

Dear David,

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I had two reasons for suggesting to Paul Valentine that he call you. One, the chance that you could help him with his story and two, an introduction for you to the Post for the appearance of your book. It may even be given to him to review because most of those who wrote about King have died or retired, which leaves Paul, as the King assassination expert a kind of staff expert. He is a good friend, a good person and a good reporter.

If the book is assigned to Gardner, he may try to duck it, but Paul's contact with you won't hurt.

Jim and I figured that the FBIHQ King "security" file had been released to you from the nature of the letter the FBI wrote me, referring to my ignored request of 1977, which includes more than it. Last year they disclosed the HQ SCIC file, I now suppose to you. I've appealed the fee waiver revocation and until it is acted on I can't do much because I can't afford to pay for any.

I was responsible for Gardner's piece but only in the sense of letting him know of the existence of the crazy letter to Mark Allen.

I hear that Blakey was even more excited than his childishness about me would indicate and that he called Stokes up about it. What I hear is that Stokes told him to get fucked.

I don't know what Blakey could have expected of Stokes now or about the content of the story.

Maybe he is also disappointed because his book is a bomb, as inevitably it will be. Hope your book comes out on time and does well.

best,



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Dear Ms. Weisberg:

Things have been so hectic the last six weeks that I haven't had a chance to drop you a note and thank you for all your kindness and help in letting me look through the OPR material and Memphis files that you've got. I never did reach Jim Lesar the following day, but I do hope to see him whenever I next get back in D.C.

One and one-half weeks ago the Bureau released King's HQ file up through early 1965. There are no great surprises, but it does show how heavy and constant a volume of reports on him was going to the White House from '62 on.

I had a very nice conversation with Paul Valentine about the Hobson material, and was favorably impressed with his subsequent story. I also was happy to see Lardner's piece on the Assassinations Committee; I'd been surprised a year or so ago when I wrote the House Clerk and he replied that it all had been sealed for such a duration.

It now looks like my own book will be out in late September. I'll keep you posted on whatever else may develop.

Best,

Dave Garrow