

Under Leads

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Dear Wayne,

Relet, best leave M. out of whatever you had in mind on Texas. That is the kind of thing that has to be done with delicacy not to be misinterpreted.

You have a point in LHO/Tooker. It has always piqued my curiosity, but I laid it to the rest of the family, their political beliefs.

Gas station. Take mental note for future ~~xxx~~ and your interest in parallele, several involved (differently) with LHO. Glad you are working on that. You outline the right approach, slowly, carefully, to eliminate any possibility error, no matter how in ocent. It is the kind of thing that can be fantastically important in court. I have never made any mention of it so we can check it out thoroughly, build it properly and accurately for the proper moment, and then in the context of the rest of the really exculpatory evidence + already have, esp. what is not in the book. Please do not overlook the possible interest of the prosecution. In a number of cases + now have them using what witnesses told them selectively, omitting the (totally) exculpatory. If the FBI or locals were there and get the story you can get, this will make it even better. But it also can provided a basis for great things on discovery.

When you talk to the new owner, and especially because you correctly do not want to put words in his mouth, let me suggest two things. Remember that Ray has a very inconspicuous appearance. He just doesn't stand out, which may be one of the things that made him attractive to those who used him. And second of all, inconspicuous as is the incident I described to you, if someone recalls that and does it with clarity it can be more important than if he confabulates and adds dubious detail. Also, as a means of bringing the incident back to mind, perhaps if it is recalled by whoever spoke to Ray, they may then later recall other things, including a possible or tentative identification. If there is recall of the incident and uncertainty about the identity, it might be more effective before a jury than a strong, positive identification. You are correct in working it, as you say, "patiently". I am trying to get more info for you on it and if I do I'll send it. Also, they may have had another employee, maybe a temporary one.

I am to have things given me when Bud gets back, which is some time next week. After I go over it, I'll be asking J for other things, and I think I can safely go into this without disclosing too much to censorship.

Got late last night, tired, much to catch up on. Good luck on trip.

Best,