

5/15/72

Dear Larry,

Before I get to the purpose of this letter, let me go back to the Wallace coverage. I hope my monitoring of the DC all-news stations helped your early coverage for the earliest edition. With what I played to you over the phone, it is clear that the local inde, of limited resources, was beating the pants of the wealthy and major WTOP (a.m.), Wash. Post and CBS. BUT, CBS TV net had what it sat on and used for the first time on the evening net news, pretty good pictures of the actual assassination. I'd like to be able to study stills from it, for the pictures seem to show that the shots did not originate from directly in front. Academic interest only. We didn't see the ABC coverage, but here WTOP-TV repeats the net news 1/2 hour after it is aired, thus we catch NBCs at 6:30 local and CBS's at 7:00. There was no comparison in the coverage. CBS' was far better and half-way through the show they slow-motioned the seemingly better frames. They should have added arrows, but they didn't. I've not listened since then, and I listened until what I thought was the press time of your down-state edition only for the kind of last-minute things you might not get in time on the wire. My last call to Diana was to let someone there known of the changes in the number of suspects held and in the medical estimate, then and officially downgraded from "serious".

This is somewhat later. I was reading the stuff you sent when you call. I'd just started, having written wife after returning from the funeral and reading his two letters we'll discuss when you have time. After supper I went through what you sent once. It is in no special order. I read it as you put it in the envelope. You have come up with more of what I wanted than I'd hoped for when I phoned. I was and am looking for confirmation of statements I have just obtained. Obviously, these uneducated, unsophisticated people could not three years ago ~~now~~ have anticipated what I'd be seeking now, so when they say now only what they said then, it would seem clear enough that they are not now inventing. The major difference is that I took more time than a reporter with a deadline could have, and I have more detail. Pretty much the same is true of what I was looking for on Foreman.

However, in your haste to make copies, and in the use of letter-sized paper, some of the stories were omitted. In all cases this is not a problem. Below I will list only those cases where it is. In those cases, I'd appreciate a full copy of the story or the part that is missing. Where you sent me more than one, I'll give the dup. to Bud.

Lawrence Green's 10/24/68 headed "Ray hideout here bared", in the jump, the last clear line of the first of the two xeroxed pages is "making \$2.10 an hour." The first clear line of the next xeroxed page is "well treated", Mrs. Klingeman"

Porterfield's 3/22 (69) "Insight, again in the carryover, last clear line first col, "If Foreman is busier and wins more cases", first clear line next sheet, "was passionate, Foreman is persistent: where". While a number of things in this piece are of interest what I most want for the immediate purpose is the second column of the jump at this point. I have a farout story that might not be credited, but that is another illustration of the seemingly incredible, therefore important.

(I've not yet had a chance to go over what I got at the P-D. If I saw possible interest, because of time pressures I got xerox. I hope I have their original quoted in the Sun-lines 3/14/69 I may or may not have the Tennessean's story quoted 3-1 day before, 3-1 head on Eastland but my interest Ray quote. I do think I have this, but I also think that with his book and what it says Seigenthaler will not be inclined to be helpful.)

One story is incomplete and the source is not indicated. Head, "Foreman: a lawyer with a baker's zeal." You sent two tops, no bottoms. What I have breaks with the line beginning "facts of the case".

Thanks for the Koziol rundown. His 10/26/68 story's last clear line is "av., where he rented a rear." The first full graph next col refers to the Trib's previous-day story. If you have that, I'd like it, please.

Your 7/10/68 headed "Ray's kin moving to Memphis" is complete on what I'd asked for. However, it deals with something else of potential legal interest in the WFI London story on the appeal from the decision on extradition. The last clear line here is "ties" hampering his appeal". If there is anything following this that deals with any delay or any negative

recommendation by any lawyer, British or Hanes, it could be important.

(FYI-of the picture of Jerry in what you sent, the 3-2 6/9/68 is the best likeness.)

Urlet 11: your recollection is correct. I was not aware of the Green piece and it may be very important in terms of what "u, Jim and I should know.

I have written Jerry a long letter telling him that after he was situated I would put him in touch with a reporter friend he could trust. Until I have an address I can't mail it. I have told him to begin by saying that anything he says is not for publication and that if you(not yet identified to him) want to use any of it, if he has no objection I would like you to clear it with me, as I can with Bud if necessary, for I want to avoid the possibility of blowing anything the ramifications of which neither of you may know. Some aspects are pretty hairy, including the one you spotted.

If Rife's description of his "trial" is even approximate, it should make a separate story. He also now says he is facing 50 years for a crime another man has confessed. That is the theft of the oil breakers, the charge on which he escaped/was let out. I'm keeping these letters unfiled on the desk for when the immediate heat is off you and we talk again.

There has been no chance to discuss any of my recent work with Bud. I'll be in DC Thursday, but whether or not he'll be free when I am I don't know. I had to awaken Jim this morning to ask him to check a new name out in a directory available to him and not me, and I told him I'll be in then. In retrospect, I have the same opinion of the value of what I have for the intended purposes, and your clips, I think, can be valuable in providing contemporaneous confirmation and also showing that it is not some later improvisation created for the need that developed.

The court of appeals decision in John's case alone should make a helluva story, not an assassination story but a legal one. It is without precedent and the local court-appointed lawyer, Hampe (7N7, St.L) told me he is forced to argue analogy. It is incredible, too. Hampe has filed a 50 page petition for cert with the U.S. Supreme Court. That is a lot of work and he thinks if it fails it is the end of John's line. I see I have his phones where I can find them. Office, 621-1701; home 352-0237. Robert A.

Thanks for everything, esp. speed. Best,

CC:BF

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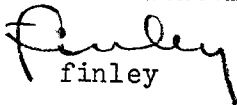
Dear Harold,

Glad the trip was so profitable. Your comments on Quincy rang a bell. See Larry Green story on James while up here. I don't recall seeing it in your book it may have been. Green is now our Vietnam correspondent.

The clips by Ron Koziol should be accurate cop-line. Cosy Koziol is very close to cops, FBI and especially our red squad.

Here's a few other clipping you might find interesting. I ran into them while going through the James Earl clips again.

Welcome back.


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