

Dear Jim, Code-Name Zorro, Lane and Ray

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I have been reading and marking the proofs and annotating. I made thenotes on the irrelevant parts in Habd. This actually is most of the book. To 185 in his account of the murder Lane has no account of the murder.

I interrupt this because it has been growing on me that if Lane is called as a witness in any proceeding and cannot claim an immunity, as he cannot, he'll have to lie in a way that will be ruinous to Jimmy.

This is clear at the top of 185 where he has a different version of what he claims Jimmy told him. He is not concerned about consistency and it appears not to have been a Prentice-Hall editorial consideration.

Here he makes Jimmy a conscious conspirator calmly driving Raoul away from the murder.

His plugging of this being a personal book when it is not and of his contact with Jimmy make this much worse, if not actionable.

My hunch is that after his February interview with Jimmy he made some changes in the manuscript but not enough to make them consistent, that this part was written earlier.

If you think you should I think you should ask Jimmy if Lane taped their interviews. Except for indicating hurt to him from Lane do not say why. Not under any circumstances.

Even for Lane the display of ignorance is virtuous.

Beautiful with the pontifications about law, the practise of law and evidence.

The part that I like best in his lecture is how he could have established the point of origin in the bushes with the autopsy materials and eye-witnesses.

Next to that how the one entrance to the double flophouse would not let anyone know he could see the Lorraine from there. Here he forget he had already said that trees and bushes hid it, getting carried away in embellishing on false representations attributed to Kay. These include that King never stayed at the Lorraine!

With a fine judicial attitude he takes the Hays fakery from Hays files, on Cornbread later, at face value, without looking Hays up. I got Renfro to admit that he invented the whole thing to annoy the police. Lane says Carter was registered at 422 1/2. I think not.

I could be tempted to write a book called the investigator!

But there is great danger here to Jimmy and to the establishing of truth. Lane draws a distinction between the two, you should note, just before the cited page, part of his beginning of an attack on us.

Hastily,