

6/7/68

Dear David,

In the aftermath of the shattering new horror, I will not even try to reply to your letter of the 4th, except to say that I would like to know the name of the person who wrote you, in apparent ignorance of your position on Garrison, saying he was known to Salandria, Weisberg and Garrison and feeding stuff to them (page 2 para. 4 of your letter).

I want to notify you urgently of one of the most monstrous and foul acts that has ever come to my knowledge, in the immediate wake of RFK's murder and capitalizing on it: Mark Lane was interviewed on CONTACT KYW-TV Philadelphia about 8 a.m. on 6/6/68 (I have heard the tape over the phone). He said that within the last few weeks emissaries from RFK had come to New Orleans for the express purpose of reassuring Garrison that RFK was sympathetic, that he did not accept the WR either, but he could not act now because he was a candidate and he was afraid ("There are guns between him and the White House"). If elected, he would reopen the case, arrests and prosecutions would follow.

I was certain even as I heard these words that they were nothing but a filthy falsehood committed to promote Garrison by taking advantage of the impossibility of denial by RFK, and committed before his body could have grown cold. Just to be methodical and not rely solely on my own certainty that it was a singularly rotten dirty fabrication, I immediately made certain inquiries and, as I expected, found that there was absolutely no foundation for what Lane told the TV audience. I have notified a number of people by phone and, as I am very tight for time and barely managing not to fall apart from this unendurable new indecency and all the revolting things being said 24 hours a day ("we are NOT a sick country, just a lone assassin, like Oswald, like James Earl Ray, " etc. etc. plus the added obscenity of a new Commission with Jenner and Boggs), I'd be grateful if you would find a minute to tell Bill O'Connell. I trust that you, and Bill too, will use any opportunity that presents itself to stop this utterly disgusting lie of Lane's in its tracks.

