

Horticultural Hall 300 Massachusetts Avenue Boston, MA 02115 46171262-9700

David Rosenbaum Editor

8 December 1986

Dear Philip:

Thank you for offering us the opportunity to take a crack at your story on the story behind Martin Luther King's assasination. Proving that Ray had ties to the intelligence community would certainly be a coup, and as a journalist I would love to have it, but as the mix editor of Boston Magazine I would be less than frank if I didn't say that I am extremely skeptical that I could use such a story. As it has no Boston angle to speak of (yes, King went to BU, but that's awfully tenuous), the story would have to prove that the American intelligence community assisted Ray, and not argue that that's the only reasonable interpretation of the evidence. In other words, somebody would have to cop to it, and we both know that's not going to happen. Or if it did, we could get it exclusively. I would hope that you have other stories you'd like to write for Boston, and please don't hesitate to call.

Yours truly,