

Dear Jim,

7/24/72

If I am always too busy for adequate response to any of my mail, today I have a different reason: my wife's sister and son are coming for dinner and it is close to that time.

Read your letter when it came and will first respond from recollection. Appreciate and would love to be able to accept your offer but see no possibility. Have no personal need to be in H.O. now and others things of higher priority. This can change but I don't anticipate that it will. If you drove to Houston, on your way back it would be helpful if you drop in on Louis Ivon and without giving him the date telling him I had written you to ask you to see him when you are in H.O. to see if there is anything I had asked him to xerox for which he had not had manpower. There are some court transcripts (Gervais) I've asked for several times, without response. I've also written Garrison. Figuring them out requires skills I didn't get in college.

And while you are in Houston, if you know your father is not a friend of Percy Foreman's to begin with and next will not mention what I will ask under any circumstances, I'd be interested in knowing if he knows of any Mafia-like cases Foreman has handled and if so, for whom and where and when. His is a different kind of law practise, but he may have heard.

Bremer: I share the questions about his unaccounted finances, the reported company he kept, and my own not asked by others of which I know, of the total incompetence of the FBI. I think they are not this way except by intent, and in this case such intent baffles me. I entirely disagree with Garrison's paranoia, which probably accounts for his periodic withdrawals from contact, and I most particularly do not believe there was again another distant gunman with a scoped rifle. It would have been a physical impossibility in this case even if the persuasive, really irrefutable, pictures did not exist. CBS' leave no possibility of question. Jim didn't even read the papers from the case he put out. Some of the bullets caused multiple wounds, not uncommon in close quarters. God! Imagine hitting Wallace in the gut when he was in a closely-packed crowd, from a distance and with a rifle yet!

Great that you can care for your mother. I think it a foot operation will not mean a long recovery. It should make you feel good and I imagine it is first-rate therapy for her, knowing her son cares that much....Where will you be going to work?

McG's promises: yes, I think he'll do what he can about excessive secrecy. But don't go for the Garrison-Lane-nut business of all the secrets being locked in the archives. Be sure the most important never got there and that many things having to do with the personal lives of people should not be disseminated.

Nothing new on me except that I daily get into new distractions I can't avoid and more bogged down, farthar from my preference of doing nothing but writing.

Ray: we are preparing a habeas corpus petition for federal court. If he wins he will go back to state court.

Sirhan didn't only "make boise". There is no doubt he fired all the shots his pistol would hold. The questions are did he fire all, did he fire the fatal, was he entirely alone?

Beneficiary attempt on Wallace: you are right, Nixon. Don't think Matt Herron got this close without phoning. Last I heard he was writing on another subject in Calif.

I do recall the story about the FBI's interest in your witness bag a paper at LSU, but until you have reasonable cause for believing it is being used against you, I can't think of anything you can do, and then you also probably can't. Just reread your Orwell.

TBBD arson: presume by local nuts, no connection with assassination or its investigation.

Rereading the T-P 6/7/72 story limits what I can say to insane and irresponsible. This is the kind of blabbing that causes people like Sylvia Neagher to say that a first-rate case can be made out for Garrison as a government agent. He destroys everyone's credibility and is untroubled by what may remain of his won.

Thanks and best,

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ADDITIONAL MATERIAL ADDED
7/21/72

Dear Hal,

It has been so long, my
good friend. Hope this finds
you and family well.

My mother, late last
month, had an operation on her
pect. Not too serious, but they
have needed me here, and I
was glad to come to Houston.

I also got to thinking
that you had mentioned you
might be able to come down to
Long Beach this summer, and you
may have written or tried to
get in touch with me. I realize
that your lawsuits are pending,
and you may be tied up with
those and other matters. But I'm
sure you'll keep the invitation
in mind. I plan to ~~be~~ go back
in a couple of weeks. Let me
know if there's any chance. I'd
love to have you and your wife
anytime.

I spent all of my time helping my mother, so I don't get out much. I will start working the last of August or the first of Sept., but want to get back ^{now} before that. Also I have stayed up all night watching coverage of the Democratic Conventions. It is too my extreme amazement that the Govern was able to win it. I was certain to the last they'd find a way to steal it away from him. I am very impressed with him, but I am interested to know if you see anything hopeful in his promise to end rampant secrecy & classification on such documents as the Pentagon Papers. Do you see any hope that he might ever be amenable to a de-classification of some of the reports you are seeking?

Please bring me up to date on the latest news with you, and the status of your current efforts. Have you had any progress with your new book? Also, how do matters

now stand with Ray? I know that all of his state appeals are exhausted, and that his only recourse is to the Federal courts. But it has been six months since we had any news.

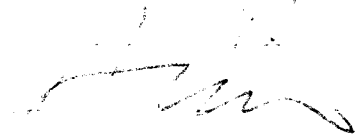
I assume, Ray by Ray, that if anything ever came up where you needed me, you would call. One thing I have been meaning to ask you about for a long time is the Wallace assassination attempt. I know that happened very near to you. If I can, I will enclose a clipping from the Times-Pic by Garrison on the subject. I did not see his television statement, but this clipping is a poor representation I am told. His belief is that Bremer (like Sirhan) made all the noise while a gunman with a telescopic rifle from a contiguous vantage point did the actual ~~shooting~~^{shooting}. This was the case in the FDR attempt

in 1933. Many major factors
in the Bremer case don't
add up, and I am convinced
that this looks a lot like the
work of the same gang that
was responsible for the others.
I am interested to know your
feelings on this. If it would
be of any help, I would be
glad to bring up there, and
help you. I have about \$100
expense money. Are you, at
present, actively interested in
the Wallace case? Do you
know if Matt Barron went
up there? I heard that he did,
but the source is untrustworthy.

Do you remember me
talking to you about the F.B.I.
having a friend of mine
regarding a paper I had
written for a liberal
group of students at C.S.U.?
I wonder if you know of
any way of checking on
what the F.B.I. concluded
from its investigation of that
matter. I have a revived interest
in it, and would like to know

how, if there is a way, to go
about finding out about it.

It will be a pleasure
to hear from you again,
and to know if there is
something I can be doing
for you. As I said, I
hope all is well with you,
and that we can be together
soon.

Sincerely yours,


P.S. I have copies of both
of these clippings, so
you may keep them
for your files. I'd be
interested in your comments
on Garrison's statement,
and also on the Depository
line.