

Dear Jim,

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- Par. 2: possible to interpret this as defense of conspirators/co-conspirators. However, if Jimmy said anything like this I believe it had to be in the sense that only King's people or the FBI could have had knowledge of King's plans before they were announced.
- #4, Wayne's parenthetical comment, "...only 10 miles from the Memphis city limits" has not been true for years. The DeSoto is about 3/4 mile into Miss. The city limits have ^{been} and were in 1971 extended to the state border.
- #5 Not consistent with what Jimmy told me.
- #8 Loose writing that seems to say Jimmy was the shooter. The writing on both sides makes it clear he means in the FBI's version, or that the FBI says it.
- #9 Other than he told Bud and me on his going to Atlanta. But the explanation he gave me was not persuasive.
- #10 Has him as a possible co-conspirator.
- #13 He discussed this content with me a week ago but did not tell me he had any story written or in mind. This does not mean that the information was new then or that he has written the piece. However, this could also mean that the piece itself is not new. I spotted no internal indication of any recent visit or correspondence.

The opinion is expressed, that this is very un-lawyer-like behavior on Wayne's part, is undiminished by the reading. The line taken out of context and used as a picture caption, "I was carrying out my orders," is poisonous. Wayne's reportorial experience had to tell him this was a prejudicial natural for any editor. He should have been able to anticipate this kind of misuse.

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