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Ms. Dana Capers
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Dear Mr. Capers,

Because I think - know a little more about Grambling than that everyone in this area loves Doug Williams, in addition to responding to your letter of the 9th I'll volunteer a bit about the books on the same subject as mine. I'll also volunteer some information on the chance it may be of interest to the professor who told you about me.

I enclose a list of our books. The discounts are, with one exception, 1-3, 25%; 4-6, 30%; 7-9, 35%; 10 or more, 40%, plus actual shipping charges. The exception is the first of the Whitewash series. We have to get \$25.00 for it. I am 77 years old, have been in impaired health for years, and although the book still sells well, I am not able to physically handle a regular printing and what that would require where we store the books. I keep it available by means of a high-quality, actual-size xerox in which the text is as clear and legible as in the printed book. Which, I add, was the first on the subject and remains a basic one.

Unlike almost all the other books on the assassination of President Kennedy and its investigations, mine do not theorize who did it. While I have brought to light most of what is known and is factual about the assassination, my work is a rather large examination of how the basic institutions of our society worked in that time of great stress and since then. The actuality is, hard as it may seem to believe, that the crime itself was never investigated officially, including by Jim Garrison, and thus there are no real leads for private investigators and researchers to follow. Without a single exception of which I am aware, all the books that theorize who did it or pretend to solve the crime are seriously flawed and thus deceive and mislead the reader. Especially the younger ones, like students, more so if their instructors are conspiracy theorists.

These comments apply also ^{to} the assassination of Dr. King. After my book appeared I became James Earl Ray's investigator, believing that if we could make the system of Justice work we might learn what actually happened, how and why. I conducted the investigation for the successful habeas corpus proceeding, by means of which we got him an evidentiary hearing, which was to determine whether or not he could get what he has not had, a trial. I then conducted the investigation for the two weeks of evidentiary hearing in Memphis.

I was one of the first to make extensive and vigorous use of the Freedom of Information Act. Congress amended the investigatory files exemption over one of my earliest suits, thus for the first time opening those of the FBI and CIA. As a result, before my health reverses forced me to slow up, I've gotten and make freely available to anyone about a third of a million pages of government records, mostly the FBI's, that were previously withheld. Aside from my own work product I also have the transcripts of the Ray hearing, the decision, etc. I mention these things on the chance it may be of interest to the professor you refer to or other members of the faculty. Everything I have will become a public archive, with no restrictions on access, at local Hob College, where some now is, in the library. The history professor who knows most about it is Dr. Gerald McNight. Based on the FBI's files on the Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike and the group of young blacks who called themselves "The Invaders" he has published several articles in The South Atlantic Quarterly and with some use of these files and based on what he has gotten about the March on Washington, FBI codename "Pocan", contraction of poor Peoples Campaign, he has begun a book on it. Over the years several of his students have done honors papers on the King files I refer to above. What I regard as the best was done by a since-married student, Nancy Gillice (I don't know her husband's name) and I'm sure a

copy would be provided if the professor would like one.

If he or others in history or political science teach about the assassinations, in my experience the best-informed and never irresponsible professors who teach assassination courses are, in addition to Dr. McKnight, Dr. David Wrone, history, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, WI 54481, and Dr. Gerald Ginocchio, sociology, Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C. 29303. I know he and a college ^{mate} were considering expanding what they teach to include Dr. King's assassination and perhaps they have because we just filled an order for 25 copies of Fragn-Up from the Wofford College bookstore.

After examining the strike and invaders files Dr. Ginocchio got copies of them for the use of Wofford students. I've forgotten how many pages there are but all the records I got relating to the King assassination total about 65,000 pages. He got probably 3-4000 pages.

If the professor you mention or any other faculty members have any questions, to the degree possible I will answer them. I am not physically able to do much file searching so I can't promise that.

My book Oswald in New Orleans is out of print but if anyone at Grambling would like it I can provide a xerox, two pages to each sheet, for about \$15.00 and if they want to rexorex it there would be no charge.

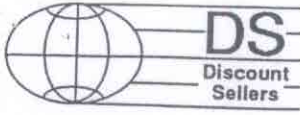
If you order any books, please do not use a credit card because we are not in a position to accept it.

Good luck!

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I have just opened my business in Grambling, Louisiana and I am in need of materials dealing with Black people in the form of books, posters, pictures, pamphlets, etc. Your company was mentioned to me by a professor at Grambling State University.

I would need to order the materials via mail from you. The amount will be paid in full with credit card, money order or cashier check. Hopefully, I can get some good prices from you. I plan a bright future for my business and with your help it can be possible. I have included my business license/tax number. If there is a problem, we can handle the payment/business transactions on a personal level.

If possible, would you send me catalogs and price information.

I would appreciate your time to acknowledge this letter and a response to my request.

I have also enclosed additional information regarding my business.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana Capers", written in a cursive style.

*Dana Capers
Owner*

Enclosures

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BANK ACCOUNTS

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Ruston, Louisiana 71270

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202 Grand Avenue
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1. Julian Richardson Associates, 1712 Filmore St., San Francisco, CA 94115
2. Marcus Books, 3900 M. L. King, Jr. Way, Oakland, CA 94609

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3. History
4. Social Sciences