

JL: I told Jimmy the Willis Green story about 3/1/71. He then said not the guy.

Dear Art,

5/9/77

Thanks for the wire copy. The Kershaw story is different than the first version. Aside from tire trouble and a gas station it is b.s. I am Ray's source on Willis, not Willie Green and Ray told me that is not the guy. I do not have the copy but I heard a late-night radio news report in which Green denied all of this

Pretty much is true of the accurate ~~Singer~~ Gilmore piece on the Lane press conference. I was there. It is what Lane said. It also is false, not atypical with Lane. There never was any such story as he says Hoover planted.

This gets to the ripoff artists. One of them is Jeff Cohen. And he is about to be sued by Jerry Ray. Lane said, I understand, that he will be Jerry's lawyer.

I believe Cohen and Lifton are quite wrong on this. I do not think they and New Times, for which I also have no use, can prevail on fact if they are sued.

However, if you know and speak to Cohen, I think there are ways in which I can help them. I will ~~nothing~~ have nothing to do with Lifton, who is a bad person aside from sick in the head troubles.

I will help Cohen, if he wants help, in return for help from him in undoing the enormous harm Lane is doing with a total bullshit story that in the end will exculpate the FBI. It did do bad things, but not what he says.

It is my understanding that Lane knew nothing about the King assassination (as in fact is still true), that when he realized he had laid an egg with JFK he asked Freed for emergency help, and that Cohen provided this, based largely on Les Payne's stories. What Cohen has no way of knowing is that this starts with me. I was unable to do much then. So I turned my leads over to Les Payne and he did a fine job, with the understanding that I could later use this in my writing.

If Cohen wants help and is willing to give me the truth on this in writing I will do what I can to help him with both Lane and Jerry. I do think that with both it will be enough even if I am sure Jerry is not "Raoul."

I think I met Cohen twice. Once was when he was in Memphis picking up after me at the evidentiary hearing. The second time I think he came here, after that. I am not at all clear on the second. The first time I think he still lived in the Detroit area.

If he has not learned about Lane by now he'll never learn. I do understand he is a friend of Freed's and knows that Freed and Lane sleep together, so to speak.

I have no personal interest to serve in this, as he may not be willing to believe from his Freed and Lane connections. I know too much about both of those whores.

But I am distressed about this newest Lane disinformation and the harm it is doing and will do.

So you can understand, a simplification. The UPI story accurately reports that he said that Hoover forced King to switch to the Lorriane by planting a story. Hoover authorized the planting of the story but it was not planted. And King never stayed at the white Rivermont. The cops took him there after the 3/28/68 violence. I happen to think that the cops' judgement in this was good. It is my correct analysis of this when I was not well that enabled me to steer Les.

From these two wire stories and the times on them it is apparent that you do receive copy out there that is not used here. There has to have been an earlier story on the Lane press conference, for example. It was at 10 a.m. Your wire copy is of after 7 p.m.

If you ever decide to speak to Kershaw I understand he is a racist and has handled cases for segregationists. I'd be interested in what "private detective" he is quoting