

6/22/76

Dear Phil-who-is-Peter,

As I learned today when ~~John~~ Newhall read me a Pacific News story I knew you'd written,

Thanks much for the clips and the copy of my 1969 letter to the editor of the P-S. (He never answered, I never got the story from the morgue, and when he promised it to me in person in 2/71 I still never got it.

Ray is a political prisoner, captive of those whose political need was a fast "solution" to this, the most costly crime in our history. The crime remains unsolved.

The unquestioned evidence is that the fatal shot did not come from the so-called Ray rifle. Stripped of the "coverese in which he was reared, this is exactly what the FBI's ~~firearms~~ firearms expert - Robert Frazier, whose early retirement I forced - actually swore to in procuring Ray's extradition. The evidence for which I was responsible in the evidentiary hearing is that the remnant of fatal bullet is readily identifiable with a weapon. This proves Frazier a liar if not a perjurer. Neither he nor the FBI/rushed to recover reputation. The State did not provide a rebuttal witness. This evidence is uncontested. Neither Ray nor this rifle has ever been connected with the crime in any way other than official propaganda.

Shorten sentences, etc., as you see fit.

Your clippings are quite valuable. I'll go into more and hope you will communicate it to Kay, but not for any use. For your understanding only. (Pl.)

This fourth (at least) internal investigation is, predictably, a whitewash, more when now under a man who wants to practise in Memphis. Anderson's column has recently documented the case against the OPR as the newest of the official whitewash brushes. The Upwardly Mobile Shaheen.

In varying degrees I am without doubt responsible for this new investigation. It is not caused by the Church committee. It is caused by the report of the traditional whitewashers, who also supposedly went into everything. That report, to Levi, recommended that not its authors, the Civil Rights Division, but a commission of eminences conduct this fourth investigation. That got Devil Rights off the hook but could have led to a maverick running with the many available balls. Levi et al opted to keep control to the degree they can outside my litigation. The Civil Rights look-see follows my FOIA action and precedes the church hearings. Need more on cause?

These quotes are valuable to me for use in court. I'd thus appreciate a clear copy that can be reproduced (I can't read parts of this) and anything else that appears. There is no point in my writing P-S. They are not about to confess stifling first-rate reporters (who are also that kind of humans) or to ever respond to my requests. This is why I don't write Kay directly. I never asked for her home address and a letter from me will not help her there. And I like her personally and respect her professionally, as I hope she's perceived.

No point in going into Shaheen's hogwash. It will be purged in court, in time. I've already obtained enough to establish that his falsehoods are not accidental. There may be something afoot on this but I can't now say. Don't know.

Please believe me - and ask Kay to - that what may appear to you to be innocent may be entirely different in the end and that my having it may help clean all this up. I do mean in court, if you remember my non-lawyer's comment on lawyers.

I'd appreciate copies of your stories. I may have to face them sometimes. I fight hard and clean with people who are powerful and dirty. I am pressing them right now and they are neither used to it nor happy about it....Thanks also for the stamped envelope. I appreciate every saving, even of minutes and pennies. Best,

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Harold

I came upon this in Press-Scimitar morgue today.



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Jan
Pls get out style from morgue
4/12/69
on this

I'm the only outsider that gets into Commercial Appeal & P-S morgues. So if you need something some timester --ask me.

Press-Scimitar
Memphis, Tenn.

REC'D YOUR VERY FINE REPLY TO MY QUERIES.

Could you:

1. Say ~~that~~ Ray is a "POLITICAL PRISONER"?
2. Amplify (just one paragraph): "On the shot: The

unquestioned evidence is that it did not come from the so-called Ray rifle"?

I have a number of books on the John Kennedy assassination. For some months I have had one completed on the King-Ray case. I am adding an epilogue on the recent developments in Memphis.

It has recently come to my attention that you published a transcript of the false police broadcasts. If you would like very much to have a copy of that issue, if possible, I'd like to borrow the complete transcript or obtain a xeroxed copy of it.

If I may ask you a difficult question: can you isolate issues of your paper in which you printed stories you consider of above-average significance, or stories with new information about the crime and the accused? If so, I'd like to obtain copies of those issues. If you will tell me the cost, I'll send you a check.

In my own investigations I have accumulated a large amount of pertinent data that has not yet come to light. Some of it causes me to have the deepest misgivings about your "indefinite" and the connections of some of the accused's new counsel. If you have printed any stories or can give me any data on the two Tennessee lawyers, it would be helpful.

If you have a reporter assigned to the case, an expert, and he'd like to see some of my material, in confidence, we are but an hour from Washington.

I make for copy -

Sincerely,
Harold Weisberg
Harold Weisberg

That should be enough.

& 3. Titles & dates on your assassination books?

Thanks, *Phil*

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