged on Noelle's index: Dean Andrews, Bringuier/Quiroga, David Ferrie, "Gurvich Interview," Jack Martin and Lee Harvey Oswald. This week, over the last two days, I have also had an opportunity to look through the other Wegmann box (EW-2), which Anne had been examining. What follows is a more detailed overview of what is in those particular files you flagged (along with copies of selected documents), plus odds and ends from other files and boxes that caught my eye as worth bringing to your attention.

Dean Andrews File

The largest portion of the documents in the two "Dean Andrews" folders in EW-3 (there is also a Dean Andrews folder in EW-2, but it contains only a copy of his WC testimony) date from 1969 and relate to a civil suit Andrews filed against Garrison subsequent to his (Andrews') perjury conviction. They don't appear particularly interesting or enlightening.

As Noelle had noted, there was also a one page list of questions the defense asked or considered asking Andrews at the Clay Shaw trial.

I have copied and attached from these two folders a series of 1963 FBI reports of interviews with Andrews (also included are related interviews with Sam Zelden and R.M. Davis). Looked at one after another, they are interesting in terms of the development (or regression) of Andrews' story. My favorite is the 12/3/63 interview, wherein Andrews indicates the 11/23 call on behalf of Oswald "seems like a dream" to him, and where Andrews also maintains that Oswald could "really dig hep cat talk," which the interviewing FBI agents (Kennedy and Jensen) translate as Oswald being able to understand "the slang expressions used among the sex deviates of the French Quarter." Most of

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these FBI reports are also reproduced in EW-2.

Also attached from the Andrews file is the transcript of a 4/26/67 New Orleans television interview program in which Andrews is questioned about meeting Clay Bertrand. As Andrews puts it: "Squares don't understand."

Lastly, attached is a report of a chance encounter between two individuals from Southern Research Corporation (assisting Shaw's defense team) and Dean Andrews, who was having lunch with Richard Townley, on 4/19/67. The groups' lunch-time speculations ranged pretty far afield: you may wish to review it to see if there are any kernels of wheat among the chaff. Arcacha Smith's name comes up.

Other names and connections are mentioned, among them Sandra Anderson (former secretary to G. Wray Gill, alleged to have had a Shaw-Ferrie photo). Andrews is alleged to have stated at this luncheon that he knew who Clay Bertrand was; that he was not Clay Shaw; that, in fact, Andrews had seen Bertrand the night before, but that he (Andrews) would never publicly identify him.

Presumably, this is a reference to Eugene Davis, who Andrews fingered as Clay Bertrand in the NBC special which aired 6/19/67. Obviously, Andrews changed his mind about identifying him sometime after this lunch. On a related issue, box EW-2 contains a transcript of an interview with Eugene Davis, accompanied by his lawyer, C. Wray Gill (not copied).

Carlos Bringuier/Carlos Quiroga

I've copied several things for your review. First, there is a page of handwritten notes of an interview with Quiroga in which the note-taker has scribbled "Reilly & Monteleone." It suggests that Reilly's anti-Castro connections came up in the interview. I've also attached a report of a polygraph examination of Quiroga done for William Gurvich. This appears to be the polygraph examination which Sciambra cited when threatening to charge Quiroga with perjury. Lastly, on Quiroga, there is an "Appendix to Mr. Carlos Bringuier's Letter of March 29, 1967" which is in fact a statement from Quiroga. On page 4 of this document Quiroga references an "album that I had about the Crusade to Free Cuba" which he showed Garrison in one of their interviews. In box (EW-2) is a full transcript of Quiroga's interview with Garrison, as well as an earlier interview between Quiroga and Frank Klein. These were not copied.

On Bringuier, I've attached reports of four interviews he did with Southern Research Corporation from March to May of 1967. Once again, a lot of names are cited and connections suggested. In the 3/31/67 interview, Bringuier references his interview with Garrison in which Garrison tries to make the connection between Reilly, anti-Castro Cubans and Oswald.

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Also included in this file, but uncopied, were Quiroga's "Open Letter to the President," a Bringuier-authored article (CE 93) and the "Crime Against Cuba" pamphlet.

David Ferrie

This file contained a lot of background material on Ferrie compiled by Southern Research Corporation regarding Ferrie's years in Ohio before coming to New Orleans (the seminary, his teaching job, etc.), as well as his arrest in New Orleans, re: corrupting minors. I didn't copy this material: there was a fair amount of it. At least some of these SRC documents are also in EW-2. The file also contained newspaper clippings on Ferrie.

I've enclosed a copy of the FBI's report of their 11/17/63 interview with Ferry, which was in the file, as well as a copy of a page from Ferrie's bank passbook showing major deposits and withdrawals in November of 1963. Also attached is an unsigned New Orleans Police Department summary of the Department's attempts to locate and arrest Ferrie on 11/24 and 11/25, 1963. The summary itself is dated 5/22/64.

There was some material relating to the defense's efforts to disprove a Shaw-Ferrie link by demonstrating that the man cited as Ferrie in one of the prosecution's photographs was in fact someone named Bob Brannon. I've attached a Southern Research Corporation report on this, along with a copy of the photo in question. The report references other photos in the possession of a Jeff Biddison. There are contact sheets of the negative of this and other "party" photos in EW-2.

The file also contained a copy of Ferrie's autopsy report, a 12/13/63 Secret Service report (CD 87), copies of reports Ferrie sent to Marcello's lawyers from Guatamala, an affidavit from Ferrie, re: his trip to Texas and a 12/10/63 Ferrie statement to the FBI. These I did not copy.

In box EW-2 is a Sciambra report on a 2/28/67 interview with Ferrie, as well as a transcript of a 12/14/66 interview of Ferrie by John Volz.

Gurvich Interviews

These are transcripts (of 3 tapes) of a 8/29/67 interview with Gurvich conducted by Wegmann and others. Gurvich had left Garrison's office about July 1. If nothing else, the transcripts make for

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interesting reading. The interview takes place before Clyde Johnson refuses to testify and so there is a lot of stuff on "Slidin' Clyde." They also touch for some time on Gordon Novel/Houma and others. Transcripts are attached.

Jack Martin

The Martin file contained some materials relating to a 1963 filing by Martin against Garrison and Pershing Gervais. Martin was seeking \$50,000 in damages and an injunction, but I couldn't make out the case's substance. In any event, the case was dismissed on 6/14/63. There is also a 4/17/67 affidavit from Martin, re: Garrison probe; newspaper clips from 1967 concerning, mainly, David Ferrie but annotated by Martin. There is also some material regarding a Carl John Stanley, who looks to be a minister in one of these pseudo-religions Martin and Ferrie were involved with. I didn't copy any of the Martin documents.

Lee Harvey Oswald

The main item in the Oswald file is the attached and massive daily chronology of Oswald's life during his stint in New Orleans, 4/25-9/26, 1963. It seems to be part of a manuscript -- you may recognize it, I did not. The 'chronology' is wide-ranging, to say the least. I'm not sure who the author is, but he/she definitely has a point of view. I have not read it in its entirety.

The Oswald file also contains a November 1966 article on Jim Garrison by David Chandler which was published in the magazine New Orleans. I've copied it for you, not because it's directly relevant to the assassination, but because it's an interesting portrait of Jim Garrison before the assassination probe and Shaw trial engulfed him; before they became a filter which colored everything else about him. A good, short, easily-digested piece. The article is far from completely critical of Garrison, which I thought interesting in view of the fact that Chandler apparently turned very much against the DA later.

The file also contained a much sparer Oswald New Orleans chronology, as well as an Oswald-related newsclipping.

In another box, EW-2, there is both a statement of David F. Lewis and a transcript of Lewis' interview with Lou Ivon, both dated 12/15/66, re: seeing Oswald at Mancuso's Restaurant w/Arcacha Smith and another Latin named Carlos.

Other Attached Material

I briefly surveyed various other folders which looked as if they might hold interesting documents. This survey was not exhaustive by any stretch, but did yield a few kernels. All the documents cited below are attached.

- **Jack Ruby Folder** - 2/28/67 statement of Corrine Verges Villard to NODA, re: Ruby/Oswald sighting at New Port Motel. There is another copy of this document in EW-2.
- **Tom Bethell "Diary"** - This makes for absolutely fascinating reading -- a contemporaneous (with some later additions) insider's view of the Garrison investigation. I don't know much about Tom Bethell except that he was an Englishman assisting Garrison's investigation who later provided Shaw's defense team with information. He stayed with Garrison much later than Gurvich. He writes well and is genuinely insightful. While much of what he says may be old news to you -- since you are more conversant with the Garrison investigation than I am (having, for instance, no doubt read *On the Trail of the Assassins!*) -- I would recommend it as well worth reading if you can find the time. In terms of records, there are several things worth noting: 1) the document in Wegmann's files is entitled "*Excerpts from a Diary...*" [emphasis added] and thus there must be more; 2) Bethell references a Mrs. Mae Brussels from Carmel, CA, who has done "vast" research on the Russian community in Dallas -- Bethell thinks her work is a waste of time, but who knows, page 5; 3) Jim Alcock had a lead relative to a Shaw-Ferrie-Cuba link which he got from the NY Times and which he determined was substanceless; it involved the thesis of some South Carolina professor, p. 12; 4) Bethell confirms, via Lifton, that WC counsel W. Liebler retained WC documents at home as late as 1967; presumably we have everything he had, but might be worth a check, p. 16; 5) Bethel references Texas AG report on assassination as totaling about 20 bound volumes (p. 17); I should know this by now, but I wonder if *all* that is out at NARA or not; 6) a Vince Salandria *manuscript* is referenced on page 20, I don't know if this was ever published; 7) on page 31 Bethell references a statement from somebody named Augustinovich, re: an Oswald-CIA link, apparently never followed up on; 8) FYI, see page 34 and the reference to Bill Nitschke, who Hoke May says identified one of the fellows handing out leaflets with LHO on

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the WDSU photo as a Bannister hanger-on; I presume this Nitschke is the same as "Ivan Nitschke" on p. 296 of Summers' *Conspiracy*. Bethell references Nitschke again on page 36; 9) Bethell says that Richard Billings "had fairly complete files on the Garrison investigation...probably the only journalist who does." Page 51.

- **Clyde Johnson Folder** - Since he ended up never testifying at the Shaw trial and was subsequently killed, "Slidin' Clyde" is easily forgotten, but a 7/6/67 Wegmann memo references that both WDSU-TV and WWL-TV had film clips of interviews with him. I don't know whether we/the JFK collection, have these. I've also included Johnson's 4/5/67 affidavit sworn for the DA's office.
- **Gordon Novel Folder** - Southern Research Corporation interviewed Steve Plotkin on 4/7/67. Plotkin at that time represented David Lewis, Novel and Jack Martin. Plotkin says a Vernon Gerdes -- one-time associate of Banister but at this point (1967) an employee of Plotkin's -- saw LHO, Bannister and Ferrie together. This document references the Houma munitions incident, and posits various links between Novel, Dean Andrews and Clay Shaw. Also attached is a SRC report of an interview with Novel himself in which Novel references a Hubert Badeux who allegedly gave Garrison material from Banister's files. Also in the file are various documents relating to Novel's libel suit against Garrison and Playboy, which I didn't copy.
- **William Bundy Folder** - I've attached Gurvich's 4/20/67 report of an interview with Bundy.
- **Perry Russo Folder** - I've attached a 6/19/67 Sciambra memo to Garrison, re: attempts made by Richard Townley (WDSU-TV), Walter Sheridan and James Phelan to turn Perry Russo. Interesting mainly insofar as it documents that Garrison was not the only one using dubious methods. Similarly, I've attached a 8/22/95 letter from Hugh Aynesworth to Wegmann, re: Wayne Darrell Garner. There are several letters from Aynesworth in the Wegmann papers, underlining his extreme partisanship. In box EW-2, there is a transcript of Russo's Preliminary Hearing testimony, as well as transcripts of two interviews with him while he was under hypnosis.
- **Odds and Ends** - I've attached some relatively early staff memos to Garrison on various leads or witnesses they were working on -- see two memos from Sgt.

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Duffy: re, Charles Krop and Chicago/Ferrie-Shaw connection; an input from Lt. Col. Ben Morgan of LA State Police; a statement from P. Davis, who worked for Dean Andrews; statement of Thomas Lewis Clark, who was close to Ferrie and who said Ferrie told him that he had taught Oswald in CAP and who also said that Ferrie and Dean Andrews were close; a Sciambra memo, re: interview with Carlos Grimader who helped keep track of funds for the Crusade to Free Cuba group and who had "a big bag full of receipts for contributions from different contributors and solicitors"... don't know if this could be helpful on Reilly/anti-Castro connections; Sciambra interview with Betty Parrott, who says Regis Kennedy told her about Shaw's CIA connections; a 5/24/67 memo to Garrison from William Martin, re: CIA personnel/connections in NO; an 11/3/67 Mark Lane summary of an interview with Dallas Sheriff Roger Craig; an interesting (as a reflection of her character and thoughts) letter from Ruth Paine to Jim Garrison following her visit to New Orleans; the statement of Asst. DA Ed Gillen whose account of his bizarre meeting with Oswald, re: Aldous Huxley's wonder drug, sounds much more compelling than Posner's treatment of it (note, p. 167n); the statement of the van Rollestons', re: Shaw-Oswald sighting on 10/11/63, also dismissed by Posner (p. 442).

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File 4.0.2. Garrison Investigation