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Dear Wayne,

When I wrote you early this morning and added that note to the dust jacket of Crazy Annie's book (she sent it to me last week) I was certain I'd hear from you today. The reason I mailed the note despite this is to let you know my schedule.

However, I expect to return on this trip not through Memphis and we won't be able to get together when I return.

When you say Lane's refutation of McMillan is not bad you stretch and are overly kind to Lane. Anyone who would undertake to say that Jerry Ray is not a liar is crazy. Jerry boasts of being a liar and of having lied to McMillan. I warned him against this for years. As a matter of fact, regardless of what kind of person McMillan is in this, Jerry defrauded him.

However, I regard the whole McMillan bit as irrelevant and what Jerry did and did not do also as irrelevant. Except that McMillan was trying to take advantage of him, too. In a different way.

Each of the three is his own kind of scoundrel.

However, I'm glad you have enough law work to make coming out to the airport impossible.

From your having said nothing about it I gather that either you did not speak to Holloman or he is just going to hope that as in time he will, Lane just goes away. I don't know if Holloman is a good or a bad person aside from what you told me, which is that he is not bad.

But Lane is improvising all sort of really miserable things to say about him. He practically says that Hoover sent Holloman there to see that King was killed.

Total fabrication beginning with plagiarism.

Whether or not Holloman has any concern for this or what his family may think of it or even if he has any indication of what Lane is saying I do not know. I also do not know whether Lane and the publisher's lawyers have phrased all of this to make it difficult to do anything. I do know that if anyone else were saying such things about me I'd not be silent.

Lane is the major disinformation operator of all. I'll be glad to help anyone who would try to do something to end this terrible business of him spreading lies just to attract attention to himself and enrich himself, as he does, regardless of his lies.

Sorry we won't get together this trip. We will yet.

Best wishes,

May 29, 1977

Dear Harold

I have moved, so here's my new address:

P.O. Box 4803
Memphis, Tenn. 38104

Nothing new to report.

I have a child custody case on the calendar for 9:30 a.m. June 10. Not that my practice is all that extensive, but it has picked up in the past few weeks. So if you come on that date, I can't make it to the airport. My matter in court will be lengthy and will probably not be heard, until the judge has disposed of that day's calendar. Being on Friday, there will be a lot of motions he will pass on, as Friday is motion day, in the civil courts.

Please get the return date as soon as possible. I have a very flexible schedule for June, July, and probably August. I am most engaged in doing research and brief writing for appellate matters for two lawyers. Other than one Habeas Corpus client (his prison drafted brief almost sounded like JER), and three other cases, I have no courtroom work scheduled for the summer. So I know I can probably get with you on the return flight.

There's hasn't ~~been~~ been a lot said about MLK, Ray, or the investigation in past weeks, although the Committee investigators were in town a couple of weeks ago. Perhaps, it because I have been busy with other matters.

It has been seven weeks since Doubleday took my manuscript. There ^{is} supposed to be at least nine other persons at Doubleday to read it, and I am not sure whether the first one has yet. I think Lane's book has fostered the general impression that it is a comprehensive treatment of the case. In reality, it is only a ~~teaser~~ teaser. It is very superficial. I have read it, and although the part refuting most of McMillan's material is not bad, it is almost bare of anything new. If that is all Lane knows about the case, it is fantastic.

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then it is fantastic how he became a so-called national expert on the case.

Ironically enough, Jay Fred Friedman is now next door to the old RXT law ~~firm~~ firm. His address is Suite 402, First American Bank Building, 147 Jefferson Avenue, Memphis, Tenn. 38103.

Look forward to seeing you on return trip, or on first trip if you happen to re-schedule it for another day.

Wayne

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