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Dear Harold:

I received your letter yesterday & since I'm caught up for a couple of days I'll answer now. As to the paper I sent with the names on & numbers. The telephone numbers I wrote down backwards. The complete one is the Herman Thompson guy in Baton Rouge--I was given this number as a backup to a N.O. number, however I never used it and don't think Thompson knew anything of the K case. The other 4 digits could be the last four digits of a guy named Levinson in NO. or, Jim said the digits matched Carols Marcello's motel in NO. The Rosen name I found out in 1975 is Randolph Erwin Rosenson, a pill head who was in the same towns I was in several times while I was on escape. The committee had him in the Andrew Johnson hotel in Knoxville in June 1977 when I escaped (The Andrew Johnson was owned by a Boyd Cloud a patronage chief for Ray Blanton--the ex-gov. who is now in fed. prison). Also, the committee, in their Benton Book publication "Final assassinations report" is where I learned Roseosen had been in the towns I was in during the escape period. Anyway he obviously didn't have any knowledge of the K case--someone may have been using him since a tr. of a drug trial where he was a defendant evidenced he was a gov. informant.

As to Stanton, rather than answering the questions, I am sending you his answers to interrogatories. As you can see in no 5 he is deceptive. I was asking his for investigative "information" that would confirm it was legitimate evidence. I don't have no idea why he is fabricating, eg., see no 15 where he say's he don't have access to the JD/FBI files in the K case.

As to the interrogatories, how about returning them when you finish. It is difficult to have copies made here now. I'm in no real hurry. Also, I have an attorney now to represent me in the Mustang case & gave him the original copy. He will probably Amend the complaint and file additional interrogatories.

Check with the Beasley spell. As you suggested, I am sure he referred to the Mustang in his presentation. (I don't think it is the lack of material about the Mustang that Stanton is worried about, instead there may be too much material some of which he would prefer to ignore--I don't know any Katzwinkle incidently.)

As to Garrow, I think there are bureaucrats in the JD who are cooperating with him. The NY "Times" promotion of his work would seem to support this proposition since the paper has always been a booster of the 'lone nut theory in the K & other controversial cases, and worked hand-in-glove with the SC & Blakey.

That about it for now. I got a letter from Jerry. He said the Reporter misquoted him. I don't pay much attention to stories connected with him. He is like a junkie when it comes to talking to the media. As to the seg., I was told to expect to leave here any day. If the news media had anything to say I would stay in seg., so I'll let them bleed for others--I think just now it is the gays & a.i.d.s., ect. they are crusading for. Amen.

Sincerely,

I have a list of the material the JD got from Stanton & much of it pertained to the Mustang including the bogus CB call reporting a white Mustang several miles from the K assault immediately after the assault. This "list" was attached to Stanton's affidavit asking the JD to keep his records classified.

PS NBC-TV ran a movie about a guy who escaped from 'Brushy in 1982, but it was distort it was aired Oct. 21st. He had shot 2 members of the gang who sprung on me in a separate incident.

J. Ray

Dear Jimmy,

1/8/86

As I did with too much then your letter of 10/23/85 was just stacked up and I'm only now getting into that part of that stack. Of which there are five in my office. Sorry. In October a cancer was cut off my right wrist, it got infected, doctoring it took time, and then it grew back and was cut off again 10 days ago. Right at the joint, so it gives a little trouble. Then I was pro se in an FOIA case in which the DJ and FBI created a conflict of interest between Jim and me and I argued that a month ago - from a wheelchair. (To keep my worse leg elevated. I can walk about a city block at a time so I didn't need the wheelchair to get into and out of the courthouse, to which a local friend drove me.) I spend the first three hours of every day in walking therapy at a mall where I can sit and elevate the leg as needed, which takes a hunk out of every day, off the top. I've had firewood to split, which is very good for me - but now takes forever. And I'm taking it a little easier now, taking in all the football playoffs, for example. So, too much has accumulated. I'm sorry it included your letter.

With regard to the guy from B.R., Jim and I corked together on that and as I now recall it, there is a connection between him and one of the addresses I checked out in N.O., an address on one of the pages of an incomplete set of Hanes' notes you once sent me. I took pictures at all but one, the last one I got to, which turned out to be a cemetery and it was after dark. I'm pretty sure I showed you those pictures and I'm clear that I did on a superhighway cloverleaf. It was a place on Carondelet. Does it now trigger any recollection?

You refer to Marcello's motel in N.O. The only one he owned that I know of is the Town & Country, and it is outside of N.O., in Jefferson parish, on the right side of the road to the airport. Not the one you used, which is in the Quarter. Sorry you do not recall the N.O. number. I'd have been able to check it then. If you can get it, perhaps I still can and it might do you some good.

Re Stanton's Interrogatory No. 5, assuming he is telling the truth, that the Mustang is evidence and you've not exhausted your appeals, what need is there for it as evidence once you've acknowledged ownership? Do they plan to knock out a wall of the courthouse and drive it in? Nonsensical, seems to me. His answer to 15 is a big lie and he has to know it. His office was given 29 volumes of FBI reports, some of more than one part, with roman numerals through 25. These were copies given to them to keep, and they even got an index to them, which they did return. It was on 5x8 cards. Matter of fact, is you try to impeach him, there are nice fairly large sized cardboard cartons of FBI materials turned over to Bubba Blackwell, where in a brief time I rushed through them, and there wasn't a single FBI report with them that I can recall. The reports remained in the DA's office, or in Carlyle's subdivision of it in the basement, perhaps the technical basis of his lie. Not physically in his office. When Jim and I were there he did have a single file cabinet in his personal office and he had some stuff in it from what he told us. He was pretty nasty about it.

The name Katzwinkle means nothing to you so I'll tell you that story. In the trunk of the Mustang was a Kleenex box and on it was the names of two women, she is one and I've forgotten the name of the other. The FBI did a lot of tracing. It is of the time you were in L.A. They also printed the car and they found prints but not yours and the records I've seen do not include any IDs. As I remember it there is a report from Atlanta saying that the radio didn't work. Was it working the last time you used it? I'd have thought, with all the driving you did, you'd have had it fixed.

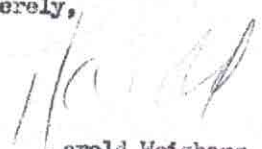
Garrow did go off the deep end with you, why I don't know unless he was looking for acceptability to get media attention. It is all irrelevant in his book. Maybe he had bureaucratic cooperation but I'm not inclined to think so. I think they would have liked to wrap that business up with someone who would not litigate so they could get away with incomplete compliance. He has a new book coming out that the FBI won't

like. When he was here I showed him the backdoor after Judge John Lewis Smith closed the front door in the Bernard Lee case. (Smith is the judge in the case in which I'm pro se, a JFK case of 1978.) Garrow got those file numbers from me and because the Lee people didn't do their homework and the FBI was anxious to keep a lid on, there is nothing in Smith's decision that enabled the FBI to withhold the files Garrow asked for and got.

You say that Jerry told you the reporter misquoted him. Not the same story he gave Carol and I wouldn't believe it if it were. Jerry is publicity-mad, having enjoyed the attention he got as your brother. He still longs for it and that was on his initiative, not the reporter's. A copy of his story is paperclipped to your letter, with my note for the file indicating that Jerry was his source, so in the event you didn't see it, I'll enclose it. I think that is probably why I made that copy. Also a clipping that may amuse you, in honor of Percy.

Hope you are at last out of segregation and that all is going as well as it can.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg