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8/7/91

Dear Jimmy,

Sorry it has taken me so long to respond to your 7/2/91. Medical problems, including of the spine, and then a sprained foot. There was much atop your letter and I've just come to it in that stack.

I'm sure the FBI has extensive files on Foreman. You do not refer to making any request of the DJ. I'm sure they have quite a bit, not all in D.C. Remember he was involved in the Hunt brothers case and was caught in throwing it.

Among the agencies I have reason to believe the FBI felt it had to consult is DEA.

Uh, I see you did get three pages from DJ. Perhaps the rest are outside D.C. I think the trial was in Waco and there is something like an Office of United States Attorneys.

But I can't imagine them having only three pages on Percy. I have more than that that DJ has and I didn't even ask it for records on him. Wish I remembered where I have them filed. He also threw a case in Conn. when he represnted a guy named Miller.

Records on Hugh Stanton Sr. cannot be withheld under privacy.

Can of film still hasn't shown up.

I'm surprised you have a good opinion of the BBC-TV show that says not only that you are guilty but are also a conspirator, with the CIA, for which allegedly Kimble was the intermediary who gave you mohey with which to get out of Canada, as I recall it.

Kimble is a complete phony.

Melanson also assumed your guilt.

I'm glad all is quiet on the Crooner front. Inside Edition recently asked me how to get in touch with him so maybe he'll be happy again. Getting on the tube no matter how foolishly always made him feel he is important. I don't look at the show so if he is on it unless I'm told I'll not know. But then I won't miss anything.

Sincerely,

Harold

I do not believe that the names withheld in the DJ documents you got include Stanton, Jr. His name is too long, except on one pgge. More likely another of the prosecution staff, like Dwyer or Mason.

2 July 1991

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JE Ray #65477
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Dear Harold,

I received your letter dated June 25th. As to FOIA files re the JD & FBI. I recently got Percy's FBI file. There was nothing much in it however, the FBI said they had more files but they had been "referred to other agencies for consulation"; then later the bureau said they had retrived the files & would send them shortly. The JD did say it had lost the Percy file however in 1986 the JD sent me the enclosed 3 pages. I am not sure who the interviewees was--maybe you can guess. I think one was Hugh W. Stanton jr.

Re the film, you may be right about the film no longer being any good, however if I recall they were in a small metal cylinder with a screwed on top so they may still be ok.

I did read the Melanson book. If I recall he was later interviewed re the BBC-Tv documentary on the MLK case. It was in my opinion a good documentary & has aired twice (1990 & 1991), on the A & E cable channel. The documentary also referred to Kimble & his allegtion & his comments therein. I don't know who he is acting for.

Well that's about it for now. I'll pass your comments on to the Crooner from St. Louie.

Sincerely,

JE Ray

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Memorandum of Interview of [redacted]

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The plea bargaining was suggested to Percy Foreman (who represented Ray at the time) by Hugh Stanton, Sr., who was the Public Defender. Foreman did not believe a plea would be accepted in a case of such notoriety [redacted]

[redacted] no admissions were made except the stipulation of facts which were signed or initialed by Ray and Foreman.

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Memorandum of Interview of [redacted]

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[redacted] said he had no conversations with defense lawyers Hanes or Percy Foreman. [redacted]