

Dear Jim,

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I hope my letter to Maynard Jackson doesn't set you on edge.

It was my purpose to make him ashamed at a time when he should have been without any prompting. I addressed him because he is responsible for his administration and because to cause for more shame I wanted to add an alternative while the resentment held his attention.

If it seems unlikely that his dicks came up with anything if they were white it is possible that some of the stupider ones in Memphis or the State let something slip. If they are black they may have picked something up in the black community.

What I really want and to the degree really have tried for is the interviews. If this is not an exciting prospect it is another and perhaps the time will be worth the odds in the end.

I've got a few others in mind before this comes to an end. There's time.

For me this is restrained. It is understatement of my feelings.

Especially when I'd just read how Abernathy, who saw to it that none could turn on, had Frank ride with him on a plane so he could blab more. About the irrelevant or the hurtful and to a fink of white Establishment status. By the way, the agent I refer to also represented Abernathy and all the others then. And he is a fine guy and he did try.

Meanwhile, Gregory is off on another, before this one has finished whitening his face. He is behind Nagell now. I'm getting a few indications from those who see some of the more offbeat of the underground press.

I've included the Publishers Weekly review. Copies to Andy Young and to Rangel, who started making similar noises.

If you think Jimmy would want a copy I've some poor carbons left. Lil made a few extra in case. Din't send Susman a copy. Next time I have occasion to send something to Walter there is one in an envelope for him.

Maybe the combination of all of this kicking back and the change in temper can make a difference this time. Maybe they'll see that whatever their motive they were irresponsible.

Maybe if there is a return we'll be able to work on the fit we got in that Hawaiian Inn tape with what we had earlier.

There is no maybe about our needing help. There is no maybe about these cats having the capability of providing some. There is no maybe about responsible participation being good for them politically - all of them.

There are other maybes. So, maybe it will be worth the time. One thing sure: it can't hurt!

Floyd called this evening. He said the two girls from NSA left here thoroughly impressed and somewhat surprised. It proves again that these young people go for honesty. He also told me that one of them had gone out and done some spectro research for me! This has to mean the very next day.

He had talked to me earlier about the Frank Olson case. I'd showed him the CIA memo on mindbending. I told him of the strange coincidence with Forrestal and how in Forrestal's case there were policy factors and how it should never have been allowed to be possible. He did some library work. I have his notes. More fascinating than I'd remembered. The ~~girl~~ girls, understanding that we were not drawing conclusions or even suggesting a connection, were fascinated Floyd says of their drive-back reaction.

And now, coincidence, Hoffa is gone. Do you suppose he came to a Partin of the ways?

Best,