

Mr. Les Payne  
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Dear Les,

I don't think you met Jerry McKnight when you were here. He is a professor of history at local Hood College, one of the best of the small ones.

Like Dave, he teaches a course in political assassinations. Not as a whodunit, however, but as government/polisci, etc.

Unlike Dave, he includes the King assassination and he has become familiar with it, including the materials I have.

He writes, from time to time, for Academy News Service, which shortened and distributed the enclosed article. Several papers used it earlier this month, when it was timely.

I think I put it wrong. I think that Academy News either asks for pieces or exists to be able to distribute what the professors write. I'd not heard of it until now.

Jerry is a good friend. He has done several scholarly articles for The South Atlantic Quarterly (Duke) on the FBI's domestic intelligence in Memphis, one on the strike and one on the invaders.

He is now getting the FBI's headquarters and Washington Field Office records relating to the Poor Peoples' Campaign that King didn't live to direct and he'll be writing about that.

I don't know whether you know about Academy News so I thought that in letting you know about Jerry and what, if you have the need or interest, you might get from him, you'll also know about it.

All my materials, with JFK records much greater in volume, will be a public archive at Hood.

Best to you, Vi and the children,

sincerely,