Dear Les, 9/6/77

I'm not trying to make out the "Manuel" case but I cannot ignore the possibility that the FBI shared the enclosed record with the Senate spooks. I believe I have seen another reference to Reddiit as a lieutenant.

McCullough was also called by another first name, Marion, by the FBI. In that record, primarily a SNCC record, his code name is given as Max.

Apparently he was under Captain Jewell B. Ray of what they called the "Inspectional Bureau." He was new to the MPD at the time of the King assassination. He had been a rookie in the last training class before that. Comes from Miss. Never put into uniform as of 4/3/68.

MPD got him a cover, on the payroll of an electrical company. He then moved to a new neighborhood, etc.

He worked his way in with strike support strategy leaders, meaning the more militant ones, and with "some of the potential rough element of Negros, such as John Henry Ferguson and Willie Kimp." He was signed up for the Invaders by Cree McKenzie.

He sure was in a position to make suggestions!

I have a candidate for the House committee's source on the Ray/Portugal meeting stuff. He is Mickey McGuire, former Tenn. State trooper, one who rode with Ray from Memphis to Nashville.

Jerry appears to be back with Stoner.

As I keep reading reports that come from sources inside SCLC and the Atlanta HQ I keep looking for clues. It appears that someone who was with King on his last trip to Memphis phoned the FBI almost the minute the plane landed. The call is for sure but that this was a member of the King party is not now clear in my mind. I'm a bit more tired today. I got too exhuberant yesterday and walked 8 miles, then began this morning by walking a mile and three-quarters. So I'm also not making any accusations. However, I have noted what

Dorothy Cotton left Memphis after the 3/28 violence. King phoned Atlanta from the Rivermont (on which I now ~~ah~~ have a full story) the next day, before he left. That same day the FBI Atlanta reported what King had told one of its sources, what was in his mind, how he felt about that violence.

There is another Atlanta name I've seen mentioned only one time, which tends to make me wonder why. it is Griffin.

One of the inside Atlanta sources was able to and did give the FBI King's travel plans, to the minute -- and did.

The FBI and I take it the local cops had a great interest in Rev. James Morris Lawson. If you know where he is, I've heard L.A., and are in touch with him he might want to go over some of the files I now have if he ever is near here.

The extent of the domestic intelligence operation in Memphis is hard to believe. It was a very large FBI operation as well as a larger one by the locals, the second point my presumption from what I've read.

How about those tapes and the script of the Ryan business and the other things I can listen to or read while walking? I sure could use them in preference to what passes for radio news hereabouts. As well as for knowledge. I'd also like to read the script because of the possibility some of those who are complaining might stay serious about it. Or be of help at some point. If you listened to the news I get here you'd rush to do this for reasons of compassion! In desparation just before dark last night I tuned in WCBS. The only interesting copy was for a Mexican restaurant one of whose four places is where you live.

Best to all,