

Dear Walter,

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If the dictionary business gives you time, I'm looking for an agent. If you don't have the time, can you recommend one, or speak to one? Do you know if Aaron Asher is still at Random House? Can you please give me his address?

I want to get back to what I believe will be an unusual, important and unique book on the King assassination and its investigation. I've been delaying this because of productive Freedom of Information litigation. Of the approximately 250,000 formerly secret pages of FBI and SIA records I've obtained about 60,000 are on the King assassination. These will be the basis of the book.

They say exactly the opposite of the official account of that crime and they say it definitively.

The book I ~~plan~~^{plan} will juxtapose the official account with the hidden official records. Of course I can expand on the foregoing.

I will weave in my personal investigations. Remember, I was Ray's investigator and my investigations were enough to get him an evidentiary hearing in 1973. I did the investigation for the habeas corpus and for the evidentiary hearing. It lasted two weeks. I was aligned against the State of Tennessee and the local jurisdiction, backstopped as they were by the Department of Justice and the FBI. In those two weeks none of the evidence I adduced was touched. It all stacked. The judge merely held that guilt or innocence had become immaterial. (What an epitaph for the great man/victim!)

It was an exceptional satisfaction for an investigative journalist to find that his investigation and analysis were entirely confirmed by the secret FBI records. The crime was not committed as officially claimed and was pulled off exactly as I'd doped it out. There was no joy in the proof of official corruption.

How I got these records is an interesting story that can be used in promotions because it is so unusual. In effect Congress passed a law to enable me to do this. I am responsible for the 1974 amending of the Freedom of Information Act, as the Congressional debates, several judges and the Department of Justice all have stated.

Department of Justice resistance to all my litigation is strong and persisting. There was a time when they had a crew of six lawyers assigned to fight me. They can stonewall and they are immune from any abuse. After all, who prosecutes the prosecutor? But while the stonewalling has been effective - I have two 1975 cases still before the district court after remand and a third before the appeals court for the third or fourth time - I have nonetheless been able to do what I believe is unprecedented.

I will do a book that will enable a lawyer to take the case back to court, to reopen the King assassination. It will undo all the many official investigations.

Best wishes,