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Dear Mr. Fisher,

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In 1968 you foxes guarding the chickenhouse of the lynching of Martin Luther King, Jr., by first abdicating and making it a state prosecution and then by deceiving King's grieving family and associates, got away with escaping your responsibilities and with seeing to it that injustice would be done and that crime would be unsolved. Now you foxes have stolen the key to the chickenhouse with a fraudulent announcement of the investigation you say you will make. This, another deception, you "decided" after making the little investigation required. And, before announcement of the minor investigation already made, the one that will serve no purpose other than perpetuating the official dishonesties that have characterized this series of tragedies and further deceiving, alienating and turning people off all over again.

In my (unanswered) August 1 letter to you I sought to alert you to the newest national disgrace you and the department are adding to those too many of the past on this and on related matters. That letter followed three to the attorney general that, with the politeness that seems to characterize the department now, did not even receive an acknowledge. I gave her, as I give you and am, despite serious ~~ill~~ illnesses and many limitations when I am past 85, ~~am~~ quite willing to defend, including against all the allegations you can collect from the FBI, what is independent truth and accurate information - most from your own lied-about files, which I have via the FOIA lawsuit, CA 75-1996. In this I referred to the established truth you foxes were not about to let out through the clenched teeth of your bloody mouth. The misleading <sup>form</sup> letter I have just received from one who either lacks personal and professional integrity or is ignorant of the matter, would give offense to the average high-school student. It is not any kind of response to any of my letters to the attorney general or to you.

Except that it is intended to perpetuate deception it ~~has~~ <sup>has</sup> no meaning at all. But ~~that~~ that it does seek to deceive adds all of you who had any connection with it to the department's catalogue of shame and dishonor in all matter in any way related to what was a de facto lynching - in which not one of you has not sought to protect the lynchers.

As I told you in my August 21 letter, I have unique qualifications in this. The department, which includes the FBI, which was a defendant in that case, actually persuaded the judge to assign me to be the department's <sup>consultant</sup> counsel in my lawsuit

against it, alleging that my unique knowledge was required by it so it could comply with the law, which it never intended and never <sup>did</sup> do other than by compulsion and

then it still stonewalled and misrepresented to the court unconscionably. (It also assured that court that it would pay me its usual consultancy fees and, consistent with its behavior in all of this, it gypped me out of <sup>that</sup> them and out of my expenses and that when it knew I was broke and that service to it increased my indebtedness.)

Before then I had been Ray's investigator. I conducted the investigation for the habeas corpus petition, which succeeded, and I then ~~on~~ conducted the investigation that located and prepared the witnesses we produce<sup>d</sup> for those two weeks of evidentiary hearing. In that we refuted what the FBI had stated and in <sup>one</sup> the case where, in effect, a Laboratory witness was said to have been a liar, which meant a perjurer, neither he nor anyone else appeared to make even a pro forma denial and no attempt was made to refute any it, not this in particular. In the end the judge in that case, knowing what he had to do to continue to sit on the bench in Memphis if not also to survive, stated in his decision that guilt or innocence were not material to what was before him.

Not because I believe you would want to read what made clear what the department and its people have done in this wretchedly dishonest case and continue to do would appeal to you but for two other reasons I then sent you part of the rough draft ~~first~~ of a book manuscript intended as a record for history, titled Whoring with History: How the Gerald Posners Protect the King Assassin. One of those reasons was on the off chance that there might be one of you sufficiently concerned about the nation's integrity and with the backbone to learn the truth and be willing to risk his job by stating it and the other was to make and preserve a record of what you, officially, collectively and individually, did and did not do at the time of that great national tragedy and since then. I have found what I believe is the rest of that manuscript and while I do not expect any one of you to read it for <sup>for</sup> any one of you to be concerned about what the FBI did to get Posner to do his whoring with history in what he wrote that is a de facto FBI book of the kind it has arranged for in the past. The other is to make and leave a record for history. If the manuscript is not published as a book I have distributed copies among a number of educational institutions and to a number <sup>b</sup> of my friends who are interested in and are expert in the subject, not theorists but <sup>those</sup> ~~that~~ seeking fact.

The story referred to in my August 1 letter to you, as did all stories with department and /or FBI input, lied as the reporters were lied to in saying that he "confessed" to the shooting. He not only did not, he interrupted the voir dire when he detected that what he had agreed to was being expanded into that. He denied it.

I think the country has come to a hell of a pass when all of you so well paid and staff cannot produce a single one with enough concern for the department's, the



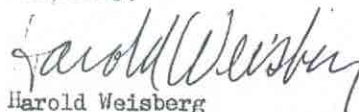
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government's and the nation's integrity to try to tell the truth as it exists in your own records and is otherwise readily available, and that <sup>to</sup> ~~let~~ make a record, if nothing else, an old man, ill and feeble, must make the record because of the totality of abdication of personal and professional responsibility and of decent concern of the opinion of mankind. I apologize for my typing <sup>but</sup> it cannot be any better when to be able to type I must keep my right leg horizontal and the left leg with the heel as high as my heart and I do this with the typewriter between my legs. At 85. To <sup>try</sup> ~~try~~, knowing I cannot, ~~get~~ you people, all the many of you, to try to be at least in some degree honest when for ~~all~~ <sup>all</sup> the many with knowledge in the department and the FBI not a one has made that effort in three decades!

I doubt any of you thinks in such terms but aside from the magnitude of the actual difference, how much difference is there in the record all of you have made and are making and what we know of <sup>that of</sup> public employees under Hitler and Stalin.

The Department, it seems, is determined to preserve the most dubious record it has made for itself and for the country and turned so many people, particularly young people off, is seeing to it that when three <sup>of</sup> ~~of~~ our most outstanding leaders, including the President, were assassinated, that the official explanations of them would not be acceptable to the people and would not be, despite all the propaganda designed to try to make the official myths acceptable.

Sincerely,

  
Harold Weisberg

I simplify some of the most basic evidence for you because I have no reason to believe you took the time to learn it: The FBI did not and was never able to place Ray at the scene of the crime, particularly ~~not~~ at the time of the crime; and it did not and could not prove that his rifle was used in the crime (as it <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ not and could not have been). To pretend the evidence of Ray's presence there was established by a witness, first the FBI and then the Civil <sup>Rights</sup> Division suborned his perjury and then that perjurious affidavit was used to extradite <sup>Ray</sup> ~~him~~ and then it was used in Memphis. That it was perjurious was a matter of public and FBI record two weeks after the assassination.