

# MEMORANDUM

June 7, 1996

To: T. Jeremy Gunn  
From: Laura Denk  
Subject: Universe of Records in New Orleans

## I. Organizations with Records

### A. MCC

1. already arranged to go review MCC files
2. add'l files at home of Warren DeBrueys  
already arranged to go review DeBrueys files

### B. Royal New Orleans Collection (533 Royal St. 70130 -- French Quarter -- contact Mark Cave -- 504/523-4662)

1. Anne visited & looked at some of papers of Dr. Alvin Oschner, friend of Clay Shaw's, trustee at Tulane, and thought by some assassination researchers to have been part of a conspiracy to frame Oswald. Papers are highly sanitized. She obtained an index for the JFK Collection.
2. *Do we want to try to follow up with Cave to get the Ochsner papers or copies in the Collection?*
3. Cave also searched the Collection for other names given him by Anne, but had nothing except a few old news articles about Clay Shaw.

### C. Tulane University

1. Hale Boggs papers

### D. Horizons Security and Vault Company

1. Wayne Everard, New Orleans Archivist, told Anne that when the NOPL acquired the DA's records in 1989, they came from storage facilities at the Horizon Security and Vault Company, 4545 Veteran's Memorial Boulevard, Metairie, La. 70006 504/455-2245. Everard said the library did not take everything in storage and he thought it possible that some Garrison

investigation materials could still be in storage

- \* E. INCA -- Ed Butler -- 504/641-2166 -- home office (Collection is in his home) -- 2750 William Tell Street, Slidell, LA 70458
  - 1. Collection = audio/video tapes, films and commentaries, boxes and periodicals from a cross section of American society from Jerry Rubin to Jim Garrison, including (according to Ed Haslam) at least 24 file cabinet drawers of Guy Banister's files that INCA obtained from Mrs. Banister. Butler does not have an index or written inventory of the files.
  - 2. On 11/2/95, when Anne talked to him, Butler requested a few months to get everything organized and sorted before we look at anything. *This may be a good time to follow up with Butler*
  - 3. Ed Haslam thinks that INCA is a CIA front organization. See Anne's telephone conference with Haslam from 10/25/95.

## II. State and Local Government Units

### A. NOPD

- 1. Anne met with several members of the NOPD from the 1960s and they suggested the following names as possible sources of assassination records:
  - a. Madelaine Morris, New Orleans
    - i. late husband was Henry Morris, Chief of the Detectives Bureau and New Orleans Police Archivist
  - b. Tom Drake, NOPD Intelligence Division officer in 1963-1964
  - c. Clarence Gerusso, former Chief of NOPD, former Intelligence Division Officer
  - d. Tony Bonagura, former NOPD Intelligence Division officer
  - e. Jerry Williamson, former NOPD Intelligence Division officer
  - f. Judge Dennis Barry (son Dennis Barry, Jr., Justice on the Supreme Court of La), former Chief Ass't for Garrison
  - g. Hubert J. Baddeaux, former sergeant on NOPD (wife works at Ochsner Hospital)

### B. Louisiana State Archives

- 1. Anne made contact and rec'd from them copies of all the Clay Shaw trial material that they held. She also visited Baton Rouge & met with Busbice, the State Archivist.
- 2. In her meeting with Busbice, he told her that several of the New Orleans television stations have donated film and videos to the Archive and that some of that material may contain assassination related records. He said he will review those holdings and notify us if anything seems to be assassination

related. *Should we check back with him to ask whether he has reviewed those holdings?*

- C. Louisiana State Police
  - 1. Anne met with them last fall and they told her they had destroyed the Intel. Division files approx. 6 years ago for fear of civil liability. She gave her contact person a list of 183 names and asked him to do a search for the names and to contact us if he found anything. He has not, apparently, called back. *Should we check back with him to ask whether he has searched for each of the names on the list?*
- D. Supreme Court (Mr. Plotkin)
  - 1. Steve Tilley told Anne that the Supreme Court sent the pleadings file from the Garrison matter to NARA but will not send the briefs (1.5 boxes) that Clay Shaw's attorneys filed on his behalf post mortem. The Clerk of the court refused to copy or microfilm the briefs file at the court and will not allow the boxes to go to NARA for them to copy/film them. Steve told Anne that intervention by the Review Board is the only way to get the records, or copies, into the Collection.

#### IV. Individuals

- A. Records of Barbara Reid (dec.), survived by daughter, Kelley Edmiston & Edmiston's father, William Edmiston, 921 Chartres Street, #44, 70116, 504/523-4607 (or 504/522-9212)
  - 1. Reid was an investigator & researcher for Garrison -- had files
  - 2. Edmiston allegedly had, at one time, an unedited copy of the Zapruder film, but told Anne she can't find it now. *Should we ask her further about this?*
  - 3. Anne met with Wm. Edmiston on 10/1/95. At that time, he showed her photocopies of two documents apparently written by Jack Martin, titled Affidavit I & II. Mr. Edmiston offered to make copies of each record when his daughter returned home at Christmas and mail the documents to us then. The file indicates that he did mail the documents.
- B. Romney Stubbs, researcher 504/891-1814
  - 1. sent Anne some things & may have other things, *esp. La. State Police Intelligence Division, which destroyed all of its own document 6 years ago, but Stubbs apparently obtained some copies at an earlier time from the Hale Boggs Collection at Tulane.*
- \* C. Frank Martello, son of Lt. Francis Martello, 1502 Amelia St., N.O.
  - 1. told Anne that he had records, and is certain there is a letter written by Oswald

in what Frank believes is the Russian alphabet but that he had not reviewed the boxes yet

2. wife of Lt. Martello does not want to donate -- see Anne's call report on 6/15/95 -- *should we call back to see if she has changed her mind?*

C. Robert Buras, former HSCA investigator, now a lawyer in Baton Rouge, 504/522-6327

1. may have Carlos Quiroga's FPCC brochures and application that he rec'd from Oswald in the summer of 1963

D. CIA types

1. Hunter Leake
2. Lloyd Ray

E. Alan Campbell

1. has Guy Banister's files

. Edward Haslam

1. there are two confusing entries in GumShoe written by David Montague involving particle accelerators, NIH, LHO, Ochsner, and a mental hospital in Clinton, La where LHO tried to get a job
2. *follow up with David Montague on this?*

### III. Organizations

A. LA State Police Intelligence Division (contact Lt. Mike Futch, supervisor of the Bureau of Identification, 504/925-6095)

1. conducted extensive and deep investigation of right wing groups

### IV. Media

A. Rosemary James of the *Times-Picayune*

B. Ross Yawkey, former reporter from *Louisiana State's Item*

1. may have records from the Garrison investigation

C. WWOM -- Channel 26

1. contact June Allen
1. Anne's file indicates that they have two films that are identified as New

Orleans Criminal District Court Property clerk receipt w-2333

- V. School/Employment Records of Oswald
  - A. Beauregard Junior High School -- 1953/54 through 1955
  - B. Warren Easton High School -- 1955
  
  - C. Pfisterer Dental Labs -- 1956?
  
  - D. Dolly Shoe Company
  
  - E. J. R. Michaels
  
  - F. Reilly Coffee Co.
  
- VI. Local Phone Co. in New Orleans
  - A. someone on the priorities list asked whether we could get cross directories and directories from 1963 -- would be helpful to have in the Collection
  
- VII. Priorities List
  - A. John Judge suggested we talk to: Malcolm Monroe, Stephen Leman, Monte Leman, Steven Plotkin, Eddie Sapir, and Frank Klein, attorneys for CIA in New Orleans -- allegedly represented Beaubef, Gordon Novel, and Ochsner in LA
  - B. Wallace Milam thinks there is a connection between Reilly Coffee Company and NASA facility in Michoud, Louisiana (outside New Orleans.) Lists names of individuals who worked at both places (see Milam's letter) and other relevant individuals
  - C. Jerry Shinley wants us to pursue info. on the American Nazi Party in New Orleans, esp. any records re: Robert A. Surrey and the Dallas ANP. Any records relating to the 4/63 "swastika incident" in Dallas (swastikas painted on approx. one dozen downtown Dallas stores.) Any records relating to New Orleans ANP George Lincoln Rockwell, Colonel Bluford Balter and "Ray J. Leahardt." Any privately held papers re: ANP activities in Dallas or New Orleans.