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Dear Billie,

As, by my reckoning, the time for Ron's return gets close (or is he already back?), I write to give a progress report on the Ray/King add to COUP. Unless I have overlooked something, when I complete the chapter on which I am now working I have but a single lengthy one, on the evidence there was a conspiracy.

I have been slowed somewhat by medical needs, apparently the toll on the nerves of more than five years of this. But there are now something over 100,000 words, unread but on paper.

Does or can any writer examine and appraise his work dispassionately? I think what I have is completely overwhelming, more than enough for a basis for action, more than enough for doing something to/about all the lawyers involved. If it can achieve decent attention, it should result in an open trial and make an impossibility of acceptance of what was pulled off in the Memphis court.

I have taken each item of so-called evidence and proved it was other than the evidence, other than what the witnesses really said-in many cases the opposite. I have woven an enormous amount of material together. My fear is it is so shocking it may partially anesthetize against shock.

Meanwhile, my relations with the babies grows. I had a 47-minute conversation with the brother today. If what he tells me is the truth (and I have it all taped, properly and legally, having notified him in advance in writing), there should be enough to get Percy Foreman disbarred. And the current legal chief, J.R.Stoner, who should be known to you and Ron, by reputation only, I hope, assures me he has live witnesses who will, when they can, take the stand and swear the FBI tried to get them to commit the crime, for \$25,000. This, of course, in strictest confidence. Stoner would require strong confirmation, as would any of his "witnesses". He tells me these are former FBI stoolies in extremist groups.

On his return, Ron will be snowed under. I do not know where his greatest interests lie. However, if he would want to stop in Washington and or Baltimore so we can talk, I'd be happy to meet him at either airport.

I have not written Dr. Abernathy.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg