

They got a reversal for a man framed by the
quilty Cochran family + convicted by his own lawyer -
Percy Foreman!

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Mr. Steven Duke, Professor of Law
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Dear Mr. Duke,

Were it not that the work I do, quite opposite the propaganda against it, rather than enriching is impoverishing, I would have been at New Haven before this to see what else there is in your files that you can let me have without ethical problems. From the time I first heard of the Miller case I have felt it may contain some of the missing links I have been seeking. What you sent indicates this, and other clues suggest themselves from time to time.

The March issue of Harth features several articles under the title "Heroin Traffic and the CIA". I have just been sent a copy and I have merely skimmed it. Indirectly, it seems to link the Cochran family to the Southeast Asia operation (footnote 63). If I do not suggest that Mr. Helms is responsible for the King assassination, I do seek to follow all leads possible. Hence my request for all you could give me on this family.

Somebody is reading Ray inside the maximum-security jail in which he is. He insists he has not tried to escape. I have no way of evaluating his denial in the first case, but in the recent one, there are superficial supports for his claim, one being the belated and contradictory versions from officials and the other being its senselessness. In any event, if he is not being set up, he does require outside help in that rugged terrain and an untraceable means of communication to him in the jail. I can't imagine an escape attempt he can survive, and if he is killed that crime will never be solved.

If you want a copy of Harth, I will have one sent to you. I have asked a friend with the facilities to send you copies of the various legal papers in the Ray case, including recent precedents, so you can form your own evaluations of whether justice is being done.

From your silence I have wondered if some of your old enemies have had unkind things to say about me. Several might. I will welcome any confrontation on anything I have done.

Thanks for anything you may do.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg