

Dear Phil,

6/9/82

Thanks for pointing out the errors in Frame-Up. All in all, not too bad and none serious.

Anna asks what to do next? There is no chance of anything working at the present time and no chance at all as long as Lane has any association with any Ray. After that, I doubt there is any chance for anything with which Jimmy has any association. He is his own worst enemy. He'll turn off any lawyer and he'll not be able to trust any lawyer. Moreover, with Lane's lusty collaboration, he destroyed any credibility. No judge will now believe him on anything. He once told me that he told lawyers only what he thought they ought to know. Thus he didn't tell me that all his papers had been taken from him by force the night he got to Memphis for the evidentiary hearing until the morning after it was over. He never told any lawyer this. We had made a violation of Constitutional rights argument at the outset and this, as a matter of law if not the pre-determined McRae, would have been very powerful. Actually, without that the violation was irreparable, but there had to be more for the appeals court and the Supreme Court. He just blew it by his I'm-the-only-one-who knows and understands attitude. Even his thinking is crazy, like expecting to find that because the FBI had that campaign against him they had him killed. Actually, he knows better. He knows that if he didn't do it those with whom he was associated did. And he knows they were not FBI people. I look back on much time spent with him and I can't think of much he did to help himself, nothing without our prodding.

Wayne is close to right on Jimmy having carried a gun. But he never shot at any one.

Clark could be a great asset. I tried to get him interested in the early 70s but he never responded. In time I could provide him with what he would want. But I'd need time to put it all together. Actually, when it is possible for me to write again, this is the writing I plan. And when I have it done he is one of those I intended to approach with it.

All the silly suits Jimmy files may keep him busy but in the long run they are bound to hurt him because when they are not frivolous they are inept or the statute has run. Always a major defect in them. If he has a case against Brushy Mountain he blows it by including the innocent Harold Ford.

Thanks and best to you all,

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Dear Hal,

I'm glad of your successful walking regimen. I too am a walker.

In your letter of May 19, you ask if I spot any errors in Frame-Up. P. 2, near bottom: "...when he had left his London hotel room so 'early' apparently no one saw him." Mrs. Thomas, a snoopy woman, told me she spied him leaving that morning.

Throughout: Aeromarine 1 or 2 words?

P. 32. Graf 6, Beasley instead of Dwyer?

Graf
P. 98. /2. "multimillion dollar inquiry." \$1.4 million?

P. 133. Graf 2. "...three-stories-up victim." Two stories?
to be

Commercial Appeal: not/hyphenated.

P. 150. Graf 2. AP (& others) call it a flophouse. I call it a roominghouse, a flophouse being a place where transients come nightly; a place not for permanent residents, which this place had. Not so?

P. 150. Graf 5. Ray from the north? Some of IL and MO is lot like the south'in manners and in speech.

Last Sunday, Anna called relative to turndown of parole hearing (see clipping) and asked what we could suggest as a next step! Obviously we're not lawyers or masterminds, so we could suggest nothing. Re Mark Lane: I don't think Anna has much use for him. Apparently he wasn't involved in this request for a hearing. Note Chairman Trammell cited James' "violence" (Wayne Chastain says James packed a gun on robberies, could have been violent). Anna says Trammell an effeminate, spineless little guy.

As to Anna think you a good guy. She keeps in touch with people and tries to assess them, even though you've never met. She is in touch with Ramsey Clark, who implied he might help James with his case. She has also visited at the home of Hosea Williams and talks to other black "leaders."

Oh, James filed a suit against his Brushy Mountain Assailants and Harold Ford a few weeks ago. Nothing about it in Memphis papers; Anna said Atlanta Constitution had a story. Why Ford (if you didn't know)? Apparently because an assailant or assailants, while James was being stabbed, said, "This is for Harold Ford."

Carry on!

Best,

Phil.