

Dear Les,

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If you saw the Rather interview with Ray and have any reaction or impressions I'd like to know. Also what you may hear.

Also is you hear of an pay. I know NBC offered a tidy sum and Rather went upstairs long ago on that. It does not mean that CBS paid but I have a hunch they may have.

Jimmy is so mad at me he is writing me infrequently and then by sending me cartons of letters he addresses to Jim! But he sure has been listening! All the crazy stuff I know had been planned was out, including in response to questions. He even made a liar of himself on the black-militant and red-~~hyst~~ plot questions. But he did not repeat than insanity on TV.

For whatever it is worth to you he did not say anything that is not in accord with what he has told me. You may have noticed that all he said about the evidence he did not kill King is that it is from earlier investigations, no name mentioned. He's a honey!

Zacharias and Grossman were here with their counsel today. It seemed to go well. I'll know before long.

I am sure they'll be very happy to do your Africa book and that it would be a deal that included promotions, perhaps a hardback with another of their companies. They were impressed by what they read of your stories. I don't know which or if all.

The mislaid copy turned up while I was doing some straightening up. I've begun them. They are excellent. I could never have let as little emotion show. Makes the stuff much more powerful.

The writing is really fine - hard, straight, clean, very comprehensible and I think extraordinarily effective.

Best,