MEMORANDUM No. 7

SUBJECT: Garrison and the Kennedy Assassination

I. SUMMARY

This memorandum provides information about twenty persons who have not been listed previously in this series, who are involved in the Garrison case, and who have or have claimed to have a connection with the Central Intelligence Agency. One, William Clarence Wood, is a former staff employee.

II. PERSONNEL

1. Thomas Edward Beckham (aka Mark Evans)
   a. Garrison suspended Beckham 30 December 1967 and an Omaha, Nebraska, judge ordered him to return to Louisiana on January 1968. Beckham says he helped Ergo Aracacha build raise funds for Cuban revolutionary forces in New Orleans in 1962. Beckham is an entertainer-evangelist who uses the stage name of Mark Evans.
   b. On 3 January 1968 Beckham allegedly told David Lewis of New Orleans that he, Beckham, and a J. N. L. U. (from Oklahoma) are agents of the CIA.
   c. NID has no record of Beckham.

2. Melvin Belli
   a. Belli was a defense attorney for Jack Ruby.
   b. J. L. Garrison was a weekend guest of Belli when Garrison visited San Francisco in October 1967.
c. DELL was reportedly involved in illicit drug traffic with Morris LOWITZ in 1956. LOWITZ was a suspected contact of Lucky LUCIANO.

3. Donald Dean BOHNING (201-813703)

a. BOHNING is the Latin American Editor of the *Miami Herald*. He was granted a FISA on 21 August 1987 and a CSA on 11 November 1987. He is A/M/ARBON-3.

b. BOHNING reported he was contacted on 29 March 1988 by Winton SMITH who claimed to be investigating Rolando WASPPIER for Jim GARRISON.

4. Colonel L. Robert CASTORR

a. Col. CASTORR allegedly met with Jack RUBY, Robert YERAIN, and others in Dallas in 1962 to plan a Cuban smuggling operation. CASTORR is also allegedly an associate of General Edwin A. WALKER, Joachim JOESTEN and others have broadly hinted that CASTORR is associated with CIA.

b. There is no record of agency association with CASTORR. An FBI report of 13 March 1963 reported that CASTORR had lunch with Viktor Ivanovich KURONOV (201-731243), a KGB officer at the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

5. Lloyd J. COBB

a. As President of the New Orleans Trade Center, COBB was, according to pilot or politics, the "boss" of Clay SHAW.

b. COBB was granted a CCG on 1 October 1953 for use on a private attorneys' panel for the DGC. COBB was granted a FISA on 19 June 1967 to permit contact and assessment in connection with his use on a cleared attorneys' panel for the DGC.

6. Michael Charles CONLEY

a. Michael Charles CONLEY is an apparent US Government source of Robert Kenneth BROWN.

b. A Dr. Michael C. CONLEY is listed for Agency employment in 1954. Identity with a. above, has not been established.
7. Allen W. DULLES

a. GARRISON subpoenaed Mr. DULLES on 16 February 1966 as a material witness.

b. On 7 March 1966 Judge Matthew BRANNIFF issued a second subpoena for Mr. DULLES.

c. On 22 May 1966 GARRISON’s office accused the Justice Department of refusing to cooperate in the subpoenaing of Mr. DULLES as a witness.

8. Wieslaw GORNICKI (201-19823)

a. GORNICKI is a Polish journalist who was the author of a long article on the GARRISON investigation in “Polityka” No. 1 (1961), Year XII Warsaw, 6 January 1968.

b. GORNICKI was the subject of an unsuccessful recruitment attempt in 1965 while he was a correspondent at the UN.


a. HOUTS, a former FBI agent, is the author of an article in Medical Economics 4 March 1966 which criticized the autopsy of President Kennedy.

b. HOUTS served with OSS in Burma during World War II and was involved in the misappropriation of government property. HOUTS unsuccessfully applied for Agency employment in 1952.

10. Guy Persac JOHNSON (201-20783)

a. JOHNSON was an early defense counsel for Clay BISHOP.

b. A FOA was requested 14 May 1952 for JOHNSON to be used on Guam as a contract agent for NUKOIAK (training base on Saipan). The request for the FOA was later cancelled.

11. William R. KLEIN

a. According to Plot or Politics KLEIN was an
incorporator of Friends of Democratic Cuba, along with
guy banker, william dalzell, and grady c. durham.
klein denied contact with durham, banker, and friends
of democratic cuba. he admitted association with dalzell to
set up the free voice of latin america. klein seems to be
a personal friend of jim garrison.

3. klein applied for agency employment in 1963
but accepted a job with the us navy general counsel's office.

12. robert evensen lee

a. lee was an assistant district attorney for jim
garrison from 1 january 1967 to 1 january 1968.

b. lee applied for agency employment on 5 january 1965.

13. william richard martin (201-2833316)

a. martin was an assistant district attorney for
jim garrison until december 1967.

b. martin was a dcs contact and source in 1964 and
1965 when he was director of international relations and world
trade of international house in new orleans.

14. edward moren (201-557127)

a. moren is the author of assassination, a pro-warren
commission book.

b. moren provided information to gcs on his internship
in indo china during the early part of world war ii.

c. moren was considered for the job of president of the
committee for a free asia in 1951 and the job of president of
dell (asia foundation) in 1953.

15. dr. alton ochesner (201-5364-97)

a. an fbi confidential informant reported on 21 april 1963
that jim garrison believes dr. ochesner was a principal
involved in the conspiracy to assassinate president kennedy.
b. Dr. Ochsner is Director of the Ochsner Foundation, head of the Ochsner Clinic, and President of the Information Council of America. He is a world-famous surgeon.

c. Dr. Ochsner was of contact interest in October 1947 and November 1948. He has been a cleared source since 13 May 1959. The last official contact with Dr. Ochsner personally occurred on 3 January 1962 and with the Ochsner Clinic on 3 November 1963.

16. Robert Perrin

a. Robert Perrin allegedly met with Jack Ruby, Col. L. Robert Castor, and others in Dallas in 1962 to plan a Cuban smuggling operation. Perrin has been accused of being a CIA gun-runner in Spain and in Cuba.

b. A Lt. (jg) Robert Rollom Perrin filed a personal history statement with OSS in January 1944. There is no indication he ever served with OSS or was later connected with the Agency.

17. Benjamin Sonnenberg

a. Mark Lane said on the acknowledgement page of Rush To Judgment: "I am deeply indebted to Benjamin Sonnenberg, Jr., whose numerous and invaluable suggestions have found their way into this volume."

b. Benjamin Sonnenberg was granted a CSA on 29 June 1941 for use under Project GRENCHANT. The CSA was revalidated for continued use on 26 July 1965.


d. An October 1961 FBI report said that in 1933 Alfred K. Stern owns $5000 in a bank account to guarantee a bank loan made to Sonnenberg.
SECRET

18. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bloom STERN (He is 201-173341)

a. Jack ROGERS, the committee counsel for the joint legislative Committee on Un-American Activities for the State of Louisiana, reported to the JCS on 1 June 1967, that GARRISON had been receiving contributions and monetary support from Mrs. Edgar B. STERN.

b. Mrs. Edgar B. STERN is the former Edith ROSENWALD and the former sister-in-law of Alfred K. STERN.


d. Edgar B. STERN was granted a covert clearance in January 1963 for use as a donor in Project LINCOLN. This clearance was cancelled in October 1966.

e. Philip Maurice STERN, son of the above-mentioned couple, was granted a liaison clearance in March 1961 when he was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs. Philip STERN was also named as one of a "board of advisors" to Robert HUMPHREY in 1964.

19. Monroe SULLIVAN

a. SULLIVAN claimed to be with Clay SHAW in San Francisco all day 22 November 1963.

b. SULLIVAN was granted a CSA on 19 December 1962 to permit utilization under Project CONCEAL.

20. William Clarens WOOD (201-334272)

a. A Bill WOOD, using the name BILL BOXLEY, is investigating CIA and its operations for J. W. GARRISON.

b. Bill WOOD is believed to be identical with William Clarens WOOD, a former staff employee of this Agency.
c. William Clarens WOOD, born 17 August 1920, was approved for OSS duty in December 1944, but was not utilized. On 13 December 1950 WOOD was granted a CSC for utilization as a Staff Agent with Project TPSOCUS. He suffered a nervous breakdown in March 1952. He was assigned to OTR as an instructor (GS-11) in May 1952. He resigned 27 January 1953, after his resignation had been requested because of alcoholism. While under the influence of sodium pentothal during a medical operation in July 1953 WOOD made statements showing extreme antipathy toward the Agency. The FBI reported in April 1957 that WOOD had offered assistance to the Nationalist Chinese Intelligence Service. DCS requested clearance to use WOOD in February 1957 but dropped the request after the FBI reported that he was drinking heavily again.