

Dear Gerry and Bill,

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We look forward to your coming and expect to make full and difficult use of Bill's offer of help. But not with the mowing. Maybe Wil will have a bit on a flower bed but my working file, which is a mess, from the days of the Ray evidentiary hearing, is in the basement and there is much I'd like to be able to have found in it for use on Posner. On whom I've begun. I again want to impress on Gerry my belief that he should be in touch with Jerry who has much he and I both think Gerry and Dennis can use. I mean what Jerry has at home, not at school, to which those things have not yet been sent.

Now on Gerry and King, I also have a more accessible file, also a working file, in my office, the three-drawer file cabinet.

From what Dave tells me the new disk on Groden has much wrong with it. It can probably be of some use the way it is but I have a friend from the past who visited us this past weekend. He is about an hour and a half away. If there is anything wrong with the new disk I'll ask him what he can do about converting the old one in the Pagemaker format.

On the Ray case, I have a fantastic tape if we can find it. I think it was not transcribed. It does give a possible explanation of the judge's untimely heart attack, the only reason Ray did not have a trial. I think we can find it once Bill leans his way around some in that mess.

I also suggest that with regard to JFK interests it would be a good thing to have a list of names of interest. Not only may I have a separate file on some but others can be located, with a little time, by use of the Dallas index, which I did get. It is bulky and I suggest that if it is to be used it will be a good idea to have each name on a separate card of piece of paper and have them alphabetical.

Bill's sister-in-law who is a prosecutor can perhaps be of help to me right now with something I wanted to be able to write around last week. It is and maybe Bill knows, what are the items that are generally considered the body of the crime in a murdercase for the investigation. Like autopsy, bullet(s), weapon(s), wounds, etc. What in something like the King assassination should a writer who is a lawyer, like Posner, be looking into if he intends a serious book on that assassination. His index does not mention the autopsy, the rifle or the bullet! He just assumes the guilt and writes about Ray on the assumption of guilt.

If I am up to it and can get my hands on enough I'll make a record on the King case. Before you get this you'll have what I wrote "eno. I did do a bit on that case and what I did should have gotten Ray the trial the judge knew he could

not survive granting. He just found against the evidence, which was what he knew he'd have to do when he began. We also made some mistakes and it might be a good ^{idea} ~~idea~~ if we talk about it if we tape that part. I intend to use in what I am writing. Basically, Bud made a very bad mistake not to do something that had been agreed on in advance. When it was too late I also got something that was relevant from Ray that he just had not told me until the morning after the evidentiary hearing ended. The US marshals were fine in every way. They brought him to their office on a Saturday morning, before taking him back to Nashville, just so we could talk.

I do expect to use the evidence I got for the evidentiary hearing and some of what I got by suing the FBI. I have the hearing transcripts but it will take time to get them to where I can get at them easily. If not before then, a job for Bill when he is here. I've been trying to get Jerry to get a xerox of those hearings made for himself so that he will not in the future have to go to Wood to draw on them and he says he will but he's been too busy.

The case I put together exculpated Ray. The judge held what may have been true literally, that ~~the~~ ^{his} guilt or innocence were not before him!

Justice is what it used to be called.

We look forward. Best to all,

Harold