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JULY 6, 2000.

Dear ED,

THANKS FOR THE STUFF. IT WAS VERY INTERESTING. "TO QUOTE ALICE IN WONDERLAND" IT COULD BE CALLED "CURIOSER + CURIOSER".

WOULD YOU DO ME A FAVOR?

The Week-end of the 24th of June, I ATTENDED the MEETING of the "NATIONAL SPACE SOCIETY", of which I AM A member. Here at ^{BORBANK} HILTON AIRPORT HOTEL. The LECTURER ASKED IF I WAS THE MAN, on the JFK ASSASSINATION website, who worked with OSWALD IN N.O. IN 1957-'58? I TOLD HIM YES.

I'M RETIRED NOW, AFTER A 45 YEAR CAREER AS AN AEROSPACE MECHANIC, AND AM TOO POOR TO AFFORD A COMPUTER OR WEBSITE ADDRESS.

COULD YOU SEND ME A COPY OF THAT INFO. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

IN THIS PICTURE, I AM WEARING THE APOLLO PATCHES FROM MY YEARS ON THE SPACE-MOON PROGRAM. MY NAME and that of MY LATE BEST FRIEND HARRY VANCE, (WHO WAS A FLIGHT STUDENT OF DAVE FERRY,) IS ON THE MOON ON THE LUNAR MODULE "EAGLE, APOLLO 11'S RIGHT TOUCH-DOWN PROBE DUG INTO THE LUNAR SOIL. IF YOU WANT ANY INFO ON

KNOWING OS WALD, let me know,
also, ^{please} check & see if anything is
AVAILABLE, ON JAMES HARRISON VANCE,
HARRY AND I WERE TEEN-AGE
BUDDIES, BTCH IN NEW ORLEANS,
and I think He MET OS WALD
IN 1958, JAN 31ST. When we watched
The LAUNCH of EXPLORER 1, on TV
IN METairie, LA., A SUBURB OF
New ORLEANS, where we met for
The meetings of The New ORLEANS
AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS ASSOCIATION,
& AMATEUR ROCKETRY CLUB.

I TALKED TO HARRY'S WIFE, TODAY,
AS HE IS GONE, TWO YEARS NOW.

HARRY MET MARIA ON A BLIND
DATE WITH ME IN LATE 1960.

I ENLISTED IN THE AIR FORCE, and
HARRY & MARIA GOT MARRIED A MONTH
LATER.

He WAS A School Teacher when He died
of HIS 3RD HEART ATTACK, JULY 6, 1998.
He WROTE the COMPUTER PROGRAMS FOR
APOLLO, when he worked ~~AT~~ JOHNSON
SPACE IN the EARLY 1970'S. and LATE '60'S.

ANY INFO WILL BE APPRECIATED.

YOUR FRIEND, Palmer.

FROM: PALMER E McBride

March 10, 1999

Mr. David Lifton
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Dear Mr. Lifton,

Enclosed is a letter you wrote to the ARRB on September 4, 1998. In that letter you state that "McBride erred by a year, and said he knew Oswald in 1957 (and 1958), rather than the Spring of 1956". You are just plain wrong and for unknown reasons you are unwilling to accept mine and other peoples statements that they worked with Oswald at Pfisterers in 1957/1958 instead of 1956.

When you spoke with the current Pfisterer President, Linda Faircloth, she told you Oswald worked at Pfisterers in 1957 and 1958. You immediately told her she was wrong and began to brow beat her until she finally hung up on you.

When you interviewed me you already knew that I told the FBI I worked with Oswald in 1957 and 1958. You handed me Oswalds marine records which showed Oswald was in Japan in 1957 and 1958. You then insisted that I must have known Oswald in 1956- before he went in the marines. You insisted again and again that Oswald was in Japan in 1957 and 1958 and that my FBI statement was wrong. In order to bring the interview to a close I reluctantly said that perhaps I was mistaken in view of the marine records you presented. I agreed to give you an interview because I thought you were interested in what I told the FBI in 1963. I had no idea that your real intention was to insist that I knew Oswald in 1956 and use this interview to support your viewpoint.

After you left I began to re-think the years that I worked with Oswald. I worked with Oswald every day for over six months, visited his apartment, played records with him at my house, went to the movies together, to lunch, on double dates, etc., etc. My first memory of Oswald was pegged to Sputnik (Russian space successes) and no one in America knew the word "Sputnik" until October 4, 1957. There were no Russian space successes of any kind prior to that date. After Sputnik was launched is when Oswald and I discussed Eisenhowers failure to support the US space program even though the armed forces of the US feared that Russian rocket launchers gave them superiority over the US. Because of these dates I know with

absolute certainty that I worked with Oswald during late 1957 and approximately 6 months in 1958. I quit Pfisterers in August, 1958 and clearly remember that Oswald quit about a month before I quit. I do not understand why you keep insisting that I knew Oswald in 1956, but I do know you are wrong. In addition to the statement I gave the FBI on November 23, 1963, I would like to inform you of the following people and their statements. I challenge you to address and explain the following:

- how I could have spoken to Oswald about "Russian space successes in 1956 (there were none until October 4, 1957)".
- I visited the Oswalds apartment at the Hotel Senator (across the street from Pfisterers-an address which was unknown to the Warren Commission). The Warren Commission says Oswald was living at 126 Exchange Place when he was working at Pfisterers. But in order to get to Exchange Place you must walk west from the Pfisterer Dental Lab (225 Dauphine St.) to Canal Street, turn south and walk past Bourbon Street, Royal Street, and then to Exchange Place. You then turn left and walk a block east to 126 Exchange (Oswalds apartment). Oswald and I walked across the street (less than 30 feet) to his apartment at the Hotel Senator (where he showed me Das Kapital) and *not several blocks* to 126 Exchange Place.
- I told the FBI that I had taken Oswald with me to a meeting of the NOAAA at the home of Walter Gehrke. Walter subsequently told the FBI that none of the meetings of the NOAAA were held at his house until 1958 (Walter was not even a member of the NOAAA in 1956, so we could not have held a meeting at his house in 1956 !!)
- My ^{LATE} good friend and fellow NOAAA member Harry Vance took my place at Pfisterers for one day in 1958 and met Oswald at that time
- Linda Faircloth, current President of Pfisterers, spoke to the owners of Pfisterers (Leveque, Cagel, Bischoff, and Kline) in 1984. They told her Oswald had worked there in 1957 and 1958. She also told you Oswald worked at Pfisterers in 1957 and 1958.
- Paul Fiorello, whose first job was at Pfisterers, and began work in February, 1956, remembered Oswald began work at Pfisterers "a couple of years after he started"-circa 1958.
- William Wulf testified before the Warren Commission. The Warren Commission attorney asked Wulf about knowing Oswald in 1954-55 at the NOAAA. These dates are just plain silly !! Wulf

was not even a member of the NOAA at that time. Wulf, when interviewed in 1995, stated he definitely met Oswald in early 1958. Wulf remembered he was sick the entire 1956-57 school year. He re-entered school in the fall of 1957 and met Oswald shortly after Christmas of 1957.

I encourage you to interview the above witnesses and obtain their statements. I then look forward to your comments. If you ignore all of these people and my November 23, 1963 FBI statement (WC #1386), then you are simply not interested in the truth and I am sorry for you. I was there in 1957 and 1958 and you weren't.

If you or anyone have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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