

6/28/69

Dear Miss Elsir and Mr. Frumkin,

Many thanks for getting my request to Jerry Ray. This morning I had a brief letter, copy enclosed. I have answered it by assuring him I would keep any secrets if I know they are secrets, that I seek only the truth, that I cannot pay him anything, that although I understand he believes his brother guilty I do not, based on the evidence I have studied.

Because of the danger of feedback, I have not asked specific questions. He should know the kinds of things I want. We have yet to see if he is willing to be helpful with no financial reward, or the chance it will help his brother.

I have told him that if he wants to talk by phone, I will be prepared to tape it, thus eliminating the possibility of misunderstanding him.

Despite the contrary interpretations, my study of the evidence available convinces me he was not the killer and that the government knows it.

Should it develop that he knows things and is willing to talk, I would have no reluctance in getting very specific. Until I have reason to believe he will be half-way square I'll withhold questions that can telegraph my knowledge.

In the event he does have valuable information and we have a personal interview with it, let me know if you'd like to tape it, holding it until I can get the book out - which will not be easy, based on the post. If either of you is ever in this area (an hour from either Baltimore or Washington) and would like to see some of what I have, let me know.

Again, my thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Herold Weisberg