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Dear Matt,

While I was talking to Peter Workman, of Parallax Publishing Co. (Malcolm X) today, off the top of his head he asked me if I would do a book on the King assassination. I told him I could not but if he was serious I could recommend someone who could do a fine job and who, to my knowledge, had important, fresh material. He said he would talk to his co-owner and let me know.

So, if you could be interested, let me know, and, if you'd like, let me know how to refer him to your agent. You know, books are short today. Once your material is at hand, in a month or less of fast work you can complete one.

And if I have anything you want, you are welcome to it. If you cannot immediately place a magazine article, you might want to think of this, particularly since this small house made such a success of Malcolm X, and had the courage to print it. That might lead to magazine interest. But don't bank on it.

If you want to gamble and forgo an advance, I think you can be co-publisher on a 50-50 split. I haven't kept up with them lately, but what they can print under the Parallax imprint has been distributed by Simon and Schuster, other imprints by Grove.

More than most you know the kinds of rumors that float in the wake of great tragedies-or are planted. I have an engineer friend who has an associate who was then in Memphis. He says there was absolutely no check of outgoing planes-and he was on one.

If, in your concept, the National States Rights Party might be involved or should be mentioned, I can rapidly fill up quite a few pages for you, perhaps a dozen with FBI reports. Ditto, "inutemen." Documents in facsimile are impressive...I'll be seeing Gary 14-16 and may get there 17. I'll be served papers in a lawsuit. They are being withheld in a blackmail attempt to keep me out. If I can get a good lawyer, I'll file a counter-suit and smoke some of this out. I think this is the kind of case the ACLU should get interested in, but they won't. Best to you all,

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