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Dear Mr. Navasky,

This is really for Alexander Cockburn but I want you to know.

I am not familiar with what has been published/alleged "about Jackson's claims to what happened at the time of the Rev. Martin Luther King's death" (sic) and "Jackson's account of what went on at the time of King's death," but I am painfully aware of Jackson's steadfast detachment from any far-use account at that time, except for what he told the FBI. And I have its reports. It uses him to support its account.

I made a number of efforts to interview him by phone. I believe I also wrote him, as I did many at SCIC, all of whom ignored my inquiries. Dave Simon, a black friend and then a producer for Washington's Channel 9, including of its Carol Randolph show, made several efforts to reach Jackson by phone in my presence and, if I remember correctly, when I was not with him. (When last I heard from Dave, if you want to see if he recalls, he handled arrangements for shooting movies in DC for that government. His phone was 202/727-6609 and he lived at 1325-15 NW, #1017.) Jackson, the man who loved Dr. King so much, did not return any calls on behalf of the writer preparing a book on the King assassination.

Dr. King, alas, had no Blondel. None who was black at least. If Jackson was far from alone in this, the present controversy is about him.

Not a single black, including those involved in Memphis, would even talk to me before I finished my book and when I was about to go to Memphis, where I then knew nobody, the man who also loved Dr. King and was to have been his host at supper the night he was killed, Rev. Kyles, did not respond to my letters. Hell, the cops were better and some were helpful.

My book appeared and at the very least cast substantial doubt on the official account of that terrible murder. I think it destroyed the official account and <sup>it</sup> certainly did that later in court. But no black publication had any interest at all, none reviewed it, and even the black papers/photographers who had pictures refused me copies. I remember only two blacks willing to help, Congressman John Conyers and Flo Kennedy. The Black Caucus refused even to talk to me. Not one other than Conyers said a word after getting copies of my book, which I bought and gave them.

I sued and got the FBI's Headquarters and Memphis (and other field office) records, if they can hold what addresses this controversy. If I know what it is perhaps I can shed some light.

The FBI and local police were well supplied with black Judases and Jackson endorsed the fabrication hoked up by one of them and the FBI. This is one of the means by which that crime was "solved." He is Marrell McCullough, then a policeman and spy and I suspect later CIA, in Washington for a while. (He was not in uniform and he provided members of the King party with their Memphis transportation. He was the first to reach the fallen body.)

I don't know anything about Hymietown but have I been to Tomtown!

As some of your people have learned, everything I have available, without supervision. If anyone wants to speak to me, I'm usually home from early morning physical therapy by 10:30. 301/473-8186.

Best wishes,

  
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