

Letter to the Editor - Gambit, New Orleans, LA

This follows John Ochsner, MD's Letter to the Editor, (7-31-07), in which he expressed his opinions about Gambit's story "Missing Links" (7-17-07) about my book, *Dr. Mary's Monkey*, which examines the murder of Mary Sherman, MD.

Readers of my book already know that I portrayed Dr. Alton Ochsner, Sr. (John Ochsner's father and Mary Sherman's boss) as what he was: a world-renowned physician and a patriotic American who did what he thought needed to be done at the height of the Cold War. The political activities of Dr. Alton Ochsner, Sr., and his long (and often covert) relationship with the U.S. government, are well documented in the sources cited in my book, as is the fact that he arranged publicity for Lee Harvey Oswald in New Orleans in 1963. These are facts of history.

I invite Gambit's readers to read my chapter on Dr. Alton Ochsner, Sr. for themselves and to form their own opinions. That chapter can be downloaded for free at: www.TheMonkeyVirus.com.

It is also a fact of history that Mary Sherman worked at Tulane Medical School from 1953 to 1964, (*Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*, Dec. 1964, pp. 1824-1825). If John Ochsner did not even know that Mary Sherman worked at Tulane, how can he speak with authority about her activities outside the doors of Ochsner Clinic? Or about her murder?

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