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Mr. Louis Ivon
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Dear Lou,

I have not moved. The post office has renumbered our rural route for the third time.

The only other change, except for the accumulation of years, is that I had acute thrombophlebitis in both legs and thighs a year ago. There was permanent and serious circulatory damage, so I try to get closer to a normal night's sleep. But I still outwork almost anybody I know.

Part of this continuing work is why I write, as I've been intending to. Last night's NBC TV segment on the N.O. get-tough policy with criminals was a reminder. I don't have a new score card but I still trust you.

With all the nuttiness, now grown much greater, I had to shift my focus. I'm suing for suppressed evidence. Often getting it, too. Now, however, this nuttiness extends to the Congress. The two top Members of the new committee are on and live with those who are on Cloud Nine. On the King assassination this is true of the Member of the Black Caucus in Congress who engineered the deal that passed the resolution that set the committee up. It is a long and complicated story but in simple form Mark was up to his typical whoring around with a typical thievery he did not fully understand and then his usual improvisation to make it more attractive. In short, another disinformation operation. It could not have come at a worse time because I've done an enormous amount of solid and successful work on the King assassination. I've also been Ray's investigator and I did the investigation for a successful habeas corpus plus one for a long evidentiary hearing in 1974. Now I'm getting files from the FBI. Not willingly but I'm getting them. I'm going to force most of what they've been sitting on to be delivered to me. What I have obtained already leaves no doubt that the crime was not pulled off as the FBI and prosecution alleged, so you can see their hangup.

There is no doubt of a New Orleans connection. However, it is not any of those publicized at the time of the crime. Not the Lomax stuff, either. It is not limited to Ray's staying at the Provencal or having a meeting at a Canal Street bar. Nor is this his only La. connection. There was one in Baton Rouge. I have it established by indirect means. If it is correct it ties in with one in whom you once had some interest. It will also complicate Connick's life because of his former connections, not personally to the best of my knowledge.

There is no chance that Ray was the shooter. That rifle was not fired. I've established that the remnant of bullet did not come from that rifle. It is certain that he was set up by those with whom he was in another criminal association. And I do know how the crime was actually committed.

It can be a pretty dangerous situation. I can't get involved in any of the nutty stuff of the past or in any other association that is not with solid, trustworthy people if there is the independence that permits security, not what I've observed in the past. This is why I now write. I've a new book on this 2/3 written. I also don't want to blow it. Mark and company are already stealing my earlier work for another of those phoney TV specials with which you are familiar. Thus far all the indications are that this new committee will be composed of those who could not find public hair in an overworked and undercleaned whorehouse at rush hour. But they may blunder into information they'll not understand. Best regards,