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Dear Dr. Clark,

The great audience you gave me and your kind personal offer have lingered on my mind. I have not been able to write earlier, as I'd wanted, because of immediate needs in my litigation for the suppressed evidence in the King assassination. Now that I have drafted a lengthy response affidavit, before returning to writing I do want to accept your offer and make a few suggestions.

However, I cannot brush past your students. I was not putting you on when I said they are the best audience I have had in ten years. They were responsible, responsive, completely uninhibited and stimulating, gratifying and quite encouraging to me. It was my first speech on the King assassination and my first black audience. That in ten years, particularly the past eight, there had been neither has been a disappointment to me.

If to a large degree this quality has to represent student reaction to the school and faculty, as I have thought about it since I have come to believe that while your students this superior they also represent what, perhaps in different degree, I might expect in other urban and industrial areas, which supply their own educational values beginning very early.

In places where there are things I would like to do in connection with the assassination of Dr. King I would like very much to have speaking engagements. This would also provide means to ends, enable me to work and perhaps enlist help while stimulating interest.

After returning I reviewed my contract with the lecture bureau and its lack of interest in the King assassination. I do not have to go through them on this. I do on JFK only. This permits me much more flexibility. Their record is not a good one, either. I have given them leads on the King assassination they not only have not followed - they haven't responded. The last was almost two months ago.

So, first of all I would appreciate the kind of letter you offered to write. However, I would rather have you write it to me so that if I have an offer or a feeler I can work immediately. I explained my interests in Atlanta. I think it is the one of most possibility and most promise. However, to do more on the King assassination I would also like to get to New Orleans, Los Angeles and Nashville. (Without engagements to pay the transportation I can't afford to travel.) I would also like to get to where there are black or largely-black law schools. Some of these students and more if they'll turn on, faculty members, can be of great help. There are really only two of us doing this work. My friend and colleague, the young man you met in John Conyers office, also is without regular income. He is just starting practice, which makes his sacrifice greater. We do all we can, but with help we could do much more. We have a very tough fight on all fronts, particularly right now with the FBI, in court. Even bodies in the courtroom can be of help. At the last hearing there was not a single spectator. The next one is on the 15th. By then the judge will have some pretty strong charges against the FBI by me to contend with. And I will have made them under oath, including against the United States Attorney's office, which is also the prosecutor.

When I have no regular income and now have a serious medical problem any appearance is welcome and useful for other than immediate needs. I can now use the honorarium from you to pay a typist if I can find one locally who can work part-time. If I can get typing done I have two-thirds of a new book on the King assassination to be retyped. (It is not on Ray - it is on the assassination and it will be largely new information and formerly suppressed evidence.)

So, if there are colleges to which you might write or introduce me I would appreciate it very much. I will be in New York the week of the 15th if there is anyone in that city to whom you think I should speak. My speech, on JFK, is on the 17th. But I'll be doing other work there most of that week.

Whether or not you can do anything, I do want to thank you for a very worthwhile and encouraging experience. Once Mel left us off at the airport and we sat down to relax and have a drink Floyd, the student who was with me, turned to me with a broad smile and said simply, "I wouldn't have missed it for anything." He has been with me on three other campuses and at two appearances on his own. He now has made a number of appearances of his own, too. For us it was that kind of an experience.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

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