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Dear Paul,

I have just completed the taping of a show with Dave Broxtell (phonetic) on KPFF, your Pacifica station. In it he told me that yesterday Mark Lane had spoken at UCLA yesterday and in the course of this appearance had said that Les Payne turned over to him Les's information on the King assassination. I'm sure this will be as surprising to Les as it is to me.

I would like very much to have a tape of that appearance if one can be obtained. Please try if you can. If you see or can obtain any accounts I'd also like them. ~~xxxxxx~~ This can be very important in preventing another misdirection of effort. With your representative, Mrs. Burke, and with others of the Black Caucus, it may help me protect them from what will at the least be embarrassing to them.

Because I recognized the call letters as that of a Pacifica station I was blunt and specific. This directness included a challenge for a conference-call confrontation live broadcast. You'll find no takers and maybe the audience will recall this. Least of all will Broxtell present Lane and me together, whether or not live. Lane will not, certainly, agree to be broadcast with Payne, if Payne is in the country long enough for that to be arranged. You can be sure that Les gave Mark nothing.

Also according to Broxtell, Lane says he is already a consultant to this new committee. Perhaps, but I think not. If I'm wrong on this we'll see how long he is.

This whole nasty business is obscene.

I hope you can make the effort to get a tape of his self-glorification and that it succeeds. Among its importances is the chance of saving those members of the new committee who may want to be saved. They have been incredibly stupid in their loftier moments.

I have no proof but I have heard that the Lane-Gregory book has been contracted, with a decent advance, by Prentiss-Hall. There are Prentiss units that can be tied in with the CIA. This may or may not be relevant.

It is provocative, isn't it?

Especially when you consider that this pair has always been engaged in disinformation.

With such friends who has need of enemies?

Best,