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Dear Les,

For my purposes I no longer have the need of which I once spoke, of interviewing some of the luminaries in the King party in Memphis. For them and for historical purposes I still think it would be a good idea.

I have enough of what I was sure of from each one if not directly to me. It is really more than confirmation of what I had figured out.

Some of them were holding back on you, too. Or had forgotten, which may not be impossible.

So too some of the ordinary people.

There is a recurring item I hope you can find time to ask Walter Bailey about. Meaning to ask him for a copy.

The records have the white tempest (they like the lower case on it) coming in at 5:55 p.m. (they save the dots). They also have a number of blacked-out names checking out or leaving, I've forgotten the precise words, at 5:45.

It would appear that M did not get there until about 5:55 and was walking toward another car when it happened. The three names I've identified are Gabbage, Ester and hunt. There may be more but I'm tired. Now there is not one male name I can pinpoint and say were of the guard. I therefore believe that those noted as leaving at 5:45, an unlikely time, are the ones- and this is why their names are hidden. I am inclined to believe what you were told, that it was closer to 6, and that their's is the car tow which M. was going.

Naturally enough ER has not surfaced in these papers.

Nor Caldwell, nor Colfield. You'd never know what happened to Mrs. Bailey.

Not even that she once lived, was a person, his wife.

We have much to talk about - not my literary needs that except for time are met.

I'll clip the rest of this series for you.

Best to all,