

Dear Bill,

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That is a very interesting article by Stockdale. It may interest you to know that from what the government turned out I not only saw that but wrote it contemporaneously. I'd intended it for Tiger To Ride.

The plane crash ^{you} refer to got considerable radio and TV attention.

I hope your efforts do Jerry's book some good. There is not the interest in King there is in Kennedy and for some reason the books do not appeal to most blacks.

Based on what you say about reading and your eye you should see a good ophthalmologist as soon as you can conveniently. Do not put it off.

I have no trouble believing that your friend was a straight arrow and for that reason left the FBI. That was what I learned on my first close contact with FBI agents, in the 1938 Bloody Harlan case. My room was used as the meeting/conference room because the FBI would not permit that use of its and the lawyers had legal papers all round. So, one day when all the other FBI agents were not in the hotel one who remained came to me and warned me that they had to squeal on each other and if any one did not and others did the one who did not was in trouble. He also told me that he was leaving the FBI. At that time I also became a friend of the agent in charge of that detail, a fine man who was later head of two different parts of the Justice Department. I learned from the Marsh book that he was also a Kennedy lawyer. Jim McTerney. His son was in a moot court and assigned to defend Oswald and the BI made a big thing of that!

Never heard of King having any interest in stock car races. or the cars.

Your daffodils are ahead of ours. Some of ours started to head up a week ago and haven't developed any more since then.

When I got up this morning, about 2, the temperature was 40. It is now 6 and the temperature is 30! Crazy weather. Maybe a front bringing some precip? Hope not. Lil has a dental appointment in three hours.

I doubt there will ever be an investigation of the Gulf of Tonkin faking. Remember, the Congress voted for it, all but two. Harlan in the House and Taft in the Senate were the only ones who voted against it. Before the Congress exposes itself there will have to be really significant, major changes in it.

Back to work. Best to you all,

Heedily