

exiles to guerrilla-warfare training at places like Banister’s camp outside New Orleans.

Now, where would you lodge a group of guerillas who had just come from a week of combat training in the swamps? At your mother’s house? No, you would need to have *a safe house*. A secure place that was basically empty so it could be used as needed for a stopover. A place just like the apartment across the street from Ferrie, close to the operation, but far from high-traffic areas where it might attract unwanted attention. All of which made me wonder if our neighbor Miguel might not have been “part of the scenery,” an artifact of the underground Cuban railroad left in position to keep an eye on things, and to make sure no one got too curious about the apartment building where *those terrible men did horrible things to those animals*.



- 1 Southern Research Company, “Background on David William Ferrie,” March 6, 1963, p. 12.
- 2 Comment by Jack Martin, an employee of Guy Banister and an associate of David Ferrie.
- 3 Southern Research Company, Inc., “Background on David William Ferrie,” January 31, 1963 and March 6, 1963.

- 4 The fact that Ferrie, both physically able and very intelligent, did not participate in World War II supports the nervous breakdown story.
- 5 Mrs. Frances M. McKee, Rocky River High School, quoted by Southern Research, January 31, 1963.
- 6 According to Southern Research, the female pilot was Jean Naatz.
- 7 "Who was Lee Harvey Oswald?" *Frontline*, a television documentary, PBS, November 1993.
- 8 Davis, John H., *Mafia Kingfish: Carlos Marcello and the Assassination of John F. Kennedy* (New York, 1989), p. 145; also Hinckle and Turner, *Deadly Secrets*, p. 232.
- 9 Garrison, "Playboy Interview," *Playboy*, October 1967, p. 160.
- 10 Hinckle and Turner, *Deadly Secrets*, p. 233.
- 11 The story of Ferrie's flight to Cuba is from Robert Morrow, *First Hand Knowledge* (New York, 1992). Morrow was the electronics expert who flew with Ferrie on the mission.
- 12 *Baltimore Sun*, July 16, 1975.
- 13 I saw a film clip of this speech on network television in the mid-1970s. Unfortunately, I cannot cite the exact program. Check newsreel services for Castro speeches.
- 14 Morrow, *First Hand Knowledge*, p. 35-45.
- 15 Perry Russo, interview by author, January 1993.
- 16 A newspaper article on file in the New Orleans Public Library confirms the fact that "decency charges" were filed against Ferrie regarding a teenage boy prior to 1963.
- 17 Southern Research, March 6, 1963.
- 18 Davis, *Mafia Kingfish: Carlos Marcello and the Assassination of John F. Kennedy* (New York, 1989), p. 145.
- 19 Garrison, "Playboy Interview," p. 161-162.
- 20 *Ibid.*, p. 156.
- 21 Hinckle and Turner, *Deadly Secrets*, p. 229.
- 22 For a more detailed description of this training camp incident, and other covert activities against Castro and Cuba, see Hinckle and Turner, *Deadly Secrets* (1992), previously published as *The Fish Is Red*; also see Garrison, *On the Trail of the Assassins*, p. 44.
- 23 Garrison, "Playboy Interview," p. 176.
- 24 *Ibid.*, p. 176.
- 25 Garrison, *A Heritage of Stone* (New York, 1970), p. 122.
- 26 *Ibid.*, p. 122.
- 27 Perry Russo is not related to Gus Russo.
- 28 Perry Russo, interview by author, January 1993.
- 29 *Ibid.*
- 30 This point about both apartments being vacant has been made by several people, including Barbara, who told me within days of renting her apartment in 1972 that her landlord had two properties which had been vacant, and had just rented the other unit across the street. She pointed the building out to me. It was memorable because of the arched window in the façade, which lit the stairwell by day but made it look like an aquarium at night. I am positive that this was Ferrie's apartment at 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway.

