Dear Jimmy, 6/2/80

In your letter of 5/30 you thank me for the Eist-related records I sent you, say you got others I didn't get, and conclude with the suggestion that I might check on Randy Rosenson.

You also say that Mark stays busy and you can't keep up with him, I presume because I asked that future requests be through him. April can respond in his absence and all I want is to avoid the kind of hassles that are outside your experience. You think you know one Mark and I know and entirely different one very well.

As you saw, when I came to it, as I told you in time I would, I sent you what you asked for and more than what you asked for. It has nothing to do with you or your calling me an FBI pimp and other things. It is only that I have lived with what is foreign to your experience, as from your reading you may also have observed that to a lesser degree Jim also has.

If you have a list of the records the FBI sent you I can check and see if I got them. If I saw the records themselves I'd know if I have others. I recall nothing else that would tend to impeach Eist.

On Rosenson: there were a few indirect leaks from the committe, meaning not to me but reaching me. You may recall I did not like them. You have probably forgotten that I told you early on, before I refused to have anything more to do with it, they made it pretty clear that they were out to get you. They told someone else that they had interviewed Rosenson in a Virginia jail and he denied all you said. I am sure Virginia, not Tenn. I do not know your source on the bugging story, but I saw nothing about it in the papers.

You may recall that some years ago, when I had good connections that could have helped, and I wanted to check such matters out, you would not cooperate. Recently I saw for the first time the action you filed when you feared being transferred to Springfield. It confirms what I believed, what else you had done with those leads that certainly meant they got back to those who were prosecuting you. I remain no less perplexed that when I was trying to help you you would not give me what you had already given your enemies. So if you want any checking done now I need more than the name. Without more any effort is a waste of time.

I saw a story and heard on the radio that you've become a painter.

And big sales yet?

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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30 May 1980

James E. Ray-65477

Dear Harold:

Thank you for the FBI documents re: English confinement. A year or so ago the FBI sent me a couple hundred documents (pages). One contained information which would impeach Eist. The ones you sent would also. I don't need any more so what ever the FBI/JD has that you mentioned just leave it go. Amyway what you sent is what I was refering to in the previous letter. Since the FBI sent me the aforementioned I have received nothing from them. I'll sue them as soon as I get all appeal denials back, even though it is useless. I have an appeal in the D.C. ct. of appeal, before Skelly Wright, in the archives tapes--the clerk wouldn't file the appeal because of some technicality. I wrote the court & told them they were not concerned when the Nixon tapes were before them about technicalities. Anyway Wright ordered it docketed.

I do a lot of legal things without Mark's ok, he keeps busy and consequently I can't always find out his location then ask him for a letter authorizing this or tha Pepper & others have some things which may force the state's hand in a couple months but will have to wait & see.

Incidently, the reason I wanted the Eist related documents is that I intend to sue the British gov. under the declaratory judgment act, to find out if they have any more "Eists" with confessions attributed to me--I would not want to wait until a trial, civil or criminal, and then have a dozen or more oral confessions sprung on me.

Sincerely:

J. Ray

Note, you might want to check on Randy Rosenson sometime. I am certain he had nothing to do diredtly with the MLK assault; however, I recently learned that he and, the committee, staff, was buged in the Knoxville hotel (Andrew Johnson) when I escaped. The guy that bugged them, a hotel clerk, gave the tapes to a local pol. lawyer, Gene Stanley and he apparently sold the tapes back to the committee. No one seems to know where Rosenson, an informer & drug addict, is now.

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