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Dear Ms. McKinnon,

About three weeks ago I phoned your office to speak to your legislative representative. Mr. James Romero spoke to me. At the end of our conversation he told me he'd like to come up the next week and videotape me. I invited him and since then I have heard nothing. I phoned again and was spoken to by an intern, Mr. Jim Steitz, and again heard nothing. I am, as I told Mr. Romero, 88, unwell and limited in what I can do but I phoned to try to help you on the endeavor I'd been told was of interest to you, compelling the FBI to disclose its records that relate to the "ing assassination. I asked and intended asking nothing for myself and I write this merely to have a record of still another black abdication. I think that and the blacks going for what on its face is not credible is a great and unnecessary tragedy. Had it not been for these endless black poor judgements while the assassination might not have been solved, but Dr. King, who I regarded as a truly great man, would not have been consigned to his grave with the dubious epitaph of a phony "solution" and no actual investigation of that assassination at all.

If you wonder how I can make such statements I tell you first that I alone have written about that assassination based exclusively on the actual evidence, without any so-called theories than on our assassinations are no better than baseless conjectures not based on any real evidence.

I filed a long-lasting FOIA lawsuit, CA 75-1996. in Federal District Court for the District of Columbia and from it compelled the production of more than the 50,000 pages the FBI admits. In that lawsuit I got the headquarters, Memphis and six or seven other FBI office records on the assassination and copies of several related files. I also filed a file cabinet full of administrative appeals almost all of which were ignored.

In an effort to make the reluctant system work I was able to persuade Ray to fire his right-wing and racist lawyers and to engage a friend of mine who did not have to be paid for taking that as a pro bono case. I was also able to see to it that there

could be no corruption of the system as Bill Huie's ^{was} assured there could be no justice.

I conducted the investigation for the first successful habeas corpus effort and then the investigation for the two weeks of evidentiary hearing. Jim Lesar and I conducted the two days of permitted and obstructed discovery and then, to prepare for that hearing, we divided the work. Lesar took the law and I took the fact, the evidence

^{Not} ~~But~~ a word of the evidence I produced and Lesar made part of the record was refuted. Not even the evidence that proved the assassination was a physical impossibility as it was presented officially.

Or, there was no case at all against Ray and at trial he'd have been freed. Despite which the King family and the people in the SCLC let themselves be conned by the Department of Justice into agreeing for Ray to copy a plea into which he was coerced by ~~this~~ then lawyer.

When the Memphis judge held that what we produced at that hearing, what proved Ray was not guilty, is that guilt or innocence were not material to what was before him. That when one of the issues was that Ray had ~~Not~~ had the effective assistance of counsel.

When there was no interest in the record of the evidentiary hearing there was nothing I could do with the transcript, of which I have a copy. Until that despicable commercializer of those great tragedies, Gerald Posner came out with his farce based exclusively on what the FBI said. About that I wrote a book titled Whoring with History: How the Gerald Posners Protect the King assassins. In the belief that you would find some interest in that transcript, fourteen days, two sessions per day, and in the book manuscript, I had copies of both made awaiting Mr. Romero's coming.

If you people intended a real inquiry you did require ^{these} the records and the related information I alone have. If you made a judgement without them, as you appear to have done, you were not ~~as~~ prepared to make that judgement without examination of that evidence.

This is why I ^{said} ~~gean~~ as I did, referring to another black abdication. The first was that of the family and the SCLC, and that alone made possible what did happen thereafter.

I do not presume that Mr. Romero was ~~as ill-mannered as he~~ ill-mannered as on the face he appears to be and I do assume he was

instructed to act as he did. I therefore include my credentials in this field which, if you have heard from them, are not those presented ^{by} to those who regard themselves as Perry Mason reborn.

I was a reporter, an investigative reporter, a Senate investigator and editor, and in World War ~~II~~ I was an analyst who was also used as an investigative trouble-shooter in the O.S.S.

I wrote the first book on the JFK assassination and after more than a hundred rejections, without a single adverse editorial comment, published it myself and without a penny for advertising or promotion, made a best-seller of it ⁱⁿ that format and then it became a Dell best-seller, the only best seller in non fiction it had for half a year. I then printed eight more assassination books, and to this day, not a single one of those of whom I was in them so critical wrote or phoned to complain that I had been unfair or inaccurate in what I wrote about him.

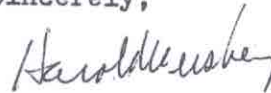
I then turned to the FOIA and under it obtained about a third of a million pages. One of my lawsuits led the Senate to amend the investigatory files exemption. Several of this suits established precedents, including the King suit. When I decided to go eyeball to eyeball with the FBI in an effort to end its ceaseless perjury, it blinked. The federal judge accepted its irrelevant defense, that I could make such allegations ad infinitum because I knew more about the JFK assassination than anyone working for the FBI. The DJ even persuaded the judge in that case to appoint me, the plaintiff, its counsellor in my case against it, the defendant! Literally!

Frame-Up, on the King assassination, is dated but it remains the only accurate book on that tragedy of which I know.

I regret very much that you and your associates, if any, opted to remain uninformed or incompletely informed about that terrible tragedy, the assassination of the great Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sincerely,

Apologies for my typing. It now cannot be any better.



Harold Weisberg

When the commercial press refused to print anything other than official psychopancy and with the onset of my health problems I have written, as a record for our history, 35 books like Whoring with History, exposing the extremes of both sides.