

TO:MR.GEORGE McMILLIAN, NOVELIST.4-28-71.

Dear Sir.

I have recently received a letter from you (forearded) dated April, 12th. 1971, concerning an offer by you of \$5,000.00 for a 'life story'!

I am afraid I can't help you with any 'stories'! I will probably have some 'testimony' to give later on but that will be for the courts-unless I am involved in one of those foreordained suit's.

Further, I understand you have already paid out considerable funds (a la f.b.i.) to characters, convicts of the stoole pigeon type, to agree to stories you postulate.

Therefore, concluding, I would suggest that if you want any 'stories' you contact the federal investigatives agencies.

It's common knowledge that they, under previous u.s. justice departments, have for years been in the reciprocal pandering business with 'time inc' the parent corporation of your publisher, little brown.

Sincerely;

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24 APRIL 1971

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DEAR JIMMY,

YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 22 ARRIVED TODAY. JERRY ARRIVED LAST NIGHT.

MANY THANKS FOR THE CLIPPINGS. I HOPE THAT THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL IN HELPING MY OLD FRIEND. WHEN I WAS GROWING UP I WOULD GO TO COURT TO OBSERVE HIM TRYING CASES. HE IS ONE OF THE BEST.

GEORGE MCMILLAN PHONED JERRY. HE TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD MAILED A LETTER TO YOU AND THAT IT HAD BEEN FORWARDED ON TO FENSTERWALD BECAUSE MCMILLAN IS NOT ON YOUR MAILING LIST. IN THE LETTER MCMILLAN OFFERED TO PAY YOU FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR INTERVIEWS ABOUT YOUR LIFE UP UNTIL THE TIME THAT YOU LEFT JEFFERSON CITY AND PROMISED TO ASK NO QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT DID OR DID NOT HAPPEN IN MEMPHIS. HE OFFERED TO PAY YOU WITH CERTIFIED CHECK AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH INTERVIEW AND TO MAKE THE CHECKS PAYABLE TO JERRY, CAROL OR WHOEVER YOU DESIGNATED.

OF COURSE, YOU NEED TO REMAIN A PAUPER FOR THE TIME BEING. MCMILLAN IS NO GOOD. THE ONLY QUESTION IS WHETHER OR NOT YOU WOULD NEED ONE OF YOUR RELATIVES WITH THE MONEY LATER ON TO PAY FOR THE EXPENSE OF APPLYING TO THE STATE PAROLE BOARD FOR AN EARLY PAROLE OR PARDON.

I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT THE FBI IS BEING EXPOSED FOR BEING THE TERRORISTIC SECRET POLITICAL POLICE THAT IT IS. THEY ARE THE SCOUNDRELS THAT FRAMED YOU AND THEY ARE THE GANGSTERS THAT ARE KEEPING YOU FROM GETTING A NEW TRIAL, ALONG WITH THE MEMPHIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ROTTEN POLITICIANS.

WITH BEST WISHES, I AM

SINCERELY YOURS,



J.B. STONER

P.S. ENCLOSED IS A CLIPPING FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES ABOUT WEISBERG'S BOOK. HE THINKS THAT J. EDGAR DIDN'T DO ENOUGH. JB.

P.P.S. ALSO ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF THE LETTER TO YOU THAT MCMILLAN SENT TO JERRY. EITHER KEEP THE LETTER OR SEND IT BACK FOR JERRY'S FILES. JB.

April 20, 1971.

Dear Jimmy,

I am just going to write you a short note as I talked to Mr. Stoner last night and he told me about the letter he received down there concerning you putting off talking to McMillan at the present time, Stoner requested that I write you a reply to it.

It's up to you whether you want to talk to him or not, but the offer is only good for a short period of time as his book is supposed to be published in four months.

Imagine you received McMillan letter concerning his offer of 5 thousand plus stating that he doesn't want to talk to you about anything that happened after you escaped from Jefferson City. I figure on arriving back in Savannah Saturday April 24, and I'll stay there working for Mr. Stoner until August. After that I think I'll come back to St. Louis and seek employment.

I'll close for now and get this in the mail.

As ever
Jerry.

*Don't receive
Jack*

Wrong Address on Ray's Gift

A package sent to James Earl Ray, convicted killer of Martin Luther King Jr. had the right cell number but the wrong jail.

Police Lt. Bill Major said the package, apparently a book, was addressed to Ray at City Jail Block 3, Cell 10, Knoxville, Tenn. The package, from a woman in Cleveland, Miss., was forwarded to Brushy Mountain State Prison in Petros where Ray is serving a life sentence.

4-4-71 - SENTINEL

Jerry - For your information

April 12, 1971

- COPY -

Dear Mr. Ray:

I'm writing you at Jerry's suggestion. I want to talk with you, and here are the terms I propose:

1. I will pay you (or whoever you name) \$5,000.00 for your full, complete and exclusive life story.
2. My interest is only in your life from the time you were born in Alton until the time you left Jeff City. I won't ask you any questions about any part of your life after you left Jeff City. I won't ask you any questions about Memphis.
3. This would take more than one, probably several interviews. It would have to be understood between us that I could see you to the extent of time it took to get the story I want.
4. I can work out the method of payment with you, with Jerry or with Mr. Stoner. It would be on a pay-as-you-go basis. I could, for example, get several bank cashier's checks which would come to a total of \$5,000.00 and hand over one or more of them before each interview with you. But this can be worked out.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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