

Mr. Clarence Kelly
Director, FBI
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Kelly; *M. Payne*

A few months ago, I had the privilege of appearing as a journalist when you were the guest on the television show, "Black Perspective on the News."

As you may recall, I had special interest in the FBI's investigation of the assassination of the Dr. Martin Luther King. I raised certain questions at that time about FBI laboratory reports which formed the basis for the prosecution's case, which, of course, has never been tested in the courtroom. Concerning this evidence and information about the FBI's penetration of the Invaders group in Memphis, you stated that you were not prepared at that time to give a "detailed outline of what the evidence was."

Sir, I realize that you are a busy man and thus I am requesting that Newsday be granted an interview with your agent or department most knowledgeable about the King case, specifically: 1. The Invaders group and 2. the Bureau's laboratory work concerning evidence at the scene of the crime.

I am sorry to have heard of your recent operation. I trust that you are enjoying full health.

Yours very truly,

Les Payne

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