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Mr. James Earl Ray, 65477
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Dear Jimmy,

Your letter of the 4th came today.

None of it is in contact with reality so there is really none of it to which I can respond or add to what I have told you already.

I wish I thought there was a chance that you could sit back and take stock and ask yourself questions, including about your state or mind and what you have been doing.

You should but the chances are you will not.

As I've said, I'm sorry about it all and for you.

Enclosed is the last instalment of that stout defense of you by your new crony Don Freed in the Black Panther paper.

I have marked my copy. The marks will show on your copy.

Freed does not say there is no credible evidence against you.

He says there is no credible evidence against you acting alone.

This is still another way of saying you shot King as part of a conspiracy, as the earlier piece said with Jerry and Stoner and as FBI finks.

I have to go into town so I will take this to the post office and it can still go out today.

You have ignored all of this because it would mean you would have to face what you have been doing, self-destructing. I expect you to continue to ignore it and to make up excuses for yourself.

Nonetheless I am taking the time and going to the trouble to try to inform you, whether or not you pay any attention.

If you want a measure of the impact Kershaw has had on the major media I have had one phone call, Jim none as of midday today. A reporter called me last night when I was out to supper. He was not interested enough to call back. He waited until he was at work today. He called me about another matter and in the course of it asked me what I know about Kershaw. I told him nothing because I know nothing. He has not been of any interest to me.

You say that Lane is a problem for me, not you. Wrong. He and Freed are one. They say the same things about you, regardless of what Lane told you. I have tapes of broadcasts he makes where he thinks you and I will not hear them. The end of last month he was still saying the same thing as Freed: the FBI did it and you were not alone. This is no problem for me. It is for you. They both have proof of contact with and information from you. It is something you sent Freed that he gave to Lane, knowing nothing about the fact Lane misled the committee with and smeared their faces indelibly.

The only new change in Lane is that he has switched back to Sprague from Gonzalez. It is because Gonzalez left him no choice.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg