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Dear Wayne,

who has developed a thing about not dating his letters:

There is nothing in my experience to persaude me that agents remain people. I have no interest in your new Aussie and and for you I hope it works.

Sapp-CBS: I caught it on CBS. I suppose there was mention on the wires. But this is a direct crib from my friend DanChristensen, who was following up my Milteer work. He use thatarticle as credential in his committee job application.

There is nothing new and not irrational than has come from or can be attributed to the committee. It is bankrupt, even if it squeaks by on its dirtinesses.

It is not easy for me not to fault your local papers. But if they carried nothing on the committee's ripoff of Dan I don't know why they should have. Besides, he did not pretend relevance. All those who had threatened King could not possibly have killed him. So if CBS lifted onson the cheap I don't know why all other media elements should have fallen all over themselves to chase an inexpert media event.

I have not made sense out of the threat against Jim. If you have a carbon of your first letter on this please read it to see if what you said is there is and if you can, without knowing what is in your own mind, find clues another might.

I had forgotten the Baird story until Jim reminded me. He wrote him 11/75. Jim asked me to speak to him. It appears that I found his tale not entirely credible and in no way relevant to what happened. There were thousands of threats. My recollection on this is not certain but it is my recollection that his then and now stories are not 100% in accord.

The suicide of Bob's son is tragic. But what is a 19-year-old doing living away from home but in the same town? What is a lawyer's son doing living in a skidrow dive?

The Cohen (and Lifton) article is what you call it, shit. I'm astounded that he heard of the Lie grand jury testimony for the first time from you this past New Year's Eve because he was in the courtroom when Jim used it as evidence. What was he doing in the courtroom if he has a problem with plain English?

I think you refer to 1977. In 1976 he and Hagin were trying to peddle a piece in which Jimmy was the shooter, Jerry and Stoner co-conspirators. I understand they almost pulled it the the Tennessean.

Apparently it is not only Cohen who leaped to the Jerry-Raoul assumption. Lifton, against whom I cannot caution you to too much caution, peddles the same line.

Glad to know that Jensen told you the FBI could not break Jerry's alibi. But another crucial day is 4/29, the day the rifle was bought and Lifton-Cohen say Jerry was with Jimmy to mastermind that. I'm told. Have not seen their piece. But you can see the good your well-considered warning to Cohen did.

My reaction is that neither Jimmy nor anyone else knowing him would trust Jerry to go to the store for a loaf of bread.

Dan Rather interview? They have about 1'45 minutes in outtakes. What was aired is a faint repetition of what they would not air during the evidentiary hearing, its origin. Jimmy said nothing new.

It has been so long since Jimmy discussed getting to the flophouse with me I am not sure I recall. My belief is that Jimmy did what he was told, unquestioningly.

I'm not by any means sure that Ray "tinkered with" hypnosis. That bit is not new with McMillan. The shrink is Dr. Mark Freeman. Objective, I think, self-improvement. From what is known thisis tenuous enough to avoid a chapter (of conjectures?)....I have neither a book nor a contract for one. Except for what I have developed I've done no writing since we talked about this in 4/75. I will write one, though. Thanks and best,