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Dear Paul,

Thanks for your letter 26 and copy of that to Wash Post. I'll be in touch with a reporter friend there and if they have any interest, which I doubt, I'll amplify this point on the FBI's and government's regular and extra-legal intrusions into personal affairs and perhaps into investigative methods, like telling everybody to shut up, which forecloses press. (Recent example, at the Memphis flophouse, the "manager" told me the FBI had told him to let nobody take any pictures- recently- at a time coinciding with my winning the case against them and the coming Ray appeal.)

A minor point but one of interest to me and that I hadn't noted before is that as late as 9/25/64 they planned only 20 volumes. This confirms my earlier suspicion that they arranged to "dump" more in later, after favorable reaction to the Report. Or, of course, they were just careless and I am, too, on this point. However, I think, without checking, that the footnotes are to exhibit numbers, not pages in the exhibit volumes.

In your comment on Foreman and ^{how} persuasively I proved he could have gotten Ray off, let me add a point before going into this, and your question, why. I didn't have room for everything, but in retrospect I think I should have developed a parallel angle on Hanes, which I think can be explained by \$\$\$\$. Ray gave up his remaining appeal(s) in England. This exactly coincided with Hanes' interest, i.e., until Ray was back in the U.S. no Hane loot.

I learned from Jerry, early, that James respected Foreman's ability but feared him because he was a friend of the Calrk's. How Ray knew this I don't know, but after doing the book, I found it in Foreman, under oath. He was close to both, roomed with Tom in school. Add to this that exculpatory evidence is like ripe fruit in Memphis. I picked it up everywhere I went. There is no chance the government will let Ray go to trial, and I now wonder more about the firing of Hanes and whether it was possible to get this idea across to James, for even Hanes would have won that case.

If it is possible to think too conspiratorially, I can find no simple explanations for these things.

Perhaps, however, you now see why I felt this book had to be done, this study had to be made. It is quite relevant to all the assassinations and all the "solutions".

Best,
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