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Dear Larry,

Glad you emerged with some employment in the collapse. I'd been wondering.

Sorry about your other troubles.

I recall your return of the Minuteman file but not asking you for it recently because I knew you had returned it. I must have had something else in mind but I now do not recall what it could have been.

I have all my old interests, including King. Much that is insane is going on and I am also interested in that because it presents problems and constitutes disinformation.

Some of what was on the air (and I did not see in print) from Memphis on the 10th anniversary was pretty wild, if not from people who are generally wild.

I did not see the Warden piece but I did see some accounts of it. It got a good play, including on TV news.

What the Feebs tried on Gregory is worse than I've been able to get on what they've done to me. Nastiest there is wide and secret distribution of such fabrications (to Lyndon Johnson and others) as that my wife and I celebrated the Russian revolution annually. They missed a good bet there because the gathering to which they referred was always in September, which means that we were so anxious to celebrate that we rushed the date to be the very first anywhere. (No matter that it was a religious event, by the Jewish Welfare Board for Washington area service personnel and families as soon as the rigors of the high holidays were passed. We then had a farm and tame, live creatures.)

After James escaped and after Jerry ran his mouth off the club forced him out by changing the conditions of his employment. Since then he has been with Stoner again. I hear from him. He is due before the House assassins 4/17. There is a hassle in the works over his (inspired) insistence on having Lane as counsel. The committee holds that if Lane represents Jimmy there is a conflict. Lane, of course, is looking for more than the usual attention, his Code Name Toro now being out in paperback.

I've obtained 60,000 of the released 100,000 FBI JFK pages. I expect the balance next week. I also expect almost this many more that have not been released. I keep using FOIA heavily and effectively. If your people have any interest, I also have about 20,000 CIA pages on behavior modification and drugs, etc.

So that others who want to use these records can do it in privacy and because there is no space in my office I have a place in the basement for the files and a table at which they can work. Even put in a good fluorescent light.

If you see anything about Epstein, his book Legend or Nosenko I'm interested because for all practical purposes it is a spook "black book" and because I have had similar FOIA requests not complied with for many years. In fact I'm in court on aspects of this, having just won a good decision.

Glad to hear from you and that you are working!

Best wishes,

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Dear Harold,

Sorry for the long delay in answering, but things have been rather difficult lately. I was one of the people fired with the closing of The Daily News. Then they hired me back at the last moment for another job. I am now an editor, of sorts, I do little writing. I do enjoy the work although the pace is slower and I am out of the firing line.

Two days after being rehired, my mother died. She had been ill for some time with a lung condition. So I've been involved with the estate, etc.

The file you mentioned I sent back some time ago. You said there was someone who wanted to borrow it. I sent it back insured. I have the receipt somewhere. It was last year some time. You said the person needed it for research.

I have most of my stuff from the office at home here. Once I go through it again, there are some clips and things you might want. The Sun-Times is doing a King anniversary piece, but they didn't ask for my help so I didn't offer. I don't know what it will have on Ray.

Did you see the piece Rob Warden did for the Tribune about the FBI trying to stir the Mafia up against Gregory? He got it by filing a lot of FIOs on various people. He supposedly has some other good stuff. He is another ex-Daily News person. He did the police spy stuff with Larry Green, who is now with the LA Times here. I haven't heard from Jerry since right before James escaped.

I'll get back to you when I have some things to send.

Regards,

*Larry Finley*