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Mr. Ramsey Clark
1775 K St., nw
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Clark,

In the fourth of his series of articles on the assassination of Dr. King, Bob Gruenberg quotes you as representing yourself as "constantly on the alert for the conspiracy element." This, he says, is supported by your then subordinates. I have no doubt about this. He then quotes you directly:

"My approach was to never leave a stone unturned, to seek constantly to get the whole story. I have not seen any evidence that, either objectively or subjectively creates - in my evaluation - any possible conspiracy. Everything I see (in the evidence) tends to go the opposite way."

Bob then quotes you in your estimate of the Bureau's self-interest. And on the volume of its work. Did not that volume alone preclude your making any kind of thorough, personal analysis? May I suggest an entirely different approach: think back and ask yourself what the Bureau produced that you saw that proves Ray did it. Not only have they nothing, they can't put him in the city within hours of the crime and they can't prove his rifle was used in the crime.

Hoover has arranged it for you to be one of the victims of the era of political assassinations. You bear responsibility for his work, and unless there is this case was a radical departure from his consistent practise, he'll have countless records for this purpose, where he used his special semantics you or your assistants did not catch. I have studied thousands of pages of his letters and reports without the complication of the needs of the prosecutor.

Bob Gruenberg, previously a stranger, came to see me prior to writing his series. He is bound to respect my confidence. But he can give you an independent appraisal of the manner and magnitude of my work and an estimate of me. I do think that if you would serve your own interest, now and historically, you would want to speak with me. My sole stipulation is preservation of my confidence. I think I can show you what Hoover avoided and I can give you evidence of proofs he confiscated and suppressed, statements by witnesses he avoided interviewing, even what I regard as close to totally exculpatory evidence I have found and he could not have missed.

I, of course, will respect your confidence. If you are unimpressed with what I can tell or show you (which depending on the time you find), I will not use it against you in any way.

I hope you saw in Harrisburg a few things you did not under the engraving, "The Place of Justice Is a Hallowed Place." If you did, you may, perhaps, be less unwilling to look or listen. The one complication I can anticipate is any relationship between you and Percy Foreman. I am aware of his friendship with your father.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg