

Dear Jim,

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Mo is a bricklaying reporter. On stories that have to be built he builds. He has been checking around in Memphis. We spoke twice last night.

One thing he told me I find hard to believe and thing we should check independently. He says he finds no picture of King's room in the morning Commercial-Appeal of 4/4/68 but does find it in the Press-Scimitar. I think we should get the one supposedly in evidence on the chance it appeared in an edition other than the one in the morgue, Mo's most obvious checkpoint. I find it hard to believe they'll tell so big a lie. But it is possible and would be important.

There is not unity on this story. I suspect Mo will give the others problems.

I've written Crewdson (et al) a letter for the record, partly to protect Bud and partly to challenge them for not checking the other side.

Mo will be back this coming week.

He anticipated some hassle from his city editor. I thought of this and called him back with what will not be hard for him to check out, comparing the time of the Hoover plant (which he says was originally in the black radical kids, not the papers, safer for Hoover) that forced King to move to the Lorraine with the time of the changing of the rifle. I've explained the differences between the advantages and disadvantages of .243 and .30-06s and how they suit the shift from the isolated Rivermont to the closeby Lorraine. He understands it may not check out and that I'm not charging Hoover. But if there is a correlation there will be a story and the checking out alone will not leave his hands empty.

If we had a research assistant we could do this rapidly enough.

Unless you are certain you have all references at a single point I think the first time a college student offers some work it would be good to get each and every speech on the windowsill and the pictures collected. I can visualize a unique situation before 6th circuit, I think we should be ready for it and think we may before then have other uses.

I also wonder if we want to ask Conyers to join you as counsel in CA 75-1996. I don't know if he'd want to but think about it and let me know. If you would like it I'll ask him. Meanwhile, I think we should include all writers and reports to date in this because they are clearly feeding reporters now. My reading is of power but of desperation. This means we have to keep the pressure on as much and as hard as we can. I may even write Levi again.

Hastily,