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Dear Harold:

I received your last letter dated May 18. Recently I also heard from the FBI re Huie & Stanton sr. They sent me about 20 pages on Stanton dating back to 1953 where he was involved in some type operation with the state against Gamblers. I guess he was representing both them & the prosecution. Anyway they withheld 30 pages in their entirety. I guess these are his representation of me. I appealed. As to Huie, the FBI papers claimed he tried to trade what he was getting from me via Hanes to the bureau for pictures of me and generally to exchange information. The bureau files say they made no "bargains" with Huie which was approved by, Hoover. Another previously released document quotes DeLoach as telling Hoover they should contact a writer to publish the bureau's version of the case and, expose Abernathy & Ms. King conspiracy talk. The writer the FBI contacted to print the FBI version of MLK case was Gerold Frank. The files give the impression the bureau didn't care for Huie & thought McMillan a blabber-mouth. I didn't ask for Huie's complete file/since I assumed ^{just MLK} that would have stalled the request.

By the way I heard from your favorite counselor, Mark Hane, ESQ. He wants to interview ^{me} for a paper he says he acts as counselor for (Spotlight), and sent me the enclosed clipping. I guess I'll give him a few minutes of my time.

About the book, I have corrected all the errors & there will be a revision. There would have been no errors if the editor had not had to leave town (feds on him for tax protest), before the editing was completed. I don't want any errors since if the gov. should think it necessary they will have a Jack Anderson cut it up. I'm also taking out some of the hype--I've got a strong case without that. I'll send you a revised copy when it is in print--probably about 2 months. I think all the first run was sold to the paper Mark works for, except a couple hundred that is.

Carol's address is:

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Well there is not much else going on. Still trying to get out of seg. Won't make it until I get the loot to hire counsel, which I suspect I will in a month or so. Don't forget to send the affid-vit when you get time.

Sincerely,

I'll send you the Huie documents about the exchange proposal. I think the courts would say that since the FBI didn't cooperate it didn't violate my so-called rights. However Huie did give them some info from me for nothing which I could cite in the upcoming HC hearing. Will take a while to get them duplicated.

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Meet Famous Attorney

By William Francis

Members of Liberty Lobby's Board of Policy will have the opportunity to meet famed civil libertarian attorney Mark Lane at the lobby's upcoming 32nd birthday celebration.

Lane will be a featured speaker at the gathering, which will be held at the Stouffer Concourse Hotel in Arlington, Virginia (a Washington suburb) on the weekend of September 11-13.

Lane will present an overview of the pending cases that he is handling for Liberty Lobby. He will also give a recent history of Liberty Lobby's treatment in the courts. Cases involving the lobby have resulted in the creation of new law (particularly in the field of libel) and the modification of existing law.

A former member of the New York state Legislature, Lane is an internationally known author as well. His groundbreaking book, "Rush to Judgment," was a No. 1 best-seller that the Establishment tried for several years to prevent from being published. This book, the earliest and most often-cited examination of the Warren Commission

investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, won Lane widespread acclaim.

Lane has also been involved in probing the murder of "civil rights" leader Martin Luther King Jr. Lane represented King's accused killer James Earl Ray, in his quest for a jury trial to prove his innocence.

Those interested in attending the convention may phone Lois Petersen, secretary of Liberty Lobby's Board of Policy, for further information at (202) 546-5611; or write her at 300 Independence Ave. SE, Washington, D.C. 20003.

"Rush to Judgment" is \$14.95 from Liberty Lobby, 300 Independence Ave. SE, Washington, D.C. 20003.



Prisoner: 'Railroaded'

EXCLUSIVE TO THE SPOTLIGHT
Answer this simple question: Was James Earl Ray found guilty of the April 4, 1968 murder of Martin Luther King Jr.?

If your answer is yes, you are wrong. Ray has never had a trial although he has been asking for one for 19 years. But the Establishment doesn't want a jury to decide his fate.

Ray contends he was set up. He says he was framed by high-level forces, which needed a scapegoat for their murder of King. His story has never been told to the American public.

According to Ray, he was coerced to plead guilty by his own attorney, Percy Foreman, a high-powered Establishment lawyer whose main preoccupation appeared to be arranging contracts for the sale of the rights to the story of his defense of "the man who killed Martin Luther King."

Ray says that his attorney told him that if he didn't plead guilty Ray's aging father would be prosecuted on a 40-year-old charge by the Justice Department—which, of course, Ray wanted to prevent.

Under Tennessee law Ray had the right to withdraw his guilty plea and defend his innocence before a jury, but the court refused to permit him to do so.

The judges who ruled against Ray, time and again, have invariably been promoted. However, the one judge who did appear favorable to Ray's interests, Preston Battle, died suddenly in his office, of what was described as "cardiac arrest."

And former Tennessee Gov. Ray Blanton has revealed that Rep. Louis Stokes (D-Ohio), the lawmaker who chaired the special congressional committee "investigating" the King killing and the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and his brother Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, informed him (Blanton) of a plot to kill Ray to prevent him from testifying before that committee.

The state's key witness against Ray, Charles Stephens, an alcoholic dretel, gave testimony that was rebutted by two other witnesses, including Stephen's own common-law wife. (She was abducted and placed in a state mental hospital, with the court's approval, until after the case against Ray had been disposed of.)

No matter what your opinion on the fact is that Ray insists that he is not guilty of the crime for which he has been charged. He says he is a "political prisoner." And based upon the evidence

"Tennessee Waltz" is Ray's new book revealing the conspiracy to pin the slaying on him and to cover up the truth about Dr. King's death. The book is edited by F. Tappet Saussy, who is himself a fugitive from political persecution. It is available from Liberty Lobby, 300 Independence Ave. SE, Washington, D.C. 20003.