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Dear Mr. Stone:

Thank you for your recent note with status of evidence in the RFK assassination enclosed.

I wish I had learned about your work sooner. Unfortunately we are in the corrected page proofs, or "repro," stage of the book at the moment, and it is therefore very difficult to make significant changes.

There undoubtedly remain many mysteries associated with the case. Certainly the possibility of a conspiracy was never explored by the investigating authorities and may even have been purposely avoided.

I have looked into the possible complicity of Thane Cesar, Carl Uecker, Jerry Owen, and Donnarauma-Ramistella. The theft of Thane Cesar's gun from the person Cesar had sold it to shortly after the RFK assassination is disturbing, as is the fact that the LA police never impounded the gun after the shooting. Jerry Owen, as you doubtless know, won a suit for slander against a Los Angeles TV station that he claimed had insinuated he had been involved in the RFK assassination. I doubt whether Owen would have exposed himself to that extent if he had been involved. Ramistella remains both elusive and suspicious. It was determined, as you doubtless know, that he was an agent of organized crime, but he cannot be located. G. Robert Blakey believes he has either assumed another alias or has been murdered by the mob. Do you have any new information on him? If so please get in touch with me by phone before it is too late to make a change in the book.

In addition to Ramistella, I would appreciate a clarification of your assertion that "the executive chef of the hotel, whose office was directly adjacent to the kitchen pantry, was classified by the Secret Service as a security threat to the President of the United States." What is your source for this information and what is the name of this individual?

Also, is there any record of assistant Maitre d', Carl Uecker, having a gun in his possession at the time of the shooting? After all, it was Uecker who led Kennedy into the pantry and was the closest to him when the senator was shot.

I would also request you to check on the date the Frankenheimer film was first aired. It has always been my understanding it was on May 15, yet you assert it was on May 20.

Finally, in case I must cite you as a source, please let me know something about your credentials and sources. Also, I would appreciate receiving your telephone number.

Piecing bits of the puzzle together, it is not difficult to imagine a conspiracy to frame Sirhan on the part of the hotel's executive chef, who could have provided Sirhan with access to the kitchen pantry, the assistant maître d', who guided Kennedy into the pantry, and the security guard, whose gun was drawn, ostensibly to fire at Sirhan, when, in reality, he could have fired at Kennedy. And who might have been ultimately behind such a conspiracy? Organized crime, which, through Ramistella, could have identified Sirhan as a perfect patsy.

It goes without saying that the attitude of the Los Angeles Police Department and the FBI in regard to the case was, and continues to be, deplorable. Of course, after Dallas we know what big city police departments are like and we know what kind of a person J. Edgar Hoover was and how he felt about Robert Kennedy. I now believe Hoover was capable of anything.

I just received xeroxes of the jacket design and flap copy of my book and am enclosing them herein.

Thank you again, and if you can respond to any of these questions by phone please do not hesitate to call collect. I am generally home afternoons after 2:00.

Yours sincerely,

John H. Davis

cc - Mrs. Sylvia Meagher ✓

Enclosures