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Senator Russell Long
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Long,

In the course of my long investigation into the Martin Luther King assassination and the crumbling of the institutions of our society when it happened and in the avoidance of a public trial, I have come into possession of evidence that seems pretty clearly designed to cause you serious embarrassment, if not worse.

Although I located this some time ago, I have just received the xeroxes.

I leave in the morning for some appearances with the publication of my book. I'll be back the end of this week. Thereafter, at any time mutually convenient, I'll be happy to bring this to your office. Washington is but an hour away and I get there about once a week anyway.

However, because the source of this apparent mischief is in touch with a major newspaper that also has a syndicate, I do suggest that, if you are interested in seeing this, it might be best to do that as soon as possible.

So that you may have an independent appraisal of my work, I enclose a pre-publication review of the current book from Publisher's Weekly for February 1. The New York Times editorial of the day after the avoidance of a trial of Ray may, in retrospect, also interest you.

Should I be unable to go to Washington at a time convenient for you, any member of your staff may view this material for you and make copies of it here. I have a sprained foot, and it is possible that the coming activity may be too much for it.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg