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Mr. Bill Stein
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Dear Mr. Stein,

I'm very glad you phoned instead of writing. If I seemed anxious to cut the conversation short, alas, I was. One of the problems of living in the country is not living in the city, and I had to be there for several chores before 5 p.m. I particularly regretted this today because while we were talking several ideas came to me and there was no time to throw them out.

First I should eliminate any chance of later confusion. Up to now I have had to be my own publisher and I've done my own pr work, scheduled my own appearances, given my word without having to consult anyone else. I may sometimes talk that way, even if I did not today. However, on this book, I can make no pr commitment without approval of David Outerbridge or Harris Dienstfrey. I believe that part of the business is handled, for the most part, by David, who will be in England for about another week. So, what I am about to suggest, if it is appealing to you, would also have to have their approval.

It seems to me that a prepub show or shows can be done without taking the edge off the book, perhaps stimulating interest in it. If this is the case, I'd first have to know what plans they have to avoid any of that material. One could be on how DJ abused the family, friends and SCLC, pretending kindness. Another is on the misuse of blacks at the minitrial, when it wasn't necessary to establish the corpus delecti (I did not go into this in the book at all, for what is published, large as it is, is perhaps half of the original work).

If your work takes you to Washington, I am but an hour away. If you drive, the trip to here from Washington is an easy one, superhighway all the way. The trip from here to NY is about the same time and distance as from DC. We'd have overnight accommodations for you. Depending on when you'd be there, I could meet you in DC, or I could bring you here from there, or Greyhound runs. The advantage of taping here is that I have my files here, and they are extensive.

I should be in NYC about pub date. We can also tape then, but I imagine I'll have much to do then and it would have to be hastier.

Your idea of a joint appearance with Dr. Abernathy appeals to me, for it can be restricted to thing that would not in any way embarrass him, to those things that you think, after you read the book, he would like most, and it will give him a safe way of ending what I believe many people think is a demeaning silence. I recognize that this whole thing was painful to him and others. Perhaps at some point others will recognize that I also have feelings.

If you know Louis Lomax' widow, there is one thing you might be able to do that could help. I spoke to him before his accident and he was interested in my work and was going to let me see his. While I now hate to take the time for it, I'd very much like to have copies of it, to examine now and to have a more complete archive for the future.

Look forward to meeting you. The enclosure is what you expect.

Many thanks,

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Dear Mr. Stein,

I write you at the suggestion of Mr. Austin, in SCLC headquarters. He is generally aware of my work. I have completed a book on the assassination of Dr. King, soon to be published by Outerbridge & Dienstfrey, distributed by Dutton.

While my writing is completed, my interest in the assassination and bringing to light what truth is still suppressed or not understood continues.

If there is anything you have that you think may in any way be relevant, I would much appreciate it.

Mr. Austin indicated you may be able to supply several items for which I asked him. These are Dr. King's last speech (and I have an emotional interest in having a tape of his March on Washington speech, if you have a spare tape); the Low pictures—all of them (he never responded to my repeated inquiries, including through his answering service and PBL); the text of the speech he didn't live to deliver. Of course, where there is any copyright, as with the Low pictures, I would respect it. Mine is now an evidentiary interest alone.

Mr. Austin was recuperating from a kind of flu when we spoke. He indicated that when he could he would be in touch with you about this.

I have obtained and use in the book some of the suppressed official evidence. So you will understand the nature of my belief, this book says there was a conspiracy in which it is unlikely that Ray pulled the trigger and is without doubt that he was part (whether or not consciously, probably as decoy).

Sincerely, and thanks,

Harold Weisberg

Austin

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