

Research Notes

NEW
Chapt. IV

Re: Conversation w/ Harold

1. Dealing w/ the Larry Payne case I could make the point that FBI ignored the fact that Payne's civil rights were violated because of the tight relationship with the FBI. This was "professional courtesy" or "payback" for the close cooperation in domestic spying and intelligence sharing w/ the Memphis FO.
2. Lawrence characterizing the Tate boy as monkey-face dispels his claim of not being racist. If I can use.
3. On the Redditt case. Point that two the greatest sources of misinformation and disinformation on the King assassination has been the FBI and pseudo-scholars of the event like Lane and Melanson.

The whole thing begins with Redditt's lies he told to Les Payne that developed into the charge that the MPD stripped away security for King when he return to Memphis on April 3rd. All of the stuff he fed Payne, a tough-minded investigative reporter for News Day of Long Island; and a fellow black. Perhaps I ought to write Payne about this interpretation and see if he agrees. It was then picked up by lane and developed in his book on the King assassination. Received a lot of attention. The fact that it was coauthored ww/ Dick Gregory gave it credibility w/ the black community, etc.

4. Harold mentioned the "Long Tickler" as some thing I should look at in the future. Re: not essential to the mss.

Payne admitted:
 King was surrounded
 by JEDD & informants
 to force racial issues
 down in this forensic
 a conspiracy aspect of
 exposure against the
 mss part: In the King's return to
 Memphis - story of how it
 ends in the summer for the
 to the place in Memphis.
 We can know this