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Dear Mr. Stoner,

Hearing from you was a pleasant surprise. I had not known you were in the area. I did tune in the WHAL-TV News. They handled you straight, without any editorializing and they plugged the fact you'd be on at the beginning of the newscast. Although I have not seen it, I have heard that the Baltimore News-American had a story on your appearances.

I'm sorry you were so close to plane time. Briefly, let me explain that I am convinced James Earl Ray did not kill anyone. I am also convinced he was deliberately, in what I have already written I say he was abused by all those allegedly defending him, by the prosecution, the FBI and the judge. I think I prove it solidly. To establish this I have relied heavily on the available evidence. As of now, without having finished, this runs close to 50,000 words.

There are some items of non-secret evidence I would like to be able to study, such as the documents produced in the extradition proceedings. I would also like to be able to examine closely the contracts involved because I think they will enable me to strengthen the case I have already built. I have asked Jerry for these things, for these reasons. However, I do not think he should make anything available to anyone without the advance approval of the lawyer handling that aspect. For purposes of the book, I do not now require anything. Whatever is added to what I already have will merely strengthen the case I have developed on my own. Ultimately, I think my having access to what can strengthen this will work to the benefit of the defendant in various ways that I am sure do not require exposition to you.

If I knew the manner of your procedure on the contract cases, the doctrine of your case, I might be able to help. I think I can. However, you say, as I can understand, prefer not to let anything be known about this. In any event, particularly on "Use and Foreuse, I have what I think is, at least from a literary point of view, a persuasive analysis. If there is any way in which you think I can help, let me know. At the moment I am working a restricted day because the accumulated abuse of five years of this work and the effects of the heat have debilitated me and I have had to slow down. Priority right now is on completing this particular writing.

In general, my feeling is that we have had a miscarriage of justice great enough to jeopardize the kind of society we think we have. To the degree I can, I intend doing what I can. Please excuse my haste. If there is anything you'd like me to have, I'd welcome it. If this should involved anything you want held confidential, please so label it.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg