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Dear Mr. Ruby:

In a report in our phone conversation last week, I am enclosing documents and news clippings which pertain to the House Select Committee on Assassinations, H.S.C.A.

The H.S.C.A. on various occasions has referred to me as an 'affiliated witness' (although I have never signed an affidavit with the Committee) and no other commission publicly states that I ever worked for them in any capacity, but, not financially paid me \$20,000 as reimbursement on bills I submitted totaling more than \$200,000. (Incurred while doing volunteer work for the Committee)

During my association with the H.S.C.A. I was told to do certain things which could 'possibly' be illegal and certainly unethical by anyone standards. The House Select Committee on Assassinations investigated itself and cleared itself of my charges even before the Committee interviewed me or any of my witnesses or for that matter looked at any of my proof. Tape recordings, witnesses, etc. were all ignored by the H.S.C.A. in its investigation of itself.

During my association with the F.B.I. in the early '70's, I was writing "false" reports at the direction of the FBI agent to enhance the circumstances ~~case~~ against James Earl Ray.

I recently met with Robert S. Kingland, the United States Attorney here in St. Louis, pointing out false reports and illegal and/or unethical activities involved in the investigative methods employed by both the FBI and the HSCA. Mr. Kingland informed me that the investigative body for his office was in fact the FBI and that once again the agency being investigated about my charges would also be the agency investigating! He plainly stated that the investigation would conclude much the same way as did the HSCA investigation itself.

When I watched the show "WHO KILLED KING" which you produced, I was somewhat surprised that none of this material was even mentioned on the show.

I was even more surprised when I called you and mentioned my name that you were not even aware of who I am. I am not John Wayne, but it seems that if you would have done any investigation for the show rather than just talk directly with the HSCA and had gotten any information from any outside source, you would have come across my name.

The Lyons story here in St. Louis was covered extensively on both the program and by the Committee itself. During my association with the HSCA, Investigator Conrad "Fats" Harts completely discounted the Lyons story earlier in the year but after the HSCA adapted, because of lack of any other, the story as truth, as did Fats Harts. This Harts did in personal conversations with me.

After one and a half years and five million dollars, I believe that the House Select Committee on Assassinations not only out-stopped their bounds in investigative techniques, but also were caught without reasonable explanation in their final report.

If the HSCA's file on me is any barometer of truthfulness on the Committee's behalf, which I feel it is, then the King killing has become even more clouded than before the committee started the process.

Louis Stokes and G. Robert Elmsy and their staff has not only thwarted, clouded and confused the evidence they have tampered with during this investigation, but has also set a false foundation for any future genuine investigations into the murder of King.

And, they set out to clear the air.

If you have an opportunity to produce a show which deals with the Committee or the killing of King, I would hope that you will use several sources of information rather than limit the source to just one governmental committee, particularly when the one committee has to show that it did something.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Jerry Krite
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Dear Mr. Krite:

Enclosed are the documents and news clippings which I said that I would get to you during our phone conversation last week. I have also sent this same information to Elvira Ruby of Weta TV in Washington, D.C. She was the producer of the show "WHO KILLED KING?" I have also enclosed a copy of the letter that I wrote her.

Because of the following list, I believe it would be important for St. Louis educational television to take a role in the entire matter relating to King.

- 1) Ray's grow up around Quincy, Illinois.
- 2) lived at times in St. Louis and in Alton, Ill.
- 3) Sister presently lives in Lacey
- 4) John Ray lives in St. Louis
- 5) Jerry Ray in and out of St. Louis
- 6) The Missouri State Penitentiary story
- 7) The Myers story
- 8) The Alton bank robbery
- 9) The St. Peter's bank robbery
- 10) The Patterson story
- 11) The Washington, D.C. Weta report.

I would like to meet with you sometime in the near future to see if a program such as we discussed could be possible.

It would certainly be worthwhile.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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