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Dear Jimmy,

As soon as Ixm read that long windup, all the irrelevant speech-making with which you begin your 1/30, I knew something pointless and ludicrous would follow. Why else the elaborate pretense of justification?

There is not a single thing relating to me that follows that is straight.

It is not and it never was my "belief-theory that the late H.L. Hunt, or those closely associated with him were in some manner involved in said homicide." Nor JFK's, either.

So whether in your belief this could find "acceptance...with the intelligence community" is entirely immaterial.

I wont try to figure out how this involves me with Foreman because he was later as crooked for the Hunts as he is for anyone else's money. He does not love me.

You say that Lane "has made at least a prima facie case of FBI involvement in the M.L.K. homicide.# That's news to me and I've read and heard and seen a sickening lotx of his constantly changing improvisations, none of which are even tenable. It is easy to cook up theories when fact is irrelevant.

From this you leapfrog to my allegedly never missing "an opportunity to absolve the F.B.I. in the homicide." Putting me opposite Lane on almost anything is to my liking but you are unfactual. What I have said - and it is not, as you also say, in my book or any of my writing - is that there is no evidence that the FBI killed King. I'll expand it for you - or had him killed. But this is not the same as "absolving" them. Have you forgotten the title of my book? It charges them with a frame-up - on you. That is absolution? If I correctly understand you to be saying that a coverup is a crime,how in your terms do I absolve them?

They have never given me any reason to believe that they love me and there is nothing in my writing, especially in the many court cases I have against them, to lead anyone (except, perhaps, you and Lane) to believe that I love them.

You say you have filed recent suits and were going to file another. I'd be interested in any proof you have of those allegations. (Not regarding the political files on King at the Archives, which I've been trying to get for many years and relating to which you imagine what has no basis. If the FBI had what you imagine it would not be there.) Especially about that committee, about which you appear to have forgotten my caution and what turned out to be its complete accuracy.

Your ostensible reason follows: because the spooks did you in and I'm a spoke and I work for them you want to get my CIA and FBI files. For this you need and want a waiver. You better go looking for those missing marbles. (I'm assuming you had them and lost them, more with the recent assistance, not that you never had them.) You've got a heads-I-win-tails-you-lose deal cooked up, a real Catch -22. If the records don't show what you and your shyster want then the records are phoney, which proves your foolish theory. Meanwhile, if the FBI gives you some of its fabrications you and your new pal can misuse them, with impunity. No deal. FYI, they do have many phoney records and they stopped releasing any once I proved their phoniness. And as Jim can tell you, because he used it in court, they conspired to "stop" me. Which, as you see things merely proves that I am their funk. ... When I get all the records I'm making them public, but not until then. ...Do you really think that I file all these suits and was responsible for the opening of their files because I'M one of them? If so, you need help. But I wish you well in yourcases.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg

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re: Martin Luther King jr. case.

Dear Harold:

With the assistance of others including you, I have been investigating the aforementioned case now for approximately twelve (12) years. Thoes that have at one time or another represented me, as you know, have disagreed as to who was responsible for the Martin Luther King jr. homicide. I believe it is your belief-theory that the late, H.L. Hunt, or thoes closely associated with him were in some manner involved in said homicide. I might add that this "theory" might find acceptance, even if untrue, with the intelligence community in that the Hunt family apparently are not irrevocably wedded to the government establishment & dominant press. This is, I believe, evidenced by the fact that when Percy Foreman & the Hunt(s) were indicted several years ago for criminal offenses in Texas one of the Hunt's was required to stand trial, while the government evidently let Percy Foreman off the hook.

In regard to the attorney representing me now, Mark Lane, he has made at least a prima facie case of FBI involvement in the M.L.K. homicide--although without the power-of-subpoena a not much stronger case could be made. Further, when considering the FBI/CIA use of organized crime figures as "hitmen" (with other evidence), it appears very likely that the F.B.I. is at least guilty of misprison of felony in the homicide.

In regard to F.B.I. "involvement" in the King homicide, from reading your writings and comments over the years, it appears you never miss an opportunity to absolve the F.B.I. in the homicide, although it is difficult to determine how you could be so positive of no F.B.I. involvement, even indirectly.

I might add too that continued obfusation & arguing over nothing can only comfort the prosecutors since they don't want to answer specific allegations against the F.B.I. or anyone with political influence. In this respect, I have made specific allegations (to avoid feedback charges), in a suit I filed in the D.C. court petitioning for the release of King material the federal judge sequestered in the National Archives for fifty (50) years.
In addition, tomorrow I am filing a Complaint in the local fed. court against the committee (under a common-law ruling), and a local Attorney, asking for accest to the Committee's unpublished investigation in the MLK case. The "local Attorney" has casette tapes taken surreptitiously reporting conversations by the Committee staff & a "Randy Rosenson" while the Committee had Rosenson sequestered in a Knoxville Hotel in 1977. This suit will also refer specifically to thoes possibly involved in the MLK homicide.

The reason I am running the aforementioned down to you is to request a WAIVER from you whereby I can gain accest to your personal file with the F.B.I. & C.I.A.--I am going to make the same request of Mark Lane. I believe if no one has any "conflict" of interest" they would not object to signing such a waiver. I believe I signed such a waiver at your request in 1977.

Sincerely:

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