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Mr. Dan O'Connell
TV Channel 44
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dan,

A friend recently sent me a clipping of your switch to your own show from producing that of Madigan, from which I presume his is no longer aired at WBBM-TV.

Before this, and it should have happened more than two months ago, I asked the (new, small and inefficient) publishers of my FRAME-UP to send you a copy c/o Madigan. I do not know whether or not it reached you, but if it didn't please ask them for one of you are interested.

There have been a couple of good reviews, of which I enclose copies. I think that on any political assassination, and especially for the work of the inventor of the underground book, these, from trade papers, are close to raves.

Decent official apologists are lining up, attacking without logic or factual basis. Regretably, one of these is Elmer Gertz, who should have disqualified himself when asked by the Sun-Times after what happened after the Madigan show we did together, about which I had warned him in advance if he "invented" evidence as he had in our pre-taping get-together. We have had an exchange of correspondence since then in which Elmer has failed to meet any of the serious charges I levelled against him, and this is a disappointment, for I'd had a higher opinion of him. Then there is John Kaplan's bit in the Sunday New York Times Book Review of 4/2, hardly a review in any sense. Kaplan's credentials for reviewing a book critical of the Department of Justice when Ramsey Clark was Attorney General (and, I have come to feel, one of the victims), include these: law clerk for Tom Clark, father; service in the criminal division, where the frame-up was sanctified and "legalized", then as a U.S. Attorney, then as an apologist for the Warren Commission, and more recently as author of USIA propoganda on the Angela Davis case. Some credentials for reviewing a book on the King assassination--the only one not supporting the official mythology.

I do not know when or if I will be in Chicago. This publisher has arranged no single promotion, despite agreement to the contrary, including a trip across the country by me. However, I hope you will read the book. And if there is anything you'd like to know, please phone me.

Hope you show gets to be what I know you can make it. The more the major media cast themselves in Orwellian roles, the more any kind of free society comes to depend in the smaller elements.