

Dear Jerry,

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So you'll know what you said about Marjorie Feters in your tape of the 4th I repeat some: that in 1968, before King got killed, she moved to Camden, N.J. Then she asked you to go there and you did, for one night. She met you at the Philadelphia airport with another woman you took to be a relative. You said she wrote you after she read about James in LIFE magazine, while she was in the hospital.

If I do not understand this correctly please correct me. She did not ask you to go see her until after she knew that James was accused of the killing. You went to see her before James was captured. After James was captured you did not hear from her again and with all that was going on it just slipped out of your mind until I said "Camden."

I'm curious about who knew you were going to go to Camden. Did you tell anybody?

This may not be of any consequence but I'm interested, curious, you might say.

Then you told me that J.B. Stoner and Doc Fields were subpoenaed for 3/8 and that these assassins want a release from James so Stoner can talk about his conversations with James. And that someone J.B. knows was asked about you, that they talked to him mostly about you and an allegation that you had bragged in a Savannah bar about killing King.

Now think back a bit. Didn't I tell you that they believe Jimmy did the job and that you and J.B. are co-conspirators? Didn't I tell you that Jim and I broke off with them over unethical questions, including their getting a release to talk to Foreman because they were going to solve the case through him? I had other means of evaluating but there is no question, from the first they were out to get Jimmy. Only you big brains, as you see yourselves, let your wishes and hopes replace common sense. With a little pushing from Lane, who had and has his own interests, as you'll see when he has no chance of advancing his interests through you.

You also say that Lane now says that NOW the committee is "going the other way." Baloney. They are going the same way they always went, especially under Sprague. Now that he has eaten the cake Lane is afraid of a bellyache because he knows that before long there will be a report and it will be against Jimmy - yet he encouraged Jimmy to talk to them and to have hopes from them. And I'm sure badmouthed Jim and me.

It is already too late but you never learn. You'll have some kind of childish explanation to avoid facing how foolish you all were.

You also said Jimmy is all confused and doesn't know what is going on. What is going on is exactly what I told him was going on but he listened to Lane, who was looking for a promotion for his book and himself. If he is confused it is because he trusted Lane and not Jim and me, who told it exactly as it was and is. I can realize that this is a blow to him but like you he'll have some explanation that will not include his own lack of common decency and his own silliness. He did foolish things and talked himself into believing they were real. Now he knows they are not real and is having trouble. I'm sorry about this. I really am. But now I can't do anything to undo what he has done. If I wanted to after the way he behaved.

I'm also sure Jimmy is upset about those UFI stories which are official propaganda.

Now on chickens the truth also is what you will not like after what you said about pure blood being important. This is true only in the original breeding lines, those that do not get to farmers. The best chickens are those that are all mixed up. Must be plenty of them who supplied Maddox. Ask them. You'll see I'm right.

Some time ago Jim suggested that I send a record or two to J.B. I did but I never heard that he received it. When he phoned me he asked for others. I did send them but I do not know if he received them, either. Let me know next time. Not that he has to do or say or think anything, only that he got what I sent.

I'd be just as happy if you'd save your regular George Wallace lectures and instead of singing to me let me suffer with the radio. I don't have the time. Now with the bad weather I have even less. We have a long lane and it is thick with ice-more than 8 inches in some places. I can't keep at cleaning it regularly because I do not now have the strength and because I can't work for more than a short period of time before I have to stop. So stick to what you can mean something, please. Hope you find Jimmy not too far down in the dump.

Sincerely,