

Dar Jerry,

11/17/78

Your 11/14 mailing and the News-Sentinel story came today. It will be a day or so before I can do more than read the story. I didn't get to that until bedtime and while it is in my mind I write you briefly about it.

There is only one truthful thing in it and, typically, that is not original with Lane and not even accurately presented.

I've known all the rest for a while and knew it had been denied and would be. By this I mean I knew that Lane was conning all of you with it, probably himself, too. I've known the story and known it was not true.

Typical Lane. He sees a broken toothpick in the gutter and immediately he has a lumber yard. And it belong to him and Jim alone. If he saw a matchstick he'd own a forest.

By now you should know that all these people, under oath, today called Lane the liar is is, was and will be. So great day for Jimmy when he calls them to the hearing he keeps on setting back into the more and more distant future.

I know enough about the supposed document supposedly quoted to know that Lane does not have it and is pretending that he does. You see, I do have it. It does not say what he says it says and I'm not saying where or how I got it. I'm telling you that Lane hasn't even read it. Moreover, I don't care what lie he tells you and how much you then believe your Holy Man.

It was always the envy of you and John, according to the stories, that Jimmy alone had all his teeth. Now that Lane has been kicking them in, how many can you count as left?

Jackson is correct in saying there was only one federal man there. He didn't remember his name. You met him once. No, it is not the man Lane blabs about, either. He was on the St. Louis TV show with us in 1972.

You didn't like it when I told you you are a Hoosier - Hoosier.

As I've told you before, I'm sorry about all of this. But you and Jimmy did it to yourselves. Neither of you would listen to what you did not want to hear and both of you imagined that what was not there really was there.

What good does it do to fight about the wrong things, you who admire fighting for fighting's sake. What good has any of this done Jimmy or any one of you? It has merely served to convince the committee, Lane's baby regardless of what he tells you, that the FBI is right and that you and John are both tied into it.

Come to while you may still have time. I'll write more when I can get to the 11/14. I'll also send Carol a copy of the story.

Sincerely,