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Dear Mr. Young,

While the official "solution" to the King assassination has no credibility at all, what is attributed to the King family in the media as the basis for a new investigation is what the FBI can disprove with little difficulty, at least largely. There should be a real investigation but one by another Warren Commission, intended to solve the crime, has little prospect of doing that and will, if it does, not result in further disillusionment.

As I suggest in my enclosed letter to Congressman Lewis, the beginning of any new look should be a real look at the original official investigation, which was not an investigation at all. I've done enough work on the subject to be confident it is true in telling you that what evidence was developed tended to or did exculpate Ray.

Please excuse my typing. I'm 85 and in impaired health and rather feeble.

After writing the first book on the subject, Frame-Up, I became Ray's investigator, I conducted the investigations for the <sup>b</sup>habeas corpus petition and with that success, for the two weeks of evidentiary hearing that we got. In it the judge merely decided contrary to the evidence and denied Ray a trial. If he had not, that judge would have had difficulty continuing to live and sit on the bench in the Memphis of that time, 1974.

After I did that work I filed a FOIA lawsuit against the Department of Justice and the FBI for all relevant records. Despite strong stonewalling in the end I was able to rescue from official oblivion about 80,000 pages. I give all writing in the field access to them and they along with all my records and my own work, will be a permanent public archive at local Hood College.

However, I regret to report that great a man as King was, there has been little interest in going over these records or in writing based on them rather than official propaganda.

If there has been any groundswell of support for the request of the King family, I have not seen any of it.

That blacks in particular have manifested so little interest is and has been troubling to me. While King was a truly great American, he was, in particular, a great leader of his own people and that they have accepted a phony investigation in virtually total silence I have trouble understanding.

As I wrote Congressman Lewis, if he wants to send anyone to question me while that is still possible or to take a further look at any of the records I have, I will welcome that. This applies to you and to the NAACP, too.

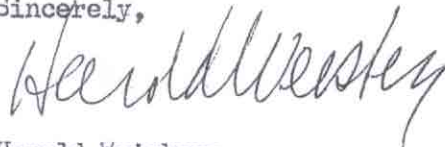
Do Not be deceived by the Gerald Posner book and the attention to it and to him. I have completed a long manuscript on it and on him that is being retyped. It is titled Whoring with History: How the Gerald Posners Protect the King Assassins. There is no prospect of its publication today but it will exist as a record for history.

The FBI records in what it termed its MURKIN files record that of those with King when he was assassinated you told the FBI that you believed the shot came not from the flophouse but from the ground opposite the Lorraine. Quite a few of those in the firehouse, if not most of them, shared your belief and based on my work, which I believe is both dependable and extensive, nothing else is reasonable or possible.

The official explanation of the shooting is of what was totally impossible. And officialdom knew it!

I do hope the present request can be reoriented and gets more support and succeeds. It would be so good for the nation!

Sincerely,



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