Oliver Stone and King movie- after an HBO "Trial of James Earl Ray" TV Show, scheduled for October but delayed by refusal of permission to use the actual federal courtroom 7/19/92 Memphis

Jerry Ray asked me to keep this confidential.

He has been hired, at 6-7 times his annual salary, to work on and for this HBO project that he has already been working on. He mentioned getting Oliver Patterson to play a part in it. He is leaving his present Lake Zurich job in 2-2 1/2 weeks and is moving to Memphis. HBO, in addition to this lump-sum payment, is to pay all his expenses there. When it is over, Jerry says, he will buy a couple of acres near Knoxville and put a trailer on it and live there, near a son and near Jimmy, in his retirement.

Oliver Stone appears to have arranged this for Jerry, who says he figures only in the background for now. Jerry says that Stone says - two versions - that he'll do a movie on Jerry in a couple of years and that he'll do it depending on how this HBO show goes.

The contract Jerry signed prevents him from talking to the media until after the show is aired. Jerry says he has saved enough money to buy the land and the trailer and he'll use this payment under that contract to live on.

The prison has already agreed for Jimmy to participate in his "trial" by ~~xxxx~~ satellite, Jerry says. He will "testify," no payment for it.

Jerry says another delay is from the refusal of the Tennessee court to release the evidence. This would seem to indicate that they have been trying to get the evidence use in the voir dire, not in the evidentiary hearings. He said a judge refused the use of the courtroom. I did not ask which, State or federal.

Some time ago Jerry told me that Oliver Stone had paid his expenses for him to go to New York to confer with him. Jerry describes him as "the most honorable man I've ever met next to Mark Lane." He then told me that Stone had a movie on Jimmy in mind.

the credibility of ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ what is factual. Everything else is pretty much rude/~~e~~
I doubt very much that any of the kinds of shows either of you mentioned will ~~xxxxxxx~~
have any influence on a trial. For one thing they are never accurate and for another
they discredit themselves with what they imagine and then treat as real. They do not know
enough and they are not about to do the work required to be in a position to develop the
one thing that can help with getting a trial, new evidence. Well ,most of those I've had
anything to do with have no idea what evidence is.

I'd not heard of the Sigma show. Do you know anything about it?

Sincerely,

Harold

Harold Weisberg