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Gentlemen,

I write you both at the suggestion of Mr. Tim Oliver in New York. Tim phoned me several days ago when I was in New York for combined appearances in connection with my new book, FRAME-UP/ The Martin Luther King-James Earl Ray case and for continuing investigation of both the assassination and the framing.

It is my understanding that copies of the book have been sent both of you. I do hope you can get to reading it soon, for aside from the interest I presume you have in the subject, other forces as well as other possibilities are now active.

So that each of you can have a pre-repression estimate of the work, I include the pre-publication review of the book from the 2/1/71 Publisher's Weekly, the trade organ of the publishing business. Since then, not a word has appeared any place.

The repressive forces are moving very fast. As an example, Percy Foreman was to have confronted me on NEWS-TV, Channel 5, in New York, on a Bandy taping the night of 3/18. He had agreed in advance, agreed again after getting a copy of the book, flew to New York, got to the studio, threatened the station and, with typical courage, me but not to my face, and flew back to Houston. The station immediately began turning over. First they asked me to take it easy so they'd not be sued (what for is not clear), then they kept cutting me off in mid-sentence, and finally they edited out just about every reference to Foreman and concluded the show with the encouragement that viewers tune in next week for "the other side", presumably, from conversation with me Friday, meaning government. If one might have thought that Foreman, or Arthur Hanes, who did appear, represent "the other side", that appears not to be the case.

This book utterly destroys the official mythology substituted for a solution of the crime. Between it and the legal efforts to get a trial, there is a good possibility that still another official fiction will be forced, and I see signs of its development. It will be to produce a Black Judas. In a recent investigative trip to Memphis, two names recurred regularly. If I regard neither as a possibility, I would encourage you to consider the result if something like this can be perpetrated. Meanwhile, my own continuing investigations have been very productive. I would like, in confidence, to share the results with both of you and to discuss the entire matter with you.

My resources are limited. From the time I had to invent the underground book to bring out the first one on the Warren Commission, I have been in debt. Unsubsidized travel is now impossible for me. Tim suggested that I invite both of you to visit me. I am an hour from Washington and I have accommodations for two couples in a location you will find beautiful and relaxing, if the subject is anything but that. I hope you will find this possible soon. Meanwhile, although I still work an 18-20 hour day (and I'll be 58 in three weeks), I'll undertake to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg