

Dear Les,

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If I had enough interesting tapes walking back and forth in my Lane could become attractive rather than boring. I've just listened to a subterfuge call to him by one who disguised his voice very well and pretended to be doing a radio show. Lane never caught on that there was not a single break in it for a commercial or any other kind of announcement.

He is in California to do a movie on the King assassination. This may well account for his widespread splits or contribute to them.

It encourages me to believe even more than perhaps Jeff Cohen and Abby Mann and others might talk. Whether or not Tom Miller knows anything I can't say.

I'd heard that Cohen's split with Freed was over this.

He apparently had a draft script of more than a hundred pages several weeks ago.

He is writing it, he and Donald Southerland are to be co-producers and they have not yet raised the money.

I suppose that with the similarity in names Donald is the brother of Freed's dead wife.

His expectation is that the movie will be done early next year. That would be fast. I'll not be surprised if it is max of the formula reported to me by a woman reporter on the New York Post, The Investigator. Lane as James Bond. Bottled in. I recall that she said Freed was writing it.

Lane epitomized the benefits of not doing any work. One has time to steal and commercialize as he does from the time not spent doing real work.

In this interview he says the intelligence agencies got Sprague because they were afraid he'd expose them. The same reporters are named as doing the job for and taking their lead from the intelligence agencies. Since I did it I guess I'm CIA and FBI both.

My source is the guy who conned him, a guy he knows well and dislikes much. He got Lane to say that the House assassins had not yet subpoenaed a single record from either the FBI or the CIA. This was about two weeks or a little more ago, that is, the taping was.

It is clear that Lane got very close to Tannenbaum, as he had been to Sprague. Lane makes it clear.

I think this makes more important some of his blabbing to you: that he had done no investigating of the King assassination and knew nothing about it until Freed told him all. This confirms what I'd heard earlier, that Freed had Jeff Cohen do it.

Best,