

I. Short notes on subjects touched upon by others.

- (DL) 1. RwV shooting of Jim: shot came from the grape filed, hit Jim in the lower left side below the heart. It was a creasing or glancing hit, not straight in. He thinks likely it was a small cal. pistol. There was a lot of blood around.
2. S.F. bomb incident: He doesn't know who found it. It was of pipe, 1" x 1 1/2" dia. Commercial fuse stuck out of a hole bored in one capped end. The fuse was waxed with a gunpowder center with a barber pole red and white marking, burned part way down.
3. RwV shot into church: penetrated screen and plexiglas and apparently ricocheted. Jack heard it.
- Comments of 4. The gun clique: Jim Cobb, D. Phillips, Wayne Pietiela and Mike Car-
Bob Kice twell were making ammunition in Bob Crabtrees garage using his load-
also ing equipment with his consent. They manufactured a few boxes of
ammo but found it too time consuming and preferred to buy. When
JJ found out about it he stopped it. They had begun to accumulate
some military weapons, including 3 M1 Gerand rifles and two M1 Carbines
with wibe paratroop stocks. In addition they had a variety of
civilian hand guns and sporting rifles, plus a sawed-off shotgun. They
also had a couple of cross-bows and a great deal of ammunition.
Jack doesn't know anything about buying M16 rifles in S.F.
5. Arson of RwV Church: Jack recalls an incident (not the same one that
EC recalls) where Jack Arnold was on the front gate, and a guy came along
in a Mustang and threw a lighted molotov cocktail at the church. It did
not break. This may have been in '72. A Sheriffs report was made of this.
(Not to be written in affidavit - Jack Arnold took a couple of shots at
the car with a .357 and hit the trunk. That created some little peace.)
- (AC) 6. Second S.F. fire: Cleve Davis set it by accident.
7. (NEW) Arson, J.B. home: In 1974 there was an attempted arson of Jacks
house in Ukiah. Materials set up along side the house and set on fire.
This was reported to the Ukiah PD.
8. Assasination, shotgun, SF: JJ told that he had pulled up to a stop light
near the church. A car pulled up along side and it looked like a member
to him driving so he just smiled. He then glanced in the rear of the car
and saw a man lying down with a shotgun pointed out of the window at him.
He ran the sign, stepped on it and pulled out and into the parking lot.
Police Rpt? He thinks that this was 1976.
9. Assasination, JJ run down: JJ had gone out to the front of the church to
get the mail and was standing on the edge of the road. A truck swerved
and tried to run him down. He jumped up the bank but the truck hit him
on his leg and injured it. There was a report made to the Sheriffs office.
Medical treatment, medical file? Who?
10. Assasination, horse throw: one of the horses threw Jim, one of his, no
evidence of drugging or tampering.
- 1972 (AC) 11. Blue Horizon Assasination Attempt: This was in 1974. The church was there
for three consecutive nights. The event had been well publicised with
posters and door to door flyers. Jack was on the advance crew and they
saturated the area. With him were John Harris, Richard Janaro, Archie
Ijames. The incident took place on the second night. There was what
appeared to be a middle aged black lady in the audience. One of the
ushers came up to Jack (a young, black woman) and said that there was
someone descised as a black woman, but it was a whiter person in the
audience. Jack asked how she could tell and she said that the makeup
sis ont cover the inside edges of the eyelids which were white. Jack
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and Jim MacElvane asked the person to step out, that they wished to speak to "her". The person declined. They insisted and again declined. They bodily picked the person up, wearing a dress and old overcoat. Under the coat was a short barreled automatic rifle with a wire folding butt and a large clip sufficient to hold thirty rounds or more. The person was escorted from the auditorium. It was a middle aged white male, about 5' 4" high, well muscled. (In fact they beat the shit out of the person and left him in a dump miles away) The person was carrying no I.D. Later that evening the lights unaccountably went out in the auditorium for 15 minutes, whereupon the police appeared and demanded that the place be cleared because there was a regulation against operating without lights but they got fixed and the services were continued. P.S. the person was wearing gloves.

12. The RWV Burglary series: Jack remembers this somewhat. Says that the law office, Proj Center?, Ranch, Helens, Mom Taylors in ~~Wick~~ Calpella all were hit. Reports were made to the Sheriffs office.

13. Animals harmed: This got bad between 1973, 1974, 1975. There would be dead cats and birds thrown up on the church grounds, crayfish and frogs and whatever strewn and run over on the road in front of the church.

14. (NEW) Harassment, drive-by: Increasingly, during the term of the church people would drive by, honk, shout all manner of obscenities, sometimes fire guns. Occasionally they would spin into and around the church lot till it was cut off by a cyclone fence and steel chain barricades were put up, and an occupied guard shed was constructed.

15. (NEW) Harassment, phone: there was a period in '74 and '75 when the phone harassment at night was almost continuous. It consisted of obscenities directed toward answering females and threats toward answering males, both with racial overtones. All forms of harassment built steadily over the years till shooting around the church occurred almost nightly and phone 'pranks' a constant phenomena. It got to the point that by the latter part of 1975 the church was surrounded by barbed wire tipped cyclone fence, there was flood light coverage of the entire area, both entrance gates were blocked by steel barriers, and there was a huge guard tower built ^{near} on the rear of the property which overlooked the entire area. There was 24 hour security and, though they were not armed, arms were available. In fact a state of siege existed in RWV. At the same time the bulk of the congregation was now in the Bay and Los Angeles areas and the whole central emphasis or weight of the work had swung from the Valley, where it had got its start to the Bay area. Gradually, in a planned act, the staff and the bulk of the congregation began to move down to the Bay area. By the end of 1976 the valley was little more than an appendage in the North. The last major services that were held was on the forth of July of 1976. At the same time people were encouraged to concentrate in S.F., to move there from L.A. so as to concentrate our strength in the Bay Area. This was to improve the power base there or, if and when things got too bad, to be a springboard to Guyana, which in due course followed. (NEEDS PIX OF 'ARMED' CHURCH) (THE ROAD IN FRONT) (BULLET HOLES, IF WE'VE GOT, ETC.)

16. (NEW) Surveillance of S.F. and L.A. Churches: Numerous times, especially after the news attack began, people would photograph our churches, especially entrances, gates, rear and unattractive areas. This was especially true of the side and rear lots of the S.F. Temple and the rear lot, its radio antenna and security guards on the rear gate and on a balcony high on the rear wall. When one man in S.F. was asked what he was doing he pulled a gun and threatened to kill JJ and the rest of us. We were circled by a new van for several days that stayed in the area at different spots and from which someone would use a camera from time to time. Often there could be people in the area parked in cars for hours sitting around the church.

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"Though the area is a notorious dope sales area, we surely could not attribute all of that activity to dope traffic. On several occasions we approached chief Gaines of the SFPD and asked him to increase patrols of the area to curb "hanging out" and assorted illicit activities including spying on P.T.)

17. (NEW) SURVEILLANCE, VERIFIED: Jeannette Kerns sit. Jack remembers a fairly new van, it had a sort of round antenna on it parked near the church, and he and EC went over and asked the people what they were doing and they said that they had just pulled over, we looked in the back and saw a lot of electric equipment in the van. He also recalls chasing them around the valley and the Calpella area near the church for half of the night.

18. Wires in S.F. Church: Jack was there when Donnie located them, it was a set of wires that ran from the adjacent building into ours through the cabinet shop area under that floor into our building. They were under the undergirding of our main floor into the building but he could not trace the whole pattern of the circuit,

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JACK BEAM, HISTORY OF THE CHURCH IN CALIFORNIA

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I came out first, early in 1964, and toured all of Northern California, Eureka, Ukiah, just looking around. At that time I had come from Brazil with just a short stop in Indianapolis for a few days. I had been sent to scout out a place for us. I only went back to Indianapolis, to get some of my things but never returned there to live. Jim and some of the rest of them stayed in Brazil for a while longer, and Archie had spent the whole time in Indianapolis. I lived in Hayward for that time and worked for General Motors. When Jim left Brazil he returned to Indianapolis for several months, then came out to California with Joe Phillips, held a meeting in Los Angeles, and the three of us went up to Ukiah, looked around and decided that this was it. This was in the summer of 1965. Jim then went back to Indianapolis and sent Marcelline and the children out. She bought the property with the house where the Church was later built. Three or four months later about 100 persons (including cats and dogs) came out with Jim and settled in the valley area. It was about ten families.

At first everyone went to work, anything, picking grapes, picking pears, whatever we could get. Work was hard and hard to get. We began by holding services in Jim's garage. We were part of a peace march up to the courthouse steps in 1968, and there was quite a verbal confrontation. We started the Redwood Valley church in 1967 and completed it in 1968.

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For the longest time Jim held two teaching jobs. There was a day teaching job in the high school at Boonville, and a night civics class at Ukiah H.S. He finally gave it up because the driving got to be too much. He used the classes, especially the night class, to interest people in the work. Several of the day students, including Judy James, and Danny Parks used to (Jim Cobb) travel with Jim daily to school at Boonville. The meetings in the garage were political education and self analysis, some healing. This went on for the longest time, perhaps a year and a half till the first expansion to San Francisco. This was done by a joint meeting with Rev. Bedford at ~~the~~ Church, followed by an invite for their congregation to meet at Ukiah, which they did at the Fair Grounds. Their congregation came up once more to the opening of the RWV Church. Jim did some healing. Shortly after a few meetings were held at Verdella Duncans (Jim had converted a few of Bedford's people), at another place, then at Benjamin Franklin. It spread like wildfire once about six families were convinced. Soon B.F. was full, and a schedule was established where meetings were held on alternate weekends in B.F. and the Valley. About this time transportation became an issue and they started buying busses. The first were got in late '69 or '70 and by spring 1972 the whole fleet of 11 busses was bought.

The first entrance into Los Angeles was

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Statement of Sharon Cobb (Jones)

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When I went to Sant Rosa J.C. in 1970 there were already some there: Danny Phillips, Ava (X), Mike Cartmell, Kathy Jackson?, Suzanne Cartmell Terri Cobb, Wayne Pietela, Tom Podgorski. Vera Ingram (Biddulph) went down when I went down, Mickey Touchette, Anita Ijames, Debbie Blakey, were there or went down with me. Was no para-military when she first came down.

Jim Cobb (who was a leader at that time) called a meeting where we lived (the girls had two apartments, the boys one). This was directed by Jim Cobb and Mike Cartmell who through a series of meetings began a program of studying about Viet Nam, its history, physical fitness which became extremely vigorous and all of the students were required to do it with heavy pressure to keep going. We were told that we were doing this to get physical fitness to become a para-military strike force or sabotage group. They would draw up plans for "attacks" and put us through a number of practice maneuvers, we went on cross country marches at night preparing for "strikes" when we carried soap, canteens, knives, etc. Some of us, notably Jim Cobb, Terri Cobb and Mike Cartmell practiced shooting with rifles and pistols, but it was a "select few".

Ava Jones (Cobb) joins the discussion at this point

Joyce Parks Almost all of the para military went on in the V alley, not at Santa Rosa, And it was led by Cobb and Pietela. Cartmell laughed about it a lot. Danny Phillips was in it too. The guns, weekend military maneuvers equipment purchases were all through the sub group in S.F./RwV. During the year and a half of 1972 to last half of 1973.

When the group left they wandered around the state for a while and surfaced in Washington State. They lived together there then they split up. Jim Cobb dropped out of school then returned and finished, and Mickey stayed with him for some time in S.F. J. Cobb is a licensed, practicing dentist now.

An interesting figure in this is Danny Phillips who left in about 1970 to go to the Army ... stayed out for two years (military intelligence?) ... and returned for about a year. He had been in Germany?, left from Gtn/G 12/30/73, and returned to Germany.

SUMMARY TO DATE: Some of the "para military" went on in Santa Rosa, but it was mostly just vigorous training, a base for the "higher stuff" o.k.ed by Mike C whose word was Gosple, believed to be right hand of Jim. However the more military training went on in the Valley where the arms were kept, shooting practice went on, and the maneuvers were mostly conducted. This stuff was mainly done by the eight who went out at the same time. Jim never knew much about this stuff, what blew up at the dorms and got stopped was the confrontations, though the military hikes also were mentioned and the whole thing was stopped. Jim Cobb and the others were mightly pissed behind this because it destroyed their power base in the group, and shortly after they all went to S.F. to school and started drifting away. All say Cobb never had any money, esp. J.P. says he used to take money out of her purse, take her car without asking, etc. S.C. and A.J. say J.P. and J.B. Jr. were the only ones with cars and money in the group.

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CORROB - JEFF CAREY

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THE "EIGHT". The "3" left first on a Sunday night. A month or so later the "8" left. Jim Cobb was always a divisive bastard, always referred to race and to black nationalism. He had a "facist mentality" and saw things in terms of power and force. At one time there was a US military deserter in church. His name was "John Rayfield" or "Raphial" but he went by John Williams. He was a deserter and we harbored him in '69 and '70... TOS knew. We helped him to go to Canada. (Jeff thought he was real - described him as a hard worker) hey, Mike C. and Jim C. tried to get this guy and Jeff to buy guns from some people - deserters - John knew in the Bay area. They wanted M 16 rifles. Mike was planning to rob an armory or something. They told Jack Beam, and Mike got brought up in a meeting about it. They had M1 carbines, rifles and pistols. They had been taught how to make pipe bombs. I went on hikes and military manouvers with them. We took tactics and military training (on the side) at Santa Rosa, battle tactics. Mike C Jan, christin '70, Jim Cobb in '71 and '72. On weekends, near Ukiah or above Tom Kice ne house we did the training. It went on for two years. Occasionally they carried weapons. They trained with Bob Crabtree on how to make ammunition, Tom K re guns especially Jim Cobb and Wayne Pietela. They learned how to make pipe bombs and booby traps with shotgun shells. They left the day I started working at Sambos with Mike T. Mike and I were asleep there and I woke up with ~~Waxox~~ Podgorski standing over me with a knife in his hand. I understood that they thought that we were on to their plan to leave because we had gone there that night but it was just a coincidence.

..... I watched while Mickey Touchette regularly stole money from Motel 6 in Santa Rosa where she worked. \$10 to \$40 at a time, maybe \$700 over all.

..... Ruth Kerns and friends in, he thinks summer of '73, came to church one Weds night (she had left a year before and gone to Florida) outside there was some kind of a van with radio equipment and another batch of her "Ukiah" friends in a car. There was a chase and a wild night. Was there a Sheriff's report filed?

..... Buss Bomb incident of summer of '74. He thinks bomb squad came. He saw the bomb, it was a 6" pipe, large enough he said to blow the back off of the buss (he has fooled with them). It was on the ground underneath the parking lot of Benjamin Franklin Junior High School in San Francisco. He was on security on the second floor balcony facing Geary and saw no one but church people. He thinks it must have been a Church person. He saw Steve Addison come away from the buss just a little before the bomb was found. He does not recall who found it.

..... he remembers a Weds night meeting in RwV in summer '72 when a shot was fired through the church. There was a hole in the screen but none on the other side of the building. It was said that Jim had captured the bullet.

..... when Jim was run over by a truck he saw Jim's leg which was bad and bleeding for some time. He thinks that Jim was standing on the side of the road and the truck hit him. Police, Sheriff or CHP rpt?

Jack Beam :..... Saw Dad get shot in the RwV church lot, it came from the grape field, saw Jack Beam with the bloody shirt with the hole in it. Had been next to Jim just before but was sent away a few minutes before the shot. Did not see the shirt on Jim and him bleeding.

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Don Jackson

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He saw the Buss bomb incident in '74 in the JHS parking lot. He was on security on the balcony in the wing opposite the Auditorium wing, looking down over the rear of the Auditorium wing. #7 was parked just to the rear of the Auditorium wing. It was light out. He saw no one but church people. He did not see who found the bomb, but did see the bomb. It was almost 1' long and 2" in dia. according to his description and had a partly burnt wick. He recognized it as a pipe bomb. He saw the police and the bomb squad come. PIX?

Wesley Breidenbach

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Melanie B.

In 1974 and 1975 he lived with Tim and Grace Stoen. So did his sister Melania. This was at the Calpella house. Tim stayed back on weekends. He never ate at home, never attended church. Grace and Tim did not sleep in the same room. TOS character was constant, he spent most of his time at the office and whenever W. tried to get him he could find Tim there. He wonders where Tim got his money. He gave his check to Grace. They had a chevking account. (60% prob at Mendo Svgs Bnk) He lived there 1 year, 9 months, and left 3 weeks after Grace split, July 4, 1976. That summer TOS was working in Mendo and S.F. as well. TOS once offered WB a book "Sayings of Chairman Mao" if he were good. and told him that Mike Cartmell was an incarnation of Trotsky, and he was excited about it. ... GRACE was close with Danny Kutulas before he left, with Jack Arnold Beam before he left, with Walter Jones ... she started hanging around with him shortly after carol left (she split abt the same time as the Purifoys). Grace spent a lot of \$ on food. Melania had found several thousand dollars under Grace's mattress. She was ripping her off. It had been in a "Q Tip" box at calpella - a stack of \$100 bills. Doesn't know if it was \$2,000 or more. Grace used to give him money out of the Church petty cash box. When Grace left her clothes, the money and pix of John were gone. She talked about leaving now and then. Melania was closer to her. Grace had a lot of physical contact with Wesley, teased him somewhat, "Do you want me?" It was a kind of intimidation. Grace never brought money on the trips or spent it like she did at home. H

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