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Mr. Robert Fink
c/o Congressman Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Fink,

Perhaps the two enclosed FBI records will interest you and Congressman Edwards.

Unfortunately, at the time of the related hearings you were depending upon one who from my experience is a notoriously undependable source.

Also unfortunately the original report by Walter was immediately improved upon so that what could have been true was immediately lost. I was in New Orleans at the time. Garrison discussed it with me. He began to embellish while discussing. Forever after the original and much more limited report was never referred to.

As a matter of fact the FBI would have been derelict if it had not sent out such a warning from information it received, information I published about 1968 or 1969. There were such threats and in the Dallas area. I have the records.

You may recall my May visit when I expressed the hope that some staff member might seek to sit in on the House assassins committee's star chamber questioning of John Ray because I feared it was determined to violate his rights

It happened. The committee brought pressure to bear on the Department of Justice. A few hours before John Ray's parole was to become effective he was picked up at the half-way house at which he was, after he had obtained employment and was regarded as a good parole candidate. He was returned to jail even though the parole authority disagreed and stated that the sentence he had already served was quite excessive.

The alleged basis was an alleged perjury charge which has never been filed. If there was false swearing, which I doubt, there is a substantial question of relevance to the committee's mandate.

At the committee's closed session and afterward John Ray was threatened with exactly what happened to him if he did not tell the committee what it wanted to hear in order to validate its preconceptions.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

P.S. I obtained these records, Numbers 89-43-9613 and 7726 under FOIA. The excisions are by the FBI and are under appeal.