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Dr. Ralph David Abernathy
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
330 Auburn Ave., N.E.
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Dear Dr. Abernathy,

C Because you do not know me and without doubt have been of interest to assorted self-seekers, I have, until now, not sought to approach you directly. However, for about a year, through various friends who have among their friends and acquaintances those who do know you and your associates, I have made repeated efforts. These have continued, but the newest development in the events beginning with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., are, in my view, so fraught with evil I believe time is running on us.

O I wrote the first of the books on the John Kennedy assassination, WHITEWASH: THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT. It earned me the continuing animosity of all publishers, for it is I who opened the subject. Since then, at bankrupting cost, I have published six additional, non-repetitive works, the last three in limited editions only. One of these deals, with entirely new information, with the murder of Dr. King.

P In the course of my investigations, I have obtained that which the federal government has suppressed, its knowledge of specific plans for Dr. King's murder, dating back to 1963. I believe I also have the suppressed federal proof of who did the actual Birmingham-church bombing. I know I have their evidence of who claimed credit for it. I also have unpublished evidence of what happened in Memphis. To the degree I could include these in a book without jeopardizing the lives of living people, this is all in one of the limited editions.

Y Within the brevity of a letter, there are several thoughts I would like to impress upon you.

First, please regard "Klan" in this case as no more than shorthand. For this kind of the most virulent racism, the most extreme elements of the Klan have been recruited by the so-called "National States Rights Party". I encourage you not to regard them as mere "nuts". The NSRP had four separate plots against John Kennedy of which I have knowledge from what has been suppressed by federal "investigators". I have what they suppressed. I believe it is they who tried to pull the Meridian bombing in which the "saintly" Kathy Ainsworth was killed and for which her associate, Tarrant, has been convicted.

Second, important as the usual police-type of investigation is, for it produces raw materials, I have yet to meet the police investigator who understands what must be known for proper, meaningful analysis of such political, racist crimes. Those who are not intellectually crippled by their own limitations are so inhibited by policies over which they have no control they can do nothing.

There is a definite, detectable pattern to the various assassinations,

I was able to and I did forecast those of Dr. King and Senator Kennedy. I would encourage you not to assume they must be without relationship.

In any event, I think I have much information that should be of value to you. I hope you would want to use it. I believe the aggressive use of what we do know is one of the few ways in which the living can be protected against such crimes. It is also the only way in which we can hope to force honest solutions to these crimes.

Now Eastland has raised his ugly head. To those knowing his history and that of his committee, he will attempt to convert this tragedy into a new "red" hunt, in which everyone to the left of the John Birch mind is "red". That committee actually tried the same tack with the John Kennedy murder. And with J.E. Stoner as Ray's counsel, need I try and predict the tack he will take? Again, with Stoner, I tell you he is NSRP. He almost became Ray's counsel in October 1968.

And what is even worse, some of your own people have been misused in the "minitrial". I have their statements that are inconsistent with the testimony adduced from them.

In each of the accounts of each of the assassinations we have been carefully fed carefully prefabricated obfuscations. In each case, federal authority knew better. How much better you cannot, in your wildest imaginings, begin to believe. In the King case, we now face the prospect of its conversion into a monster propaganda machine with the potential for enormous harm.

It is beyond my capacity to go to Atlanta, for this work has put me deep in debt. However, I am but an hour from Washington or Baltimore, where I can meet you the next time you are either place. His coming week, I will be in the New York area Thursday, Friday and part of Saturday. If you have a trusted associate in either Baltimore or Washington, I can meet with him. What would be better would be if he were to come here, for I cannot carry all I have with me. Last summer, the then-head of our local NAACP, Mr. Leonard Green, read the manuscript. He said it is the most frightening book he has ever read, but he was unable to interest others to the point of doing anything. Should you want his appraisal, his phone number is 301/662-6221.

I do look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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