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Dear Trent,

Heard nothing of your meeting. Hope it went well.

I have lost or mislaid my copy of the original LIFE story on the King murder and would like very much to be able to borrow yours long enough to copy or to get a copy from you. I have a commentary on it from an eyewitness I have been delaying comparing with the text and pictures, because I could not find the damned piece.

At the time of the murder I was in New Orleans and missed much of what I now need. Perhaps you can lend these few things to me:

Copies of pictures taken on the balcony at the moment of the murder;
Copies of aerial views and/or charts showing the relationship between the rooming house and that part of the motel (preferably with firehouse, bushes, etc.) I will return promptly, unless you have some extras.

Gary Murr told me a long time ago he had given you pounds of clippings so we could all use them. Presume you have been too busy to classify. My experience with US rather than Canadian papers is that even syndicated stories are often not complete in the larger papers, that sometimes a critical paragraph is removed.

No extra copy of COUP yet. Have a list of those who want, including several who think they can help with publication, one abroad. The friend who promised to make copies has not been able to.

Hear Huie's book is a June Dell release. Have you had any word? He is in trouble, I think, whatever he now does. Or says.

What a switch it will be if Ray sues him (as I expect), including for libel. But with Stoner as counsel....

I was in NYC briefly two weeks ago, had more urgent things than I could tend to on the way through to a speech and never got above ground on the way home. Spoke to Sylvia briefly at the station on the way back. Hadn't seen her in a year and a half. First time in NYC since Central Park meeting...Has Flo had anything to say about recent developments? I fear she may regret not getting interested then, when I tried to persuade her. Reasons complicated.

Best to you all,

Sincerely,