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Dear Joe,

The day you wrote I left for a week of speeches and seminars at a college. I've just returned and the work is stacked.

Morrow is a fake, 100%.

I've little hope for the new committee or for responsibility from Stokes. They have been stupid, foolish and self-destructive to now. What will happen beginning this morning may change this view but unless what I've done to try to bring this about succeeds, as I do not expect, the prospects are not good.

After last year's thrombophlebitis I had to turn to others for help. One is Mrs Payne, a superb human being and a great reporter. He is black, the minority affairs reporter for Newsday. Right now he is in South Africa.

Lee did the best possible job of carrying some of my King work forward. Sunday Newsday published and syndicated two articles. Lane ripped parts off incompetently and added his unique self-destructs to it and then couned the black caucus through Fauntroy. Lee informed them all, including Stokes. As I recall he told me he also spoke to Stokes in particular about me two months ago. Stokes told him he'd be in touch. Silence since, from Stokes and all the black members, including Fauntroy to whom I wrote.

The committee has already been up to dirty-works I've aborted, with major help from Jim Lesar, who got tough with their chief counsel. They've backed off.

Aside from this Stokes has the free use of the Library of Congress and all its many and excellent services. If he is of serious mind he'd have had a staffer call the library for what it could provide. If he'd done this he'd have learned of me within automatically. He'd certainly have learned that I alone have written a book in opposition to the official account of the King assassination and that I alone have filed suit against the government for the suppressed evidence relating to it. So, aside from what Mrs Payne told him he had independent means of reaching me. He not only has not, he has refused to because Lee did speak to him. I do not think you need any reading other than your own on this.

Maybe his intentions are as honest as you say. To me his competence at least is in question. If he associates with Lane at all on this he'll have not a scrap of paper or a single word more from me. I have given the staff much on King. But if he tells you that he'll consult with Lane two months after he knows Lane has misinformed them and is no more than an incompetent crook I do question his intentions.

Sorry about haste. Best regards,



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Dear Harold,

Thanks a lot for sending "Post Mortem," and your letter. I've been a little busy lately covering the elections, but have had a chance to go thru much of "Post Mortem."

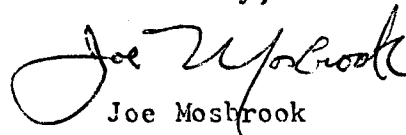
Yesterday, I picked-up a book at the local library called "Betrayal," by William Morrow. At first glance it looked like it had a lot of interesting information. But, the more I read, the more skeptical I became. First, it reads like a slick commercial novel, with no citations, and with all sorts of quotes that the author, a former CIA contract man couldn't possibly have been present to hear. Then, he changes the names of a lot of people who are still living -- apparently Seymour, Howard etc...and ticks off a lot of items that anyone who had read the Warren Report would be aware of...and paints a story line around them. The crux of it seems to be that Clay Shaw engineered the whole thing, with Banister, despite the efforts of the CIA to stop it, because JFK had frustrated their efforts to get at Castro. There probably is some accurate information in this "novel," but it is impossible to distinguish the good from the bad, and I suspect the book is probably another bit of CIA misdirection. What do you know about it?

Also lately, I have been in contact with Congressman Louis Stokes of Ohio, one of the members of the new House Select Committee. He tells me the committee will hold a couple hearings next week, November 15th, to set the stage for its probe, and will "consult people like Harold Weisberg and Mark Lane." Stokes, incidently believes the Warren Report "is pretty well discredited, and there was probably some CIA involvement." While he doesn't have much detailed background on the subject, at least he's going into it with honest intentions.

Incidently, Burt Griffin, who was a Commission counsel is now a Common Pleas Court Judge in Cleveland. From time to time he pops up in the local press supporting the Warren Report, admitting only that "we didn't communicate effectively."

Again, thanks...

Sincerely,

  
Joe Moshbrook