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Dear Wayne,

Glad to get your mailed the 27th. I'm make as much reply as I can for I'm trying to rush to completion one of three books I've been writing. There is a special reason. That, like much else, will have to await your coming for further explanation. I am into too much.

Tape recorder; depends on how much you want to put into one and how you want to use it. You can get a very good standard-size cassette machine here for \$30.00. If you want a really good one that is quite portable, I'd recommend what I was fortunate enough to be given as a gift, a Sony TC-40. It is not the smallest made. Sony learned there was too much trouble with the. In some places AP uses these extensively and with little trouble. The less expensive one is about the size of the one you saw me using. The Sony-the one they sent to the moon - is 3 3/4 x 6 1/2. The less expensive one includes a battery eliminator.

Cassettes have several advantages, one being easiest storage.

Didn't know the Esso station had been levelled. I have reason to believe Willie Green is the wrong man, as I'll explain when you are here, but it is a good idea to check it out and I'm glad you are going to.

Microfilm can be printed out. Or is it that you don't want them to know you are doing it? If that is the case, please ask Ted Glenn 398-7204 to do it at the college library and tell him it is for me but to let you have it, you'll send of bring, and keep a copy. I think the story you described may be important in the future. Have you asked the reporter if he kept his notes? He may have what he didn't use or got cut. If he has notes, it would be good to try and transcribe everything. I suppose he also spoke to the other reporters who worked on the story.

One other thing missing from both morgues is the history of the sketch. Is it a safe assumption the story was torn out for Renfro?

The CIA part is complicated, wheels within wheels. From "Devil to Pay", I was bucking them. There came a time when they really did oppose the mercenaries. I have interviewed several, and although they are very big (lit) liars, they all agree on this. Until JFK was killed. Policy after that I don't know and won't argue with you if you say it changed back. That is quite possible, but I have no evidence of it.

What Renfro says about Youngblood and him and about being in Cuba himself is rubbish. He can't pronounce the names he had to have heard every day had he been there. He spoke to me at some length and I was polite. But does he have to do more than call Che "She"?

JFK did appoint such a panel after the Bay of Pigs. Bobby was on it.

You are also right on DIA, but it is much more than that. DIA is now vast, perhaps larger than CIA, and never mentioned.

Right on changed policy after Cuba Missile crisis. What you do not say is that it was not implemented by the spooks, to the best of my knowledge, until the end of 7/63. It may have been without my knowing it. In my own thinking, the foot went down with an FBI raid on a Cuban ammo dump north shore Lake Ontchartrain. In 1/63 the Cubans had a big meeting I've never checked out in Guatemala, about the time Hemming & Co. were looking for Rorke's crashed plane/

I do not have Prouty's writing to which you refer or if I have I've forgotten that part. I regard him as entirely dependable on fact and on interpretation.

I have not kept track of Cabell, but what you say sound correct

The beginning of what you say of Youngblood, his early days, is new to me. Even where it sounds farout I am willing to believe it, like that te ns-Yalu bit. Those kinds of

things did happen and he's the type to try it.

Your political characterization of Arbenz is an over-simplification, but unless it is relevant, I'll make no further comment.

It may not figure in your work, but much more than CIA was involved in the overthrow of the Arbenz government, named Nicaragua and the Dominican dictatorship plus Venezuela, whence much stangng and arranging.

That Cabell picked Youngblood for that caper would seem to be consistent with Robin Moore's portrait, which I recall fairly well. Moreover, for something like that it would have to be someone who could not be connected should it fail. Anything involving Latins gets talked about. I know a man who had to have been involved in the Venezuela end, and he told me where he was and before he went, how long he'd be gone. Not American, Latin....I didn't know of Curtis Youngblood...I do remember Moore's account of the first Castro dealings. Your fact or your interpretation, whichever it may be, is reasonable, and like the agency.

It is when we get to Nancy Ferrin Rich that we get onto ticklish ground. I, frankly, can't tell when she was truthful, when she lied. I do know the colonel in that story is not the one made suspect by the feds. I have come to know him well. I can add a bit on Bramer. One of the few apparently dependable things the man who went by the name of Boxley did for Garrison was get from him a xerox of a telegram asking him to join the Bay of Pigs. This man saw to it that there was no copy in the Garrison files. An associate of his showed it to be the day before he fled New Orleans, the two of them having boobytrapped Garrison who also activated their perhaps well-intentioned trap. I exposed it. It would have been ruinous. They have Ferrin still alive! And more and worse. If the FBI read Moore's book they'd have know where to find the real Youngblood, and if they had no other way, they could have done it through Moore or the agent, if not the publishers. So, that they never got the right one has to be non-accidental, for they also knew him. They have to have a rap sheet and prints on him. He has a "risco record of which I know. I can probably put you in touch with the lawyer a friend of mine out there located, the lawyer who defended him. I have it someplace in my files, but it is probably in a very large one and would take long to find. Easier to write and ask if you want. The Brazil story sounds familiar, but I do not know where I heard it. I know "enfro had some of this stuff, but I also know that Livingston's partner, who gave every appearance of taking an instant dislike to me, knows Y well...The only close relative of Kent Courtney of whom I know is an also-right-wing brother Cy. Never heard of Ken. Now there is also an Alan Courtney, a "mia right-wing writer. May have had a radio program, too. Not clear in recollection. If he did, he was also connected with all the US Cuban mercenaries. The mysterious saving from the firing squad is inconsistent with all "afferer stories. He is a real sadist, was known as El Tigre for his viciousness. I did not discount the possibility, if that is in the Herald files, that it was contrived as part of a cover story. Your next graph, which I now see, is not in any way inconsistent with this hunch.

In the book, knowing something of Moore's approach and Youngblood's wildness, I had some trouble following it when he said he got on the outs with Castro. My recollection is unclear, but it is to the effect that some of it seems not to stack well. Again, not inconsistent, if true, with agency connection. But that did require steel nerves!

Do you think that Y would have recruited two cops for such a caper without worrying about what would happen? Are cops so free they can come and go like this? I think cops would have been bad if anything had gone wrong, and the agency would have screamed if he was then still working for them, and would the cops risk their jobs this way? The last graph on 4, the Miami arrest, bears on the earlier point about the FBI missing, which can't be and makes credible an agency connection that was protected. But who called the cops? Who knew and could have? It is important that Y became prosecution witness instead of defendant, but he was the real offender. Could they have pulled that off, the Miami police? Doubt it. And when he screamed, even more reason to infer influence used.

There is no doubt there is ample reason to suspect an agency connection. My biggest trouble was with the time, when I knew JFK had put his foot down and when, from what could

be no more than a cover account, Y was fighting or being fought by the feds. Certainly the book would seem to mark the end of official usefulness. Or do you disagree?

That Youngblood was part of Doubl-Chek is credible. Have you check the stories of the pro-Bay Pigs foolishness, when an allegedly shot-up B-26 landed at Key West and the reporter saw through the sham? That could also have been the kind of thing he could have been used for. But this story of the airlines pilot presents a problem: those U-2 types were kept to themselves. And how could Y have had any connection with that kind of operation? How, then, can this guy know that Y was with the agency until 1965 if he was used as a U-2 pilot? Is it more than Y so told him?

It can provide a credible motive for the JFK assassination, but not King. Renfro also said that the agency boys wanted vengeance, feeling sold out. But if they knew what happened, they sought vengeance on the wrong man, for he had never agreed to what the agency promised, and they should have gone after the liars with false promises. Besides, there were no plans of which I know for air cover on the first attack. That was made up.

Is Bob's partner Walter? Well, I heard he knew Y was then in Memphis....what is more interesting is what I suppose is, like in Dallas, unavailable, the identifications from the police of those they arrested....I got a similar story from Tompason about the set-up and just don't believe it. They needed but one and they had the best in Ray.

Nor do I believe the story that Ray blundered, and I'll tell you why when you are here. I remember Renfro's and Warren Smith's story, and I know Jim's ^{Club} ~~Club~~ was remodeled. I was there. But Renfro himself is capable of having written that number near the booth. Or was it a wall phone? However, there is one aspect of the Haiti story that interests me, the gun-seller, and that can't be Raoul. There was a Haiti caper going then. I have one of the guns (Walif) on tape with another present. They claimed to have agency backing, which I then doubted. Both were former mercenaries (Cuba), one claimed to have been there with Castro (not impossible), and they talked quite openly to me and on the phone while I was there about this. But why was it necessary to buy guns through such a seller when there is Cummings, Interarmco, etc?

The next day Y would have known about the evidence left behind. It was reported. One could argue counter to you, that knowing there was nothing on him he could have gone there and arranged to attract attention so he would be picked up and released before there was what should have been expected but never was, any real investigation.

Your argument on who Y could have called is persuasive if the police were not themselves first persuaded that they had nothing on him. And, if he had an agency connection of the past it could have helped him then, for the last thing they wanted was any of theirs, past or present, implicated.

I'll wait for you to be here to discuss other possible motives. And you are correct that all of the right are not racists, and some minorities who are the victims of racism also produce members for the extreme right.

I don't think the real King killers did it for patriotic reasons, real or fancied. I think it was for \$\$\$\$\$. But, God knows how many separate plots there could have been, were most of the time....There is another possibility on whether Ray ever heard of Youngblood, that is Y's use of another name....I see no point in establishing a surveillance post prior to the crime. I wasn't needed....Your questions are all reasonable, but I just don't think the crime was committed that way. I think if he served any role, he was the or a killer, not a patsy, unless it was arranged for a second patsy with a real alibi to be available in the event the first didn't work, and it was a farout thing that did work... Glad you are coming. The time now is open, but I never know what can happen. My wife is working to help a friend 8/23-7, so I have to take her to work at 9 and get her at 5. We are an hour away. If you are driving, you are welcome here. This time of the year reservations can be tight in DC. By the way, keep you have the stories on Canale at the Pick, with slides. I think the best approach is just to talk about these things. I have forgotten much about the little I knew of him...And one thing about all those types is that they like to be connected with action, even if they fancy the connection, and then talk about it among themselves. I have met enough to know this is true of those I have met. ...Think about his alleged casino connections. They might be interesting. If you recall any names, note them not to forget. Thanks for the long explanation. Hope these random comments may be of some use. See you soon.

Dear Harold

I think I will take your advice about the tape recorder. Where would be a good place to buy one?

As you probzly know, the Esso station has been leveled. I talked to the people at Texaco, and they do not remember Willie Green. I used to know the owner very well, but he sold out about the time of the King assassination. His son is in partnership with the new owner, and the son promised he would ask his Dad (who now lives in Florida) if he remembers Willie. Social Security numbers, or other personnel records may be still in son's possession. He said he would let me know.

As far as this particular incident is concerned, I wouldn't think of using it in my book unless:

- (1) I located Willie Green...
- (2) Got a signed statement from him.

As far as the newspaper article, I cannot find it in the Ray file. Someone tore it from the bound file (I think I know who), and I haven't checked the micro film as that would not do any good as far as furnishing a copy. I know the reporter who wrote story, and he gave me approximate time he wrote it (late April or early May)...

I think we discussed Youngblood before. As far as CIA policy is concerned, what is it? Can you tell me? From gist of most of my research on CIA at that time was:

- (1) After Bay of Pigs, Kennedy appointed blue ~~panel~~ panel to investigate inner workings:
- (2) Kennedy set up Defense Intelligence Agency inside Dept. of Defense to evaluate much of CIA intelligence, especially that pertaining to enemy defense activities (missile sites, troop movements, etc)
- (3) After Cuban Missile Crisis, Kennedy switched foreign policy in regard to supporting future invasion of Cuba, and ordered the hierarchy of CIA to disband guerilla, and other para-military insurgency groups undergoing training in U.S. That was late November 1962, and December 1962.
- (4) On January 1963, the directives (which Prouty spoke about) went into effect, and ~~purported~~ purported to make sweeping changes -- especially in the plans & operations divisions of CIA,
- (5) In February, 1963, Maj. Gen. Charles Cabell, one of the few active duty military personnel assigned to CIA hierarchy, formally retired from service. As deputy director under Dulles, he -- more than any other executive at the upper echelon level -- had more control over para-military operations conducted by the plans & operations divisions. He actively recruited discharged veterans of military service to join covert military operations of CIA. He played an important role in such ventures as occurred in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Bay of Pigs...

What is important about (5) is that when Cabell, ^{formally} left his ~~position~~ position with the CIA, he probably retained as much control and knowledge over the covert activities of the plans & operations division because most of the people who remained at this level ^{had been} recruited and assigned by him. The theory that Dulles acted upon in retaining Cabell all those years was that the CIA needed its own military chief of staff to coordinate these paramilitary activities, so CIA could retain its autonomy and be free of Joint Chiefs of Staffs interference. (more)

Where does Youngblood fit in?

In 1953, in the first year of the Republican administration, Youngblood dropped out of the University of Arkansas where he had a promising career, both scholastically and athletically (he played most of the major games of the Razorback season), and went to Canada. That was in early November. Youngblood had been enrolled since September, and had been discharged from the U.S. Army in August.

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He [redacted] in the U.S. Air Force in [redacted] 1950, and was promptly selected for aviation cadet training. He had a commercial pilot's license, and had been flying since 1946. (I have talked to a Miller County farmer who unofficially taught him to fly at age 15, several months below the required age of 16 according to then existing CAA regulations.)

Half through aviation [redacted] training, he was washed out for disciplinary reasons. I have never [redacted] learned what those reasons actually were. He then enlisted in the paratroopers, finished Ranger training at Ft. Benning, and went to Korea where he earned a [redacted] battlefield commission. He claimed he once rescued a B-29 crew which had been shot down north of the Yalu river, and saved the Air Force some embarrassment as the raid was over Red Chinese territory.

While Youngblood was still in the Army, he was sent to Panama where he met several Latin American politicians and military figures. Youngblood, who looks like a Cherokee Indian and can pass for a Latin American, learned to speak fluent Spanish. While on attache duty in Panama, he traveled freely throughout Guatemala (where left wing Col. Arbenz was dictator), learning [redacted] sites, terrain features, customs of the villagers, etc.

It appears he was being programmed for the Army or government's future plans to topple Arbenz. Youngblood became a frequent companion of Col. [redacted] Castillo-Armas in Panama City. At an embassy party, Youngblood, Armas and Arbenz, a visiting dignitary, [redacted] under a polite guise of conversation, Arbenz threatened Castillo-Armas, saying he would shoot him if he ever returned to Guatemala.

When Youngblood was discharged from Army, he entered the University of Arkansas. He [redacted] ostensibly because [redacted] [redacted] by the student body, which acted on a complaint by a co-ed who said Youngblood raped her. The same charge had been made to the sheriff's office, which refused to act upon it.

expelled

Youngblood went to Canada. In three weeks, he was hired to return to Guatemala for a covert assignment--namely, to rescue Castillo Armas, who had returned to Guatemala and was promptly captured by Arbenz.

Youngblood went to Panama city first where he met with the daughter of Armas who paid him a large sum of money (some say \$100,000) and offered him the aid of a trained body of guerilla trained Guatemalians. Youngblood purchased a large [redacted] Amphibian plane, selected five of the guerillas, launched his own training program, and in early [redacted] January, he flew into a village where Castillo-Armas was [redacted] imprisoned, and rescued him.

The rest of history. With [redacted] Castillo-Armas free, the CIA set up an exile government headed by Castillo-Armas, furnished him with an army of mercenaries and [redacted] an air force, made up of several young World War II American aces.

W Youngblood was Castillo-Armas personal pilot and bodyguard. [redacted] the coup d'etat was success, Youngblood remained in close touch with the newly established dictator, but spent much time flying around South America. He once operated a gold mine in Peru, I believe it was, but always returned to Guatemala, where he had been granted some gambling [redacted] casino licenses.

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It was the issue of freely granted gambling casinos that Castillo-Armas lost the support of a faction of the Army, which began to plot against him.

Then, sometime in 1955, Castillo-Armas was assassinated. The assassin was never caught and case remains unsolved. Youngblood said he was out of the country when the act occurred, and did not return to Guatemala until several years later.

Now, there are some military people who were familiar with Youngblood's record--both with the Air Force and the Army--and they say Youngblood was picked for the Guatemalan rescue assignment by none other than Maj. Gen. Charles Cabell.

Youngblood's uncle, Navy Captain Curtis Youngblood, ostensibly a Navy Judge Advocate in Panama, but in reality a leading Naval Intelligence official for South America, was good friend of Cabell. Both were from the Southwest (Cabell from Dallas, Youngblood from Texarkana, Ark.)..

Because CIA wanted to know what Fidel Castro was up to in Mexico in 1957, Youngblood was assigned to infiltrate the Castro organization. His first assignment by Castro was to smuggle arms from Philadelphia to Mexico City aboard a beat-up, oil leaking C-45, and I suppose it was no surprise that he managed to fly three shipments from U.S. into Mexico.

Now, doesn't this ring a bell? Remember the Nancy Perrin Rich story about the caper to smuggle arms into Castro controlled Cuba several years later after Castro had taken over the island.

"Eddie Brauner and Youngblood were friends of my late husband," Mrs. Rich said in an interview with Warren Commission investigator. Unknown to Mrs. Rich, a man she described as a "mysterious young Cuban" who sat in a meeting in Dallas apartment house was probably Youngblood himself.

As you point out several times in "Frame Up," the FBI was great for getting caught in the feedback of their own misinformation. Bud Fensterwald said the FBI questioned several Youngbloods in Dallas area, but never did contact the real one...Walter Alfred (Jack) Youngblood, who is not listed in the directory or telephone book. He actually lives in Allen, Ark., about 180 miles away from Dallas.

But getting back to the pre-Castro Cuban days, Youngblood stayed on with Castro, flying several missions for him, inside Batista controlled Cuba as well as other Latin American nations.

According to Miami Herald files, Youngblood got in trouble with Brazilian officials as well as U.S. Department of State authorities when he was discovered in Brazil without proper entry credentials. During the same period, a top Batista diplomat was slain in Brazil.

Youngblood claimed he had been enroute to Argentina and had crashed over the Brazilian jungles with two other persons as passengers. (One he identified as "Ken"--not Kent--Courtney of New Orleans. He could be related to the right wing publisher.)

Youngblood said the two passengers disagreed as to the best route to travel out of the jungle, so he split up with the other two, and trekked his way out of the jungle--drinking champagne and eating canned goods. He said his Cherokee Indian complexion helped to ingratiate himself with several primitive Indian tribes and helped him back to civilization.

NOW GET THIS: Once having been turned over to state

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department officials, Brazilian officials told the U.S. to get Youngblood out of the country immediately, apparently hearing of an assassination plot against the Batista diplomat.

The U.S. purchased a one way steamship ticket for Youngblood from Brazil to New Orleans. En route to the docks, accompanied by a state department security officer, Youngblood escaped after the cab in which they were traveling was crashed into by another vehicle. The Batista diplomat was assassinated ~~in~~ sometime that night. How Youngblood got back into the U.S. still remains a mystery, according to the Miami-Herald news file.

But back in Miami, Youngblood spent his time traveling from the Mainland to Cuba. In the book by Robin Moore, Youngblood admitted assassinating two ~~Batista~~ Batista security officials with a flame thrower as a training exercise to show how the fiery weapon operated to two Cuban guerilla recruits.

The Miami ~~batista~~ Herald reported that Youngblood was captured by Batista's security forces, headed by Rolando Masferrer. The charges were not too specific, one hinting that he had swindled some casino out of large amounts of cash, another report saying he had actually held up a casino with fire arms.

~~batista ordered Youngblood~~ to the firing squad, but at the last minute, Youngblood was saved (after two Cubans were executed), and ordered out of the country.

Youngblood went back to the mainland, and here a certain pattern emerges that indicated that Youngblood may have been a double spy. On one hand he was supposed to be working with Castro to overthrow Batista. But when the chips ~~was~~ down, ~~and~~ Batista ~~was~~ executing pro-Castro Cubans, Youngblood is spared.

This pattern becomes more obvious when you review events that occurred after Castro gained control over the island.

Youngblood was flying back and forth from Miami to Cuba. He was one of the few Americans that could get close to Castro, whom Youngblood said owed him at least \$500,000 for payment for myriad services (guerilla raids, assassinations, etc, etc)...in the book, Youngblood said he always distrusted Castro's brother, Raul (familiar name).

Then, Castro supposedly made Youngblood a deal. He would pay him what he owed him if Youngblood would pull one more caper--namely, kidnap, and return Rolando Masferrer to the Cuba so Castro ~~could~~ line him up before a firing squad.

Remember, Youngblood himself was once a prisoner of Masferrer, and was spared. So here is a basis of assuming that what was to happen later was the quid pro quo for Masferrer returning Youngblood to the mainland after execution of Youngblood's associates.

According to the Miami files, Youngblood was ordered by Castro to pick two associates, bring ~~to~~ Cuba and let Castro himself approve them before the kidnapping ~~and~~ caper would be attempted.

Youngblood paid two Miami Springs policemen to fly to Cuba with him. Apparently Castro did not approve of Youngblood's associates, and called ~~the~~ the scheme off. Youngblood flew the two men back to Miami but apparently did not break the news to them that they were not approved.

Then, ~~the~~ someone called the Miami police intelligence squad and told them of the plot to kidnap Masferres. Youngblood, and the two policemen were arrested.

While the policemen were ~~actually~~ actually placed in jail and put under bond, Youngblood was released at the city jail after he was fingerprinted and mugged. No bond was set for his release, according to both police records and the newspaper clippings at the Herald.

Very important

When the case came up for trial, the case against the two policemen were dropped when the prosecution could not produce a state witness--Youngblood himself.

Defense attorneys for the two policemen told the judge at the hearing that ~~it was peculiar~~ that Youngblood was now listed as a prosecution witness, because it was announced earlier that he was one of the three defendants.

The attorneys noted that it was also peculiar that ~~he~~ did not show up because a few minutes before the trial started, Youngblood was in the court hallway--talking to two FBI agents.

Youngblood

Quick disappearance?

Now do you doubt that Youngblood was not connected with the CIA?

The last reason I can state much more succinctly. Renfro Hays has referred me to a Southern Airlines pilot, who used to fly the U-2 over Russia with Gary Powers. Powers mentioned him at least once in his book, "Overhead Flight." This source has definitely identified Youngblood as being with the agency as late as 1965, when the pilot left the CIA. He said Youngblood was one of the B-26 pilots who participated in the raid over Cuba during Bay of Pigs. He was one of those who survived. As you know, from the famous "Birmingham widows" story in Wise's "Invisible Government," there were three Americans who didn't make it.

This creates a motive for assassination of Kennedy, but does not create a basis of motive for assassination of King--unless it was purely for money.

But there is another explanation for Youngblood's presence in Memphis on the day of King's assassination. Another source in Memphis knows youngblood and said Youngblood called him that night. As you know, Jowers has identified Youngblood as the man the police arrested at 9 a.m. on April 5, the morning after the assassination, on the sidewalk outside his cafe.

Youngblood told this other Memphis source--not Hays--that he was being set up as a patsy. He believes that he and Ray were supposed to have been in the room 5 together when the fatal shot was supposed to have been fired.

Not Russell X. Thompson either!

Youngblood, however, never made contact with Ray, because Ray blundered. ^(Ray) went to Jim's Club ^(instead of Jim's Grill) and wrote the number 5 (it was still there until five months ago when the place changed hands and was remodeled) ⁽⁵⁾ on the wall by the telephone. ~~Witnesses~~ remember seeing Ray in Jim's Club, while other witnesses remember seeing Youngblood in Jim's ^{Grill} ~~Club~~--including Jowers.

^(may have) Youngblood sensed something was happening. He was supposed to be in town to make contact with a gun seller, who was supposed to show him a model of a weapon that he (Youngblood) was supposed to get inside Haiti. Youngblood claims not to be a racist (see opening chapter of "The Devil To Pay" where Youngblood castigates the prejudices of white East Texas farmers, including his own father, for their irrational hatred of Negroes.)

Youngblood returned to the cafe the next day, fearing that if he left town, he might be suspect in the King slaying, according to the Memphis source who knows Youngblood. Now this has some basis of logic to me. after all, if Youngblood was not part of the conspiracy, ~~he would have~~ ^{he would have} ~~been about the~~ ^{been about the} evidence ~~left~~ left behind to implicate Ray? By showing up at the cafe the next day, and getting ~~himself~~ arrested, he could show that while his motives weren't purely legitimate, he certainly wasn't part of a murder scheme. This is why the police

probably turned him loose, ^{and never would admit publicly} ~~he was in custody~~

I discussed Youngblood with Bob Jensen with FB and Frank Holloman with Memphis police. Jensen inadvertently tipped his hand and as far as I am concerned, he practically admitted that Youngblood was not only in town, but was in custody for at least two hours on the morning of the fifth. While several Mississippi youths (one whose father is a prominent lawyer in Memphis) were ^{arrested} ~~arrested~~ a couple of hours earlier than Youngblood, ^{and} they let out a rebel yell in front of the rooming house, Youngblood was turned loose some two hours after his arrest. These youths were held in jail until 6 p.m. that night.

Thus, assuming all parties got their one telephone call, it would ~~appear~~ appear that Youngblood knew someone with influence greater than anyone called by the Mississippi students, including the one whose father was a prominent lawyer.

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~~But there is always the possibility that the motive behind King's assassination was not racist-oriented. Or, it may be that the motive was not totally racist, but spawned of politic-ideological considerations as you astutely suggested in your book.~~

I suppose it is possible for a person to be totally liberal on the race question, but at the same time, be possessed of the right wing, ~~authoritarian~~ authoritarian-militaristic cast of mind--the type of rigid ideology that had held the minds of such people as the late George Sokosky, or ^{that tiny minority of} ~~the~~ Jews, who--apparently ~~was~~ motivated at the subconscious level to prove themselves more 100 per cent American than the self-alleged 100 per cent Gentile militant right.

Let's suppose Youngblood--a descendant of the "American Indian"--has that cast of mind. It figures, doesn't it, that the killing of King was a patriotic act--one that could conveniently ~~reap~~ ^{reap} him ~~a~~ a handsome sum of money. I have always noticed that the ability to reap a profit never interfered with the average right winger's enthusiasm to espouse what he considered to be a patriotic cause.

Perhaps, Ray was the scapegoat--the patsy--set up by none other than Youngblood. Bob Livingston ^{quoted Ray as saying} ~~said~~ the name Youngblood never meant anything to him. "While we have never allowed Ray's veracity or lack of it to deter us from fathoming every aspect of this case, it could be that Ray had never heard of Youngblood because he had never met him. The man he referred to as Raoul may have been the middle man between Youngblood and Ray.

Wasn't it in Crime And Punishment where the criminal returned to the police station to taunt the police after commission of his crime?

Youngblood, by making himself as if he was being made a patsy, could accomplish two things: he ~~was~~ was enabled to establish a ~~surveillance~~ surveillance post ~~at~~ prior to the commission of the crime to check for any last minute oversights; and two, he would be able to return to the scene of crime ~~at~~ flagrante delicto. Again, he could use his role of suspect as a surveillance point to determine what the police really had learned and the direction the investigation was heading.

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I believe I discussed some aspects of these facts pertaining to Youngblood with you while you were in Memphis, but you seemed to be rather skeptical of his connection.

But do you not think it is coincidental that:

.FBI questioned several persons by Youngblood in Dallas after Kennedy assassination, ostensibly to confirm or refute Nancy Perrin Rich's story.

.A man named Youngblood connected with Jack Ruby in a gun running scheme in Cuba, that is if Mrs. Rich's story is true. If story is not true, isn't it coincidental that she picked the name of a man who actually existed and who had been associated with gun running schemes not only to Cuba but other Latin American nations for almost a decade prior to the alleged incident in her story?

.A man named Youngblood has been associated with activities of covert nature, the same activities which are often and usually financed--if not actively directed--by the CIA.

.That the real Youngblood was in Memphis on the day of the assassination, as well as the day after.

Well, I hope to see you between Aug. 21-29. I will give you a ring when I get to Washington. Haven't got my hotel reservation yet, and I will write you as soon as I know. I will also bring copy of article you requested as I have one last place I might be able to obtain one.

Wayne Chastain Jr.

P.S....I pass on this information about Youngblood, because I felt that you are undoubtedly a most resourceful investigator and being located in the Washington, D.C. complex, you might have occasion to probe for any official connection between him and the CIA....I have exhausted any sources at this level. As I prob

told you, I grew up in Texarkana, Tex., and know several people who knew Jack and his family, who lived about 40 miles away at Alleen, Ark. So, Jack and I are the same age, and while our paths have never crossed, we joined the U.S. Air Force the same year--1950. From the time ~~1950~~ I was discharged in 1954, until 1965, I went to school, worked on newspapers, and traveled through many towns. ~~There~~ Everywhere I went, when people asked me where I was from, and I told them, it always seemed there was someone in the crowd who knew Jack Youngblood, and who asked me if I knew him. Some of the stories, of course, are ~~gross exaggeration~~ gross exaggeration, if not pure fiction. (But check the Miami Herald and Tribune, and there are ~~more~~ more)

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enough true stories about him to make it unnecessary to exaggerate
the real ones.

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