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Dear Jimmy,

Yes, thanks, I'm interested in anything on Hue.

I'd heard the book was out. It is not uncommon for editors to get things they don't really understand twisted but you are right, prosecutors can jump on that.

In general, if there is to be a paperback the hardback has to sell well. Good luck!

If and when you get to the gas station business again, besides the Pope directory, don't forget the yellow section of the phone book. Some libraries keep them and maybe the phone company also does.

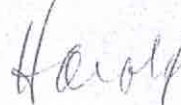
Back to Hue, if they claim privacy, send them a clipping that he's dead. Or, you might speed things up a little by doing that in advance.

On Esquivel, so you didn't know him by that name. But you did have a phone number that did reach him and Stein did not learn it the way he told the LATimes reporter, which that guy told me, you may recall. There were three Raul Esquivels, the trooper, his son and his grandson. The latter two lived in an area in which you were quoted as having expressed an interest. I can't prove it but I heard that the son had an interesting connection. Such connections, historically, were not strange in the barracks where pater familias was assigned. If you are not aware of this you might be interested in some of the books that go into the pitched battles, the bodyguards and chauffeurs, etc., from there. If I remember correctly, Leander Perez was involved in some of this wild stuff, wild except in that state.

Jerry did phone and as usual, not at a good time. I was lying down, as I am supposed to do twice a day.

I hope that John can get some kind of job when he gets out. Won't be easy at his age unless he has friends who care.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg

8 May 1987

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Dear Harold:

I'll just write a short letter to let you know I received the affidavit draft. It looks good. I haven't heard from Jerry in a while or about his xmas cards. I'll phone Carol in a week or so.

About Esquivel, I've never seen his picture but I know nothing of him under that name. I think that is just another story in the MLK case.

The book is now in circulation. One of the persons working for the publisher was here with a copy for me to check out. Generally it is pretty good although there are a few insignificant errors pertaining to my law suits. It was complicated for the editor to get everything just right since all the maneuvering in the case is complicated. Anyway if possibly I'm going to get a paperback out where I can clean up minor errors pertaining to legal aspect of the case--I don't want to go into court and answer to something I didn't say, eg., the editor got the 1986 complaint I filed for Stephens sequestered transcript with my latest HC mixed up a little. And while a reader couldn't recognize a minor error on a legal matter a prosecutor would jump on it.

I going to leave the gas stations alone. If I get a trial in Memphis in some case I can get hold of the "Pope directory" down there & locate all the stations, ect., their names, and street addresses they were or are now on.

encl; FBI paper re Bradford Huie.

Later,

I'll send you any info I get about Huie if you want it.

J. Ray





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FOIPA No. 278,582

Dear Mr. Ray:

Reference is made to your pending Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request concerning William Bradford Huie.

Additional delay may be encountered before the processing of your request can be completed. Every effort is made to handle requests in the approximate order of their receipt consistent with sound administrative practices. The time required to process a request, however, will vary depending upon such factors as the volume and complexity of the material requested, the need to consult with other government agencies as to information originated by them, and in many instances, a classification review. While it is not possible to furnish an exact date when your request will be completed, I want to assure you that it is being processed, and that all documents which can be released will be made available as soon as possible.

I regret the delay incurred in complying with your request and solicit your continued patience.

Sincerely yours,

*Emil P. Moschella*

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