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Dear Mr. Smith,

Thanks for your letter, clipping and check. They arrived in my absence, on a trip on which I loaned out the last copy of COUP D'ETAT I have except the one with which I am working. I'm making an addition to the book. When one comes back, I'll let you have it. I'll hold the check until then.

Without doubt there are reasons for suspecting all sorts of people. However, my one lead about hill people is on a man from Tenn., and it is vague save for his presence in Memphis immediately before the murder.

What the book has on the NSRP is not the result of investigation in the field but of documents I have been able to get.

For my work, I have no special need for investigation of the NSRP, much as I'd like to see as much as possible done on those wretches. The book is already too large and is still growing. The manner in which I handle it precludes addition of anything else save what relates to the murder and that you'd want to hold for your own writing. But thanks for the offer.

On this subject, agents are not anxious. The new one, as he told me, had to leave the country for some weeks and I've not heard from him. I do not expect to until after his return. He said he would then have read all my work, the printed books (list enclosed) and those not yet printed.

Hope your work is going well. I'd jammed up with behind-schedule writing.

Best regards,

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DEAR HAROLD:

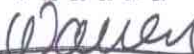
First, I owe you an apology for not sending this xerox on the fake broadcast much sooner. A few hours after our telephone conversation last month I obtained a new lead that had to be followed up immediately and I have been gone since then.

You asked me to contact you, because of possible danger, if I ran into a man from the hills during my Ray-King investigation. I have a lead on a man from Union City, Tennessee; another man from the hills and a woman from southern Kentucky who was allegedly seen with Ray on the night of April 3 and the morning of April 4, in Memphis. One of my best sources of information was a woman on skid row, from a hill town, who was found dead recently under some very unusual circumstances.

On my next trip to the south I will be investigating the National States Rights Party. Your manuscript will possibly save me many hours of investigation (probably weeks or months) and I am enclosing a check for \$2.50 to cover the costs of mailing. In turn, I'll read this in a couple of days and return it. I believe it is possible to break this case, and your help will be appreciated. I don't intend to publish anything for at least a year, or more. Your confidences and material will certainly be appreciated and nothing will be used from the script. I am simply approaching the NSRP with nothing in the way of leads.

Incidentally, if you have some leads that you want checked out while I'm working on NSRP I'll be glad to follow them up.

Best Regards
WARREN


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+ I hope the new agent worked out. If not, I can possibly recommend a couple of agents in NYC. However, I find it usually an instance of doing the selling myself and then the agent negotiates. Best regards.

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