

Burl, Gary, Paul

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Mr. David Burke
c/o Senator Edward Kennedy
Senate Office Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Burke,

If writing you has been a futility, + nonetheless regard it as an obligation I have and must meet. Were it not for the added tragedies you would have heard from me before this. Meanwhile, my work on the assassinations has continued, with painful and intolerable successes.

During this time your position has changed, without your knowing it. Several respected reporters have examined enough of the documentation I have to give you a dispassionate appraisal of it. You need only phone them in Washington and ask if I am some kind of strange nut or whether what they have seen appears to be solid fact. Because I have shown it to them in confidence, they will not discuss the content, but they have no problem giving you an appraisal.

I can now put in your hands irrefutable and suppressed official proofs of what I have been telling you, and of a character that should disturb you deeply. I have in my possession what was denied the honorable men whose honor you equate with infallibility and knowledge. I also have some of the most basic evidence in its original form and the altered form in which it was made available to them and in which they made it available to everyone. Within the next week or so I expect to be in Washington and, if you desire, will bring just a few samples to show you, what will take no more than five minutes of your time. However, I will not go to your office unless you want me to.

Meanwhile, + have finished a very large and I think definitive study of the official handling of the Martin Luther King assassination. In the finest detail it parallels the mishandling of that of the President. Here the government that complains about treatment from writers is refusing me access to court records that are public. Unless there is a change of official position on this it will soon be in court. No long thereafter I expect to take to court a series of the official suppressions of evidence on the Presidential assassination. I hope you will understand that one of the consequences may well be considerable embarrassment to you and to whom you serve, for with what can come out, people may be reluctant to believe it is enough to say Senator Kennedy was unaware of it. I ask nothing of you but that you inform yourself and preserve my confidence. If what you can see impresses you, I think I can suggest a way in which this embarrassment can be eliminated or at least reduced. It is not my purpose to hurt the Senator. Quite the contrary, as my silence on your end and his silence might persuade you.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg