

12/8/78

Dear Barbara,

Glad to get your 12/6 and the valuable enclosed clips - and to learn that there was nothing wrong. It had been so long I'd feared illness or trouble of some kind.

FFI means for your information, in the sense of also for no other purpose.

I lay clips aside for rest periods, when I read them, so I'm not familiar with the content of the enclosures, other than from their heads. However, I assure you I know of no reason to believe, even suspect that J.E. Hoover was involved in any assassination plot. (Other than entirely verbal and entirely political assassination.)

I'm sorry you do not have stories covering the 11/30 and 12/1 hearings.

Scripps-Howard has its own coverage. This means their stories can, and with the King case have held what does not appear in other stories. Also, the wire services, like AP and UPI, have different angles and stories for different parts of the country. Your papers are on their Southern wires.

Except for leaks there will probably be little about the committee until it issues its report. Lane is another matter. He'll probably continue seeking personal attention, particularly now, to try to wipe his shabby Jones record out. His lecture fees have escalated but I've not heard of any college speeches by him on onesville.

I did not see the ABC/Walters show and have had no report if what was said. In general, as best I can answer your question about Lane's politics when he will say and do anything, they are left of what is generally conceived as liberal but they have also have not deterred alignments with those of rightist view. He was a party Democrat in New York. I suppose I'd characterize his beliefs as opportunistic.

I was not aware of his Tampa TV appearance. It would have been the last thing I'd have expected so soon after the massacre. What he said on it is meaningless except as hype.

Hope college went well.

Sincerely,

Wednesday  
Dec. 6, 1978

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I regret not mailing some  
of these clippings to you sooner, but  
I've been busy. Yesterday was the  
last day of classes at U.T.

When I read the the front page  
story in the Knoxville Journal (NOV. 11, 1978),  
I was amazed that they would  
copy in the first paragraph, "The  
documented ~~allegedly~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~involves~~  
of Edgar Hoover, late FBI director,  
in an FBI assassination plot."

Not long after this story,  
the Guyana transition took place,  
where Mark Lane said there. TRUTH IS  
STRANGER THAN FICTION!!!  
(TAMPA)

I was in Florida from Oct. 20-26.  
During that time I saw Mark Lane  
on a local talk-call-in show. He  
was on for half an hour. He  
talked about proving he had that  
much ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~document~~ <sup>document</sup> ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> ~~Ray~~ <sup>Ray</sup>. If I'm  
not mistaken, I believe he said

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Ray and his wife will  
celebrate their first anniversary  
away from prison. He wouldn't  
denial this "new evidence".

What does F.V.I mean?

Did you see Barbara Walters  
interview Frank Lane? After watching  
it, I was surprised ~~about~~ Frank Lane's  
politics. How would you characterize  
his political beliefs?

I want to thank you for  
your periodic comments.

When, and if, Ray's trial  
happens, I'll send you clippings.

Sincerely,

Barbara Gavin Piner

(U.T.)

P.S. NPR locally, didn't carry the  
latest installment of the King  
hearings. Management felt  
there wasn't enough interest.