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Dear Bill,

I did get done what I mailed this morning and may interest you re: ARRB and despite a phone call that lasted two hours from a man who says he is the investigator for Jimmy Ray's lawyer Bill Pepper did read the will yesterday, as did Lil. Seems fine and again we thank you. I also learned that Cathy Barbohem's name is not Catherine but is Cathy, which is no problem.

Too bad I do not tape phone calls. The guy who called said he used to be CIA and maybe he was but if so I have a better understanding of the fact that when they failed, that was their greater successes!

They have a collection of attestations that cannot possibly be true and they are, if they get into court, going to get clobbered again.

Where I could simply show them that what they were saying and "proving" is impossible I did that but I doubt it will make any difference.

They intend to defend Jimmy by having him involved but not as the assassin!

That makes him innocent?

So, I did debunk that for them.

They actually have a man who claimed he spent 10 years in jail with Jimmy who says that Jimmy confessed to him that he was merely the lookout. Or, they have spent all the time they have with Jimmy without understanding him at all.

In any event, I told them how I can prove that Jimmy was not there to be any lookout. I did not ask them why anyone needed any lookout.

They seem not to be paying any attention to what we proved at the evidentiary hearing, that Jimmy's car was not there when he was supposedly the lookout. With that the sworn testimony of which the State, which is the other side, has to know, how they would look in court and how Jimmy would be hurt by their ignorance of the case record is I think pretty obvious.

As I understand the situation, Pepper got a judge to order an evidentiary hearing. The appeals court reversed him. The case is now before the State supreme court.

They claim to have located the actual assassin, who says he was also a JFK assassin and who will confess for \$250,000 he says he does not need plus immunity. I cannot see an assassin being given immunity. But if that happens then their trouble is just beginning. He claims to have been part of the FBI's Division Five. I have never known headquarters, of which Division Five is part, to be operative. Where they have to be they use the Washington field office. Even for interviews. But they have Division Five as handling assassinations. With the money provided by H.L.Hunt. They have the "Albert Osborne" of the JFK mythologies part of this Division Five base in Mexico, where they say it was based. What they claim to have put together is that if and when Jimmy got to

Brussels, to which they say he was directed by the assassins on the promise that he would get money there, he was to have been assassinated there. It seemed not to trouble them very much when I told him, Jimmy Robinson & I remember the name, when I told him that it was a British reporter who told Jimmy that he could make contact with mercenaries in Brussels and that the reporter publicly confirmed that.

What seems to be important to them is, as he said, there is no record of Jimmy pulling any robbery off in Canada to have the money with which to keep going. I asked him how many warehouses he believed would report being robbed to the police.

They believe some of what a reporter named Bill Sartor put together some of which was published, that the Liberto family was involved in the assassination and they have done what is easy, connected the Memphis Libertos with organized crime in New Orleans. Trouble with that is that aside from it not making any sense, if they use that in court the FBI already has all it needs to destroy the credibility of the source of that story that on the face makes no sense at all.

And then there is the problem of having both organized crime in New Orleans and the FBI Division Five in Mexico collaborating on the crime. Which <sup>as</sup> they put it together is both crimes, the JFK one too!

With the money Hoover used coming from H.L. Hunt. In which their probable source is Hunt's former chief of security, Paul Rothornel, former FBI SA. Who was fired by Hunt's sons as a common thief, along with several others Livingstone used as sources. and whose defense was that the old man expected them to steal enough to make up what should have been their salaries because he like to think he was getting away with paying them so much less than he should have!

If they have a motive for Hunt and Hoover collaborating on assassinations he did not tell me and I did not ask.

Can you imagine what would happen if this got into court? With Jimmy guilty as the lookout he would be walked?

What he called me about was to confirm that when I investigated I found that Jimmy had been as he told me, at the Rosoto motel just over the Miss. line from Memphis. But after all their investigation they did not know it was a hot-sheet joint or what that was. Nor did they know what is public, stated at the guilty-plea hearing, that confirms Jimmy's presence near that motel, that he bought toilet goods at the nearby Rosall drug store. It also did not occur to them that ordinarily Jimmy would have no way of knowing what that motel was and what constituted a registration there- anything at all put on a 3x5 card. I saw some registrations that read, in full, "Hi, buddy!"

There is more but this is enough! It is not because Bill Pepper is not an experienced lawyer. He is an ex-patriot American practicing in London and apparently wealthy. But he is also another illustration of the disastrousness of beginning with a theorized "solution" and trying to prove it. He was here, he went through the files he wanted to go through and I got him a student to do what else he wanted and to make copies for him. Best, *Shudd*