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Dear Ted,

Thanks for the time you took for explanations in your letter of the 4th. I also appreciate your effort to speed it up by special delivery. That had the effect of slowing it down because the local post office said your's did not put enough postage on! Besides, there is no special delivery on rural routes, so don't waste this kind of money in an effort to be considerate. It doesn't work.

We have had to get a modern copying machine. After you have compiled your index of your tapes if you'd like we can make the extra copies you want to mail to others for you. If you have to pay commercial costs for this we'll be glad to save them for you. All you need do is send us a clean copy and we'll send you back the number of extra copies you want. You say you want them for me and about 10 others. Our machine will repeat that many times. More, up to 20. If I can get a college kid to collate them we can do that, too. Otherwise I'll send them uncollated. We can neither of us bend enough to use the floor any more and there is no other available surface here.

We'll be glad to save you this cost and glad to help others receive the index.

I have received nothing from the House committee. They did receive much from me to begin with. Including a box of records others do not have. That they did not begin with more was their election, not mine. I offered more.

I hope your faith in them is not at some future point cause of pain to you. There will have to be a radical change in them for this not to be probable.

You are absolutely correct in the importance of clippings, even if they report what is not truthful. The untruth in itself can be important, now and in the future.

I wish I had time to mount mine. In preparation for the Ray evidentiary hearing I was able to get those I had on the King assassination mounted. It was an accident. There was a fire at a local college who was living with a photographer who had some heat-processing method. So they did these clippings all on letter-sized paper and I gave them to Jim Cesar, who had the greater need.

This also gets me to something I'd like to suggest to you for the future. Your collection of tapes is historically important. They should find a home in a university.

I have arranged for all of my files to be in the University of Wisconsin system, under the control of a fine person, a fine historian and a man who knows much about this subject. He is Prof. David Wrons at the Stevens Point branch. That branch also has a communications school, with the facilities that go with it, including duplicating facilities. I do not know how rapidly they can duplicate tapes. I know they can duplicate them, audio and video. They provide both kinds of tapes to the entire educational system of the state and for broadcast uses in the public systems.

This subject is never going to die. There should be a respectably, scholarly repository available to all. So for the future or if they can be duplicated earlier I strongly urge you to consider adding your extensive records to this. Jim Cesar is a graduate of the law school at Madison, the only law school in that system, I believe. His legal records are also going to Wisconsin. So under any measure this will be the largest unofficial archives. When you add to this the kind of people who will run it I hope you can see the advantage of having your records there.

My own are about 20 file cabinets plus countless boxes.

Indexing also is important. I bought a file cabinet for them but have not been able to get the help needed to consolidate all of mine. But all of my published work and some that is not printed is on 3x5 cards. I want them consolidated for others, not myself. I never use them. I remember enough of what I have published.

My immediate interest is in preserving us from the kinds of insanities you were kind enough to call me about. Lane is a destroyer, not a builder, as I think you have come to

realize on your own. While there is virtually nothing on the King assassination in his Code-Name Toro what he has is 100% wrong and/or wrong-headed. It will amount to an exculpation of the FBI. Whenever it becomes necessary they'll use it and him. Meanwhile they'll lay back and await the need. And meanwhile he'll be lolling in the floodlights and enjoying the riches from his thieveries.

I do not want to take any unnecessary time for this. You realize that from my not wanting to take time for a partial comment. Frankly, I'd rather have him get even crazier and have his words then.

So when you can dub them I am interested in those tapes. The greater the chance I'll not hear him the wilder he is. And the more damaging to others.

He is a great tragedy and he is sick. He has ability but he is incapable of any real work and has compulsions that keep him from telling simple truths. He has to embellish on them.

You can look back now on what I said in 1975 and see how accurate it was. His kind of thing, multiplied as it has been, is what has been responsible for all the troubles on the Hill. Which is precisely what I predicted.

Looking back only a few days you can understand this perversity and this strange sickness of his. The question had to do with his reference to me in the book. But he could not restrict himself to that. He had to be vicious about Fensterwald, who has never done anything to hurt Ark and foolishly sought to help him when Ark engaged on his newest CCI, which is his newest self-promotion. Aside from this what he said about Bud is false, as what he said about the Ray defense there and in the book is worse than false - it is to his knowledge as a lawyer entirely irrelevant.

Stealing, his profession, is the least of his sins. He is perhaps the biggest single unofficial impediment to the establishing and accrediting of truth.

Right now and with the King assassination this is particularly hurtful. Thus my interest. Whenever you have the time.

Now I have not entirely forgotten him. I did write the station and ask for fairness-doctrine time for response and by phone, at a time convenient for me. It is on record and it is, of course, what you had in mind when you phoned me. Before that I want to hear what he said, not just an excerpt. Of course if my purpose was to interfere with his book I'd have rushed. But that is not my purpose. (It seems to have been his with Fensterwald, whose book was out a day before Ark's. Why else would he have dragged Bud in when the question did not relate to Bud?)

So, when you can, I'll appreciate it. Meanwhile, thanks for taking the time to explain.

Sincerely,

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Dear Harold-

As a result of a request made to me by the Select Committee on Assassinations, that is, their desire to receive a full listed index of all tapes in my possession (some 4,000 hours), indexing which I have never done previously - I've only compiled & listed what each tape contains so I know, by writing lists, everything I have in terms of dates, times, content, etc, I am now finally in the rather tedious process of doing that. It will, I approximate, take 2 or 3 weeks to accomplish this task. Since I don't have a copy of my own, I must bring boxes of tapes with their individual listings back & forth to work each day & use their copies, while no one is looking, of course. So you have a general idea of what I'm going through to do this, considering the fact that I have 342 tapes (4 sides each tape). After I finish this copying of these written listings, I must then put them all in Chronological order, by dates, times, etc when I type them. Then I will make copies (printed) of this finalized product & I intend to send these all-inclusive, chronologically listed, typed indexes to the Select Committee on Assassinations, but also to you & about 10 other researchers so you will all have knowledge of what I have been doing all these years. I know for a fact that no-one has ever done what I have done, and I am not including a rather phenomenal compilation TURN

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of clippings from newspapers from all across this country & also in European newspapers, magazines, etc, and also, massive amounts of documents I have received from various committees in Washington through the years. I believe that no other researcher has the accumulation of Washington documents, not even yourself - and that's certainly no put down of your extraordinary work in these matters. I believe that the documents I have received ~~there~~ from the present Select Committee on Assassinations, alone, far surpasses anything sent to anyone else since Sept, 1976 when it was formed & constituted originally. I believe I am the greatest compiler of original source data in the world on the JFK/RFK/MLK murders. I will someday write the greatest all inclusive book on the JFK assassination that has ever been written. I can, & will, rely on taped & printed verbatim quotes that no one else, to my knowledge, has acquired. I will also, as an expert on the fucking establishment media's bullshit through the years, totally expose them and their role in this matter. But not yet, not quite yet. After the smoke clears away & the current Congressional investigation is completed, then I will begin to write! For your part, please be assured that although this indexing, which I must now do, is occupying

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all of my time, as soon as I've completed this difficult task, you will be sent the following:

- #1 - The money I owe you
- #2 - The complete index of my tapes
- #3 - The tapes you have been promised by me & never sent including the NY Press Conference in 1975, the complete taping of that NYU Conference for 3 days, the more recent Lane tapes of his 4 radio shows re King & also the latest that you heard on my phone of that entire show I taped when I called him about his attacking you in his Zorro book. Plus anything you may desire re select Comm or Assess documents or tapes you chose from the index I will send you when I've completed it. I thoroughly respect your work & consider you a great man in what your lonely quest has been. My quest has also been a lonely one so I know something about that!

Must rush to work now
Take care & hope you feel better soon,
Sorry for the delay - please be patient a bit longer -

With Respect & Understanding,
Yours in struggle -
Red Gardolf.