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Dear Phil,

Do not give too much weight to my writing when I never take the time and in fact do not have it. The volume of work that can't be avoided (esp. in FOIA cases) continues to increase and I take time for virtually nothing else except what is really essential, as best I can judge.

If I were feeling better - this has been a troubling week in the circulatory department - and if it were not only a few moments before the mail is due I'd be doing some of those things I have to lay aside. My days orient around the mail, from the FOIA content and because of book orders which we dare not let accumulate.

I continue to be troubled by Wayne's silence. I did not intend giving him offense. But when I learned who the person who was in Jowers' really was and that Youngblood and counsel were just laying back to await a publisher with mongy to be obtained I felt I had to let you know. I'm sorry if Wayne feels this way. He has been a very good and appreciated friend. Had I not let you know I would not have been a friend.

The real reason I write is not that I do not expect you to be as valuable as you have been in sending me clips from the papers but because now, with what appears to have been a real bash yesterday, I am much more concerned about the nuts, the self-seekers and the misled all seeming to go off chasing the wrong ghost. From the little I know this seems to have Lane/Gregory/Abby Mann inspiration. And there is no chance that the CIA or the FBI was behind the King assassination.

I did not catch the evening TV news but during the course of the day, each time an impos-ible time for me, there was considerable news attention. Each time there was a dead spot as I drove or interference in the evening and the night. We are out of the night-time service range of all the all-news stations of which I know. I tried them all after the morning experience of hearing a provocative bit and then getting caught in a dead spot by a traffic backup from a minor collision.

So if there is anything you can add to what is in the papers down there - not any mention of the demands in today's WxPost - it can be of real help. Maybe the black or student papers will carry more?

Richardson Preyer, a committee member, was in Portugal for a while. He then went to Cuba to join other members there, with some staff. I'm sure that in Portugal he was on a futility and I believe that it originates with a former Tenn. State Trooper, Mickey McGuire, who put out the story that Ray told ~~him~~ him he was to have met with a co-conspirator and to have received money/help in Portugal. I'm also sure Ray said no such thing. If anything like that had happened Ray would not have been caught.

There are also reports of a Louisville investigation. I regard this also as irrelevant, FYI. The reports include Lane working there for a while. I suppose he was really there to get paid for an appearance and used the time to pretend to be investigating. Most likely possibility the fakery of Clifton Laird, the former cop who claimed (falsely) that the FBI had offered him \$500,000 to kill King.

Best to you all,