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Dear Billie,

Having heard nothing from you I assume you've heard nothing from Ron.

However, he may tell you something or may, on his return have some ideas.

To save time and wasted effort, I enclosed several pages of an addition I have written for the second part of the book. It deals with those houses who have contracted - the other side - the only side contracted, to my knowledge.

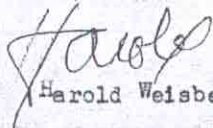
I have now roughed about 25,000 words of the new part of COUP D'ETAT. When I complete the chapter I am now about to start, which I anticipate will be today, I will then be at the point where I will assess and analyze the evidence. I think it will result in a prima facie case of not innocent of the charge of murder.

I believe I have already seriously shaken the entire case up to that point, having established by official statements a clear case of two Ray's, one in Portugal when the other was in England, among many things.

It may interest Ron to know (for these things do not die easily or voluntarily) that had Hanes taken the case to court, his defense would have been based around his belief that King was murdered as a consequence of a "red" conspiracy by black militants under Chinese or Cuban influence. That is already in the rough. He really believes it. And, as he has taken other Klan cases, he announced in advance that he would still handle the case if "any" group was in it, or paying his fee.

Please excuse the unread state of the enclosed and my awful typing. I write it all before I read it in order to get it all on paper as fast as possible. With any kind of luck this will be by the end of this week or early next. I estimate twice the present size or not less than 50,000 new words. However, you and Ron can learn about specific publishers through the types.

Best regards,


Harold Weisberg