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Rt. 5, 100 Hilldale Drive
Vicksburg, Mississippi
January 30, 1974

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Route 8
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I still have a dog-eared copy of Whitewash (Dell) on my bookshelf, heavily underlined, and refer to it frequently. I like your style of writing—you write as if it is a personal affront to your decency that facts had been covered-up, and there is a person behind the words. I read in Books in Print 1973 that you still published your own books, and it listed Whitewash, Whitewash II, Photographic Whitewash, and a work called Frame-up: the Martin Luther King-James Earl ~~R~~ Ray case. How much is postage & shipping if I order them from you, sir? I am especially interested in Whitewash II, and Photographic Whitewash.

This Monday I heard on the news that Ray had gotten a review granted of his appeal. He claims that his lawyer was too busy selling the rights to his story ~~to~~, I think, William Bradford Huie, about whom the less said the better. Two weeks before I heard on the radio that he had said two other men were involved in the shooting of Dr. King. Unfortunately, details of this were not forthcoming from the press in Vicksburg, Jackson, or TV news in Mississippi.

I would appreciate any information you could provide on the "two-others involved" story, on what motives were behind the King assassination, and the possibility of CIA involvement, which I doubt at present. The King murder was like the rest of the killings of blacks down here—if a conspiracy's involved, it probably was no more massive than a bunch of red-neck geeks with pals in the sheriff's office. If otherwise, well, that makes things all the worse.

Sincerely,
Kenneth C. Spell

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Dear Mr. Spell,

Your understand my writing. I do regard all of the covering up as at the very least an effort to all decencies. However, this honesty in expression is not popular commercially. Nor has The Watergate changed commercial attitudes a bit.

The reprint editions of my works are exhausted. The only available books are listed in the enclosed blanks.

Postage is about \$0.16 a book if ordered individually, \$0.24 for Frame-Up. It is a little less if all are mailed in one package. If all go together, a single insurance fee will insure them all @ \$0.20.

The decision to which you refer is that of the 6th circuit court of appeals (U.S.). It's decision comes right from my writing in Frame-Up, as does the Ray appeal. The court singled out what I exposed about Ray's earlier lawyers, particularly Foreman. The letters it cited are printed in facsimile in Frame-Up (only).

What you say of the radio report is too vague for me to comment with certainty. However, I believe you are referring to conclusions drawn from a motion Ray filed on his own prior to this decision. In that he referred not to two men but to two phone numbers. In this motion Ray also alleged that he did not see the shooting.

The answers to your other questions, to the degree I can answer them without being irresponsible, are in Frame-Up. I hope you can understand that I can't now take the time for letter-writing of that character or I'd do nothing else!

Little as your papers carry, they may print what does not appear elsewhere for all papers do not carry all wire-service copy and there are regional wire-service wires that do carry what is not on the national wires. So, if it is not asking too much, I'd appreciate it if when you see something in your papers on any of the assassinations you would send it to me.

There is also the possibility that because of your proximity to Memphis your papers might print what those here do not.

Your inferences about Huie are correct. I document that in Frame-Up, with facsimile reproduction of his contracts with Ray and Foreman and Hanes. All racists.

Thanks for your kind comments.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg