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Dear Peter Hamercamp,

Jim Lesar had told me to expect your letter. Glad to get it.

I'm sorry never to have met Mr. Wachtel. I went to New York some years ago in the hope he would see me. I spoke briefly with a nice lady there and never again heard anything.

My interest then was not James Earl Ray. It is because Mr. Wachtel was the family lawyer.

I appreciate what you said of Frame-Up. Two copies herewith.

If you really get into this I'll take what time I can. It is not age (63) that inhibits me. I'm in a post-phlebotic condition and working a rather long day. I'm about 2/3 of the way through a new book on this subject. Ray is hardly more than an incidental character in it. I don't really have enough time for this writing. I have to lay it aside too often and then can't remember what I've written. It will probably have literary liabilities but it will tell a new and different story.

On the basis of the official evidence (and I have much unpublished) there is no doubt that a) Ray did not do the shooting and b) the FBI, DJ and local prosecution all knew it. I now have this proof from official files.

Jim represents me in an FOIA action for the suppressed King evidence. We have the fourth status call 6/11. We have asked that there be a complete inventory given the court on every scrap of paper the DJ, all elements, have. This, I think, also serves historical and family interests.

People misread me constantly. I'm sort of atavistic. I express my passions, partly because I owe this to the reader, who must judge me. When I deal with fact and evidence I am cautious and conservative. Were I not the people I sue would have me in jail. They also prosecute. I charge and prove perjury, which is never done to the government, regularly. If I did not my suits would yield nothing. Besides, they are felons. And they did coverup what happened when this great man, whose admirer I was and remain, was killed. They are still covering up and will, unless Jim and I can stop it, a project in which we have no help.

Your question on investigation: this is an enormous subject. The government admits having 203,500 different documents. When you can focus your interests more I'll do all I can. Offhand, I think you'd learn more and would help more if there is any way you can help Jim. He is great, overloaded, and we neither have a regular income so we also have no help. If there is nothing he needs that you can do or if it is not practical for you, off the top of the head I believe what can be most helpful to establishing what did happen is to open up black sources. I'd like, for example, to be able to interview each of Dr. King's associates who were at the scene of the crime without any one knowing what I'd ask in advance. If they knew, unintentionally they might confabulate. If you can travel or see them when it is not possible for me and would tape record it-cold - I'll tell you what to ask. If you are pre-law student, I think the experience might interest you. The one stipulation I would make is complete confidentiality except for what might find use in an official proceeding. It may not be necessary but I'd like it understood because it might be, including in ways that may not be apparent. I do not have personal details in mind. The FBI did start covering up immediately. These people might need protection. There are files on them, too. The FBI, in a sense, is responsible for Dr. King's being killed in Memphis. They had the Invaders penetrated under Cointelpro. The police also had provocateurs in that group. The provocateurs caused the violence without which Dr. King would not have been there April 4. This is confirmed...If by now you have special interests, let me know. I'm glad you are taking a look of your own. Best wishes,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I have just graduated from Columbia University. In my last semester of study I took a course on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. My instructor was Harry Wachtel, lawyer for the King family. My term paper dealt with the assassination of Dr. King. I was amazed by your book Frame-Up. You have my highest compliments on your work. Since I intend to expand my interests and work in the area, I'd like to purchase a copy of your work. James Lesar told me the price was \$90.00, .75 shipping. Since I might be working with Harry Wachtel in a more official capacity concerning the investigation I recommended he also have a copy. Enclosed is \$21.50 for two copies. Please pay along any additional charge. If you have any suggestions concerning investigative work or any comments, please feel free to write me at 139 ARLEIGH RD., DOUGLASTON, N.Y. 11363. In any event, however, let me again congratulate you on a service of great importance you have rendered this country, even if it has not yet come to appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Peter Honerkamp