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Dear Shirley,

When we spoke a while back, I intended asking you to lend me what clippings you might have on Jerry Ray from the St. Louis papers and to ask you to watch them for me. Not having heard from you, I presume I forgot.

I have just finished about 200,000 words of the King/Ray case. The parallels with the JFK murder and its investigation are astounding. Lil is about a quarter of the way into retyping it.

Jerry interests me much. Some of the things he says are impossible, and these are the things that fascinate me. Much of what he says, however, is quite true, for I've checked a lot of it out.

He has had a connection with Barry Serafin, of KMOX-TV news, who chartered a plane, flew Jerry to Nashville to see James Earl, the end product being a statement I do not believe James Earl asked Jerry to be made, one hurtful to James Earl as to establishment of truth, serving other purposes, and the banning of Jerry from seeing his brother.

What this really means is that James Earl now sees only officials and his own lawyers, not one of whom I trust. Two I know are extremists, one a very bad man, and he's in charge.

If you have such clippings, I'd still like to see them.

And if I forgot to ask you, I'd appreciate it if from now on you'd save them for me. Little of it gets on the wire and much of what little does is ignored by the papers here.

Nothing really new with us. The weather has turned cool enough so we cannot swim any more this season, and we both miss it already, although it has been less than a week. I've replaced that exercise with a little work outside daily. This uses muscles apparently resting during swimming and I feel it, which is good, I guess, if uncomfortable. I had to lay off outside work during the hot weather because the chiggers were too find of me.

Lil plans to work for the Block tax people again this season. That means, because of the changes in tax law, that she'll have to go back to school twice a week for several months beginning next week.

Hope you and Sam are well. Best from us both.

Sincerely,