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① 25 Sept 1967

Memo for Record from Donovan E. Pratt, OC/CI/R & A

Subject: Garrison Investigation

Reference: OGC 67-1787, 18 Sept

"New Orleans is such a seamy maze that the risk of under-the-table deals is always present. Moreover, if Garrison learned of federal assistance to Shaw's lawyers, he'd play it to the hilt."

② 26 Sept 1967

Memorandum - Donovan E. Pratt

Subject: Garrison Investigation

At today's meeting in Office of Executive Director-Comptroller, said that Shaw's attorneys should talk to William H. Gurvech. This is an excellent suggestion. We should try to assure that they do.

③ 28 Sept 1967

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Memorandum - Donovan Pratt

Subject: Garrison Investigation; Queries from Justice Dept.

Page 7 - Indicates traces ~~SECRET~~ instituted on Irwin F. Dymond, & Edward J. & William J. Wegman - Shaw attorneys.

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④ 19 Oct. 1967.

Names of persons who are or have been associated with CIA underlined in red. Dymond not underlined - name trace must have been completed.

⑤ Memo - no date. WH/C 67-336

To: Chief, CT/R+A

From: David A. Phillips Chief, WH/COG

Subject: Garrison Investigation; Belle Chasse Training Camp.

Camp activated on 12 Feb. 1961, first trainees arrived on 18 Feb. 1961. Located 8 miles from New Orleans at U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot which had been inactive for 5 years. Base closed on 31 April 1961. Approx. 300 Cubans trained at site over a 6 week period - search being made for list of trainees. Training camp entirely Agency controlled & training conducted by Agency personnel,

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⑦ 28 Feb. 1968

Memo

Subject: Garrison Investigation of Kennedy Assassination; Allegations of Involvement, CIA and Cubans

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⑧ Mr. Calvin Thomas, of S.B. Division wrote a

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memo dtd 8 March 1967 entitled "Possible DRE Animus Toward President Kennedy." Had dealt with DRE in Miami & considered members unpredictable & untrustworthy. Recommended CIA investigate possibility that DRE might have been involved in Kennedy assassination. Retention copy of memo not with C.I./R+A or SB, but Thomas still at Headquarters (1968).

③ 23 April 1968

Memorandum:

Subject: Garrison & the Kennedy Assassination  
Guy Persac Johnson (201-207873)  
DOB - 14 Sept 1913, New Orleans  
Identical to Guy L. Johnson mentioned in Plot or Politics (p. 151). Johnson was considered for use by CIA as a contract agent in 1954 under Project OOKODIAK. Clearance request cancelled & no reason given. He was Navy District Intelligence Officer on Guam at the time & apparently was to have been used as a backstop Agency training conducted on Saipan.

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① 23 May 1967

Memo to: Director, Domestic Contact Service  
From: Chief, N.O. Office - signed Lloyd A. Ray  
Subject: Case 49364 - Garrison Investigation

Ray states that public believes Garrison's allegations against CIA because agency maintains a "no comment" posture. Ray believes it would be beneficial if public was educated as to why CIA was created & its mission.

② 19 May 1967

Memo to Director, DCS  
From: Raymond J. Rocca  
Subject: Lawrence J. Laborde, 201-294688

Procedures to handle future visits to N.O. office by persons claiming CIA connections (such as Laborde did, seeking advice on possible summons in Garrison probe). N.O. feels Laborde was a Garrison plant & there may be more incidents in the future.

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(3) 6 Feb. 1967

Memo to Director, DES

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From: Chief, N.O. Office

Subject: Carlos Bringuier, Casa Cuba, 111 Decatur St., N.O. LA.

P.3 - We believe that there is some truth in the allegation of the Garrison investigation and that the matter is under a discreet and sensitive investigation by the FBI.

(3) 20 Feb. 1967

Memo to D/DES

From: Chief, N.O.

Subject: Carlos Bringuier

Interviewed on 2 February & Bringuier mentioned David W. Terrie at one time was affiliated with N.O. DRE - connection terminated because of Terrie's homosexual activities.

(3) 12 May 1967

Memo

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Subject: Lawrence J. Labode, 201-294688

A Hq's dispatch of 23 March 1962 warned Miami that subject was indiscreet, drank too much, & had unsavory reputation. On 20 April 1962, Miami cancelled request for approval on grounds he was poor security risk & subject had no further relationship with Agency. He was Provisional ~~SECRET~~ Covert Security Asset as of 3/24/61

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& received \$ 700 per month plus bonuses. Became bitter when contacts terminated & made reckless threats.

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(6) Diary - 11 May 1967. Case 49364

John Warner, Legislative Counsel, suggests N.O. office contact Congressman J. Edward Herbert, a friend of Garrison's but also well disposed toward Agency. Ray of N.O. office questioned wisdom of this suggestion & said any contact with Herbert should be informal social nature

(7) 5 May 1967

Memo for Record

Subject: Further on the Garrison Investigation Matter

Alan Beauharnais "a relative nobody" expected in D.C. & wants to talk to Dept. of Justice lawyers about what he knows & what Garrison wants of him.

"It is said" Garrison trying to prove Oswald was CIA Agent, violently anti-Communist, recruited by Agency for operation approved by RFK to kill Castro. When LHO killed JFK, it was necessary to show him as a Communist in order to cover up original plan. (Info. may be from Jack Miller, Washington lawyer - not clear - or Walter Sheridan of NBC.)

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⑧ Diary Item 6 May 1967

Ray, of N.O. office believes Garrison prepared to subpoena FBI agents & possibly CIA in attempt to link Oswald with CIA. Ray told to contact headquarters immediately if subpoenaed or thinks he is about to be subpoenaed.

⑨ 1 May 1967  
Jack Miller offered intelligence info from Garrison's office but came to him 3rd. hand re: Clay Shaw connection with CIA.

⑩ 28 April 1967

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Memo for D/DCS

From: Raymond C. Rocca

Subject: Garrison Investigation in New Orleans.

Item 5 - "Although Garrison's case now looks flimsy, our knowledge of it is far from complete & may consist almost entirely of what he has allowed to leak."

⑪ 6 April 1967

Memo to D/DCS

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From: Lloyd A. Ray, N.O. Office <sup>Chief</sup>

Subject: Garrison Investigation

Edward S. Butler of INCA called info to N.O. Office that Garrison intended to involve CIA & Carlos Bruguera said Mark Lane trying to ~~blame~~ right-wing anti-Castro

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Cubans

Alberto Fowler, Bay of Pigs veteran & now Director of International Relations for City of New Orleans, told Brinquier he was employed by Garrison as an investigator & thinks Garrison has something - that Federal employees, acting on their own, were involved in assassination plot. Believes Gordon Novel was CIA employee & Clay Shaw is calm because he knows CIA will protect him

⑫ 20 March 1967

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To: Chief, N-O Field Office

From: Director/DCS

"We regret to have to burden you with this sort of coverage, but have deferred to the CI/R+A request after a lively discussion regarding the merit, time & effort, expended on what appears to be a sensational hoop, but understandably, could be damaging to the Agency if some link could be exploded by enterprising news hounds."

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Agency to maintain "no comment" attitude on Garrison Investigation. Gratuitous information should be accepted without comment or display of interest. Williams Charles Wood, aka Wm. Sopley, unsavory character & should be viewed from a distance. We presume Rothermel is passing his information to the Soviets. (note: Paul Rothermel, Hunt Oil Company, was in frequent contact with Harold Weisberg)

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① 7 July 1967 Speed Letter to Chief, N.O. field office from George S. Musulin directing N.O. office to destroy all CIRA memos because of recent publicity that FBI files in N.O. may be raided. "We question the wisdom of CIRA action, but decline comment and are inclined to go along, since the Garrison spectacle has reached proportions beyond the realm of fantasy."

② 20 June 1967  
Memo # 4

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Subject: Garrison & the Kennedy Assassination

Persons who have or had contact with CIA & also involved in Garrison investigation:

Brinquen - occasional w/N.O. office

Laborde

Jack N. Rogers

Emilio Santana DDP (Cuban operational)

contact from Dec. 1960 to 15 Oct. 1963

Schurberger Well Surveying Corp - light occasional

w/N.O. office

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Clay L. Shaw

Cecil Maxwell Shilstone - known to Ray in N.O.

Office - on Truth or Consequences Squad

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② Santana dropped because Cuban group no longer viable & some of his reporting was untruthful.

③ 5 June 1967.

Memo to S/DCS

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From: Chief - New Orleans.

Subject: Case 49,364 - Garrison Investigation - Jack N. Rogers

Rogers a Baton Rouge atty - a source/contact for N.O. office since Sept 1959. Contacted N.O. office & said he had info on Garrison investigation & told by Hunter Lake of N.O. Office that he could not "decide the investigation or comment thereon." Meeting arranged so Rogers would merely relate his story. Rogers claims Garrison could not be persuaded to drop the CIA involvement angle. Rogers said someone on Garrison staff said he could prove Jack Ruby was hospitalized in N.O., visited by LHO & they were caught in a homosexual act & Oswald was arrested. Rogers says N.O. police records on Oswald don't show any such arrest.

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④ 31 May 1967

Memo for Record from John K. Greaney, Asst. Gen. Counsel, indicates his office monitored Orleans Parish Grand Jury proceedings during Garrison investigation. Also indicates Dept. of Justice, Criminal Division, Mr. Carl Belcher, also monitoring Grand Jury.

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13 Sept 67

memo cover sheet from Raymond G. Rocca to D/DCS covering latest & most complete representation by Garrison of his views - Playboy interview. "New for us is his point 4c (White Russians in Dallas). The only one we know about (De Mohrenschildt) we suspected and still suspect of Soviet contacts. We know of no CIA employees among them."

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12 Jan. 1968

Memo # 8.

Subject: Garrison & the Kennedy Assassination

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DDP contacts: Francisco Antonio Bastes Clarence

DDP pilot 20 July 1965 & 11 Feb. 1966. DCS contact 4 May 1961 to present. To be used in Congo, but did not possess sufficient skills so not used operationally.

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② 30 Nov 1967

To: New Orleans

From: Office of General Counsel - Lawrence R.

Hunter Leake given per-Houston  
mission to discuss ~~the~~ Garrison case  
with Alfred J. Moran - re: "Clem Bertrand"  
signature on VIP guest book - ~~American Airlines~~ <sup>Eastern</sup> Airlines (E)

③ 15 Nov 1967

To: D/DCS

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From: Chief, New Orleans Office

Moran said Shaw was in VIP room  
with him. Moran would be a  
hostile witness against Shaw - says  
Garrison has an "ironclad" case  
against him.

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① 3 January 1969

Memo by Donovan E. Pratt. DC/CI/R+A

Subject: William Clarence Wood, Jr. alias William  
Ropley, 201-834272

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① 27 Feb. 1969 Speed Letter

Chief Houston Field Office from G.S. Musulin

