

Dear Phil,

4/25/78

Reur 4/15 card and enclosed clips, not here until today.

The right guy for whom Wayne innocently got the wrong ID was named Crawford, I think Gene. Much younger than Youngblood, too. What I am saying is that there was such an incident as was reported to Wayne, where it was reported, fairly close to the other circumstances, but his witnesses made ID of the wrong picture.

I learned this by accident. I had no interest in the incident, as Wayne knows. Because it did not figure to me, attractive as it seemed to Wayne, I have always discouraged him on this, from the first.

I've made no effort to keep files on this and what relates because it is of no interest to me and I surely have no interest in files that would make my good friend Wayne look foolish. So in some respects, where I depend on recollection, I can't be sure. I do not recall my source, either. But I believe it was his good friend and my sort of friend, Walter Buford, who was to file Youngblood's suit if the book came out under the imprint of a publisher who had enough \$\$\$ to make suit worthwhile. Walter, of course, would not sue just for the sake of suing.

The Redditt story does interest me and I would like to use it when I get to writing. As is now clear my info of the time of the crime was correct. I also have other and the most solid sources of what did happen. What I do not have and would like is an account by Redditt. I met him through Les Payne in April 1976 when we were down there together, the time Wayne's messages never reached us. Redditt was to look me up but he never did. I don't suppose anyone down there taped his appearance or account on your CBS-TV station. I'm pretty sure it was not national. I know Redditt testified before the House assassins committee.

I'm also interested in knowing if Lane out words into his mouth. Not said what Redditt did not say but sort of enticed Redditt to say more or less what Lane says he said. It is when Lane saw him that his story changed. That story is not the one I had and not the one he gave Les Payne when I asked Les to see him when it was impossible for me to go there.

I've no reason to believe that the "transfer" was on Holloman's initiative, order as you say. I believe that Holloman was in court at the time it began. As I told Wayne, in the event Holloman was a friend of Wayne's, if Holloman wanted to sue I could help. On the air, where he did not expect people like Holloman or me to hear him, Lane was pretty explicit in saying that Holloman supervised the assassination for the FBI. I have such tapes, sent me from out of town, by friends.

The stories are valuable, thanks. But you still have sent none on the actual observation of the anniversary and the day or so before and after. I'm interested in who said what.

By now it should be clear that to all with him he had contact Lane was a disaster, as he always is to truth. Gracie's situation is worse and she is not a credible witness. She was not restrained, as I've known for 5 years ~~or~~ so. Just that she had no place to go.

I knew about the Levin arrest but as I recall it it had something to do with changing clothes in a garage.

I'm genuinely sorry for those who trusted the glib and unscrupulous Lane. Nothing he said was accurate. He can't even steal honestly because an unsatisfied ego galls him to add what he regards as an unique genius but it is a talent for error only.

Thanks, best to all I know,
sincerely,

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Harold,

Sorry you haven't been feeling well.

Wayne's not irritated with you; it's just
a difference of opinion.

Wayne says Ed Redditt on CBS-TV said he ~~was~~
saw nothing sinister in Hollom transferring
him off MLK duty. Wayne saw Ed & Ed shame-
faced about his turnabout (saving his job?)

Best,
PM

(OVER)

HW

John Crawford

The person in Jowers'--can you give any hint on his identity?

Youngblood & counsel--know name of counsel?

PM

(OVER)