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The Attorney General
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Dear Mr. Reno,

When his family asked for a new look at the King assassination I wrote you in the hope of helping you avoid another political decision that would again disgrace the country, your department and its FBI and you as the one in ultimate responsibility. Your reported decision to limit this investigation to "new evidence" is such an unfortunate, such a wrong and hurtful decision and there is no whoring with our history by the commercializing Gerald Posners that can change this.

I wrote the first and still basic book on that assassination. I then became Ray's investigator. I conducted the investigations for the successful habeas corpus petition and then for the two weeks of evidentiary hearing. The evidence I produced in that proceeding, as used by the lawyers, led that judge to hold that guilt or innocence were not before him because that evidence did exculpate Ray. I then filed FOIA CA 75-1996 to bring Department and FBI related records to light. In that lawsuit the Department actually persuaded that judge that in order to comply it required my services as its consultant, for which it told that judge it would pay me at its consultant rates, and that judge had me serve as the department's consultant in my lawsuit against it! Only to have the department defraud me of that fee by telling that judge there was no authority to pay me. This is to indicate to you that I am a subject-matter expert.

I think it is fair to state that this lawsuit led to the OPR inquiry on King.

The last thing the country needs is another whitewash and eliminating the Department and its FBI's record assures just that and the inevitable disillusionment from it. Which is what your reported decision assures.

I am sorry my typing cannot be any better. I am also sorry that when a man of 85 and in impaired health takes the time to write you that nobody in your office can extend the common courtesy of at least an acknowledgement of receipt.

An honest and meaningful inquiry should begin by determining whether Ray's extradition was procured by perjury and the subornation of perjury, as I think, without any doubt at all, it was. And it goes downhill from there. And you have reportedly decided to whitewash this. In this you also write your own history.

Regretfully,

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