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Mr. John Auble, News
KSD TV
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St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Auble,

Jim Polk suggests I write you for what he does not have, a transcript or a sound tape of what grew into your half-hour Oliver Patterson show.

As Polk or Bob Kur will tell you, I'm helping them as much as I can in their current coverage.

As Tony Marro probably will not tell you, I warned him and Wendell Rawls against being used and hurt before this happened, beginning when they went for the incomplete Byers leak. (I am the one who obtained the withheld record and had it made available. I had a case in court in which it was relevant so I was at the head of the list when I appealed. The Post-Dispatch was to have had a break but the FBI double-crossed on this.)

Unfortunately Jerry Ray would not heed me when I told him in April that Oliver had to be an active informer. This was prior to Oliver's coming here on 4/16/78 as well as the night of 5/9, after the Carol Pepper and John Ray appearances before the assassins committee. What I was not aware of then is Oliver's FBI connection or that what he was doing was reaching the FBI.

One of my interests is in everything Oliver has said, because I have been exposing the committee from the first and because I have had the FBI in court on King assassination records since before the committee was formed. What may be without news or other interests can be of much interest to me.

Another is to obtain as much as is possible for deposit with all my records in a public archive at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point branch. What is merely a sidebar in the overall story can be of much human interest appeal and limns what happens or can happen when officials leak.

So I would appreciate whatever you can supply. Please mark any copyright or other rights or limitations for the future. Or just how you would like anything credited. While I see no likelihood of using any of it in my writing, in the future others may. More likely scholars than writers.

If you can let me have more than you aired I'd observe any restriction because I have no intention of making any public use. If you'd like I'll check with you before any use. The one that may be possible is if Oliver disclosed the existence of records still withheld from me. I have no feeling against Oliver in his coming to my home because I had assumed he was a committee fink. I also can't hold him responsible for any committee reporting to the FBI. Matter of fact he did me a favor, getting me a supply of good tapes at much less than they cost here.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

P.S. If I can help you in your local coverage,
my phone is 301/473-8186