

Dear Orest,

2/17/75

Whole I do not speak Spanish, I have heard enough words and have seen enough written so that if I have time I can pusale some of it out. So, for the kind things you said, my sincere thanks.

Jim Lesar's ~~his~~ wife did a thoughtful thing: she had their baby a few weeks ahead of schedule. They are both doing well and it is probable that she will be home from the hospital before we have to get busy in the case of James Earl Ray. Jim has done most of the legal work and we expect a decision this week on whether the judge will order a trial. If you see anything in the papers I'd appreciate a copy. They have different ~~stories~~ there.

Jim has done this Ray work and the cases he has handled for me without fee, so he is not in good financial condition. He is just getting started. And we have been working on a case that I am sure will interest you. He will file it soon in our continuig effort to obtain the suppressed evidence.

And somehow he has to find time to file some of the cases against those who owe me money, for I continue just about broke.

Between all these things, there is not much chance that he can get to New Orleans any time soon. We would both like to, of course. (We also can't afford it, either of us.)

What I hope is the last of the repairs on my old car is scheduled for day after tomorrow. I believe I told you I had had several accidents. If that goes well I'll be able to go to Washington. Perhaps he and I will then have a chance to discuss this.

The work we do is along the line I think you referred to. If you remember the references to my suit for the spectrographic analysis in Whitewash IV, Congress changed the law with that in mind. So, when the changed law becomes effective, that is the suit we are filing. If you see any stories on that - and I don't know if there will be any - I'd also appreciate copies of it, too.

Thanks for the Boggs story. The pictures were of Lane. Whether those files include me I don't know. I guess so, but there can't be anything of interest unless they have made things up. After I left New Orleans, just as the Shaw trial was beginning, I heard that the FBI was going around saying bad things about me. I know that if you had heard anything like this you would have told me. The man who told me is no longer in New Orleans.

You are correct in believing that there has been a change in public opinion and that it is favorable. We'll do what we can about this.

However, some of the things those who have not made a real study are saying are exaggerations, so be careful what you believe. They are getting much attention but they are saying what they cannot prove and I believe is not true about some people.

My best regards to your wife and the baby who must have grown much by now.

If I can add anything after I have a chance to get together with Lesar I'll write again. However, it now looks as though we'll both be busy for a while on cases already in the works.

Sincerely,

New Orleans, Feb. 07 1975

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Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Harold

Le estoy escribiendo para darle las gracias por haberme enviado su libro " WHITE WASH IV "., ~~lo~~ estoy muy agradecido por su regalo, es un libro muy interesante.

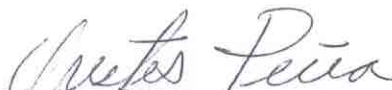
En la semana pasado salio un articulo en uno de los diarios de New Orleans con respecto al veyecido Representante Sr. Hale Boggs, y considero Uds. quizas le interese este articulo.

En su carta me dice esta trabajando con un abogado "Atterney" Mr. Jim Lesar , si el esta interesado y viene por New Orleans, yo le podria dar un caso al cual yo pagaria de mis ahorros las suma que el y yo convinieramos, contractaramos., Yo creo es hora de hablar sin tener a perder la vida , pues ya tanto la C.I.A. como la F.B.I. le estan quitandole la careta ,y sacandole los trapos al sol.

Como Ud. sabe New Orleans es una Ciudad no tan grande como parece, aqui todo esta controlado por unos cuantos politicos que no les importan la vida de los demas ni que la verdad salga a la luz de la vida., Yo creo ya se puede hablar y que muchos les van a oir y si se les dice la verdad de todo lo que ha pasado no temen a que la verdad la sepa el pueblo Americano, aunque se tengo que despretigiar a la Federal .

Despues de estar leyendo los periodicos en los ultimos meses me he dado cuenta que el pueblo Americano quiere saber la verdad de todo lo que ha pasado en los ultimos años, y este es la hora de decir la verdad sin tener miedo a nadie.

Siempre lo recuerdo con afecto por su integridad y siencio por que se sepa la verdad.

  
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In paraphrase of the letter

PI Thanks you for sending the book "White Wash IV"

PII Last week an article appeared in one of the newspapers with respect to Representative Hale Boggs and I think you may be interested in this article.

In your letter you say you are working with the attorney Jim Lesar, and if he is interested and comes to New Orleans I could give him an example <sup>for</sup> which I would pay a sum which he and I agree upon. I think it is time to speak without fear for one's life. In the CIA as well as the FBI are pulling the wool <sup>over your eyes</sup> as you know. New Orleans is not as big as it seems for everything is controlled by a few politicians to whom <sup>the</sup> life of others is not important, nor does it matter to them whether the truth comes

to light. I think now is  
the time to speak and many  
will listen to you and if  
the truth is told about all  
that has happened you need not  
fear that the American public  
know the truth although it must  
denounce the Federal

After reading the newspapers  
the last few months I realize  
that the American public  
wants to know the <sup>whole</sup> truth about  
what has happened the last few  
years, and this is the time  
to speak the truth without fearing  
anyone

I always remember you for  
your integrity and desire that  
the truth be known

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