

Dear Phil,

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Just home from day in DC working on lawsuits. Your three mailings clip valuable, thanks. To the best of my knowledge Ray has not fired Lesar.

For your story I believe Ray's vision is irrelevant in the absence of some proof that he was there. But on his vision, my recollection is not dependable. I believe it is that he has glasses for reading only. If he had to wear glasses then there could be a conflict with a scope, from my own experience when I farmed and had to shoot snapping turtles from a distance. I never could set the scope right and finally got rid of that rifle.

First two Aershaw points bullshit. Do you have a tape of the radio interview? I'd welcome all of them possible because to this moment the best that can be said for him is that what he is doing is dubious.

Pro se civil action not really pro se and is Jerry.

Everybody claims to have been the last to speak to King. However, I know that King told Branch the music he wanted and I'm pretty sure that at about the same time he said a few words to "ones about leaving. There was also one called "Baby Jesus" there. "now who he is? And Abernathy swears King tried to speak to him after he was felled. I don't believe it but I'm sure Abernathy does.

Don't know whom Aershaw's sources are but I'd not trust anyone on the Tennessean. The deal is going to be Jimmy was the assassin and Jerry was Raoul and maybe that J.B. Stoner was in on it. I have no reason to believe any part of it.

I think Wayne's recall would probably be best on Branch.

There has been some badmouthing of Lesar in Memphis. It is baseless, which makes me very interested. If you know anything I'd like to know. If you don't could you ask Livingston if he's heard any reports? Don't tell him it is for me because he is mad at me over my pressures over his insanities. I never saw a man blow a great opportunity like Bob did. He'd have been a local hero and a wealthy man.

Many thanks,