

Jesse M. Unruh
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California

July 2, 1968

Personal/Confidential

Dear Jess:

Just when I figured you must have had and/or heard enough from us purported "demonologists", I received a carbon of Weisberg's June 17th letter to you - and George T. Davis calls me to aid him in examining his situation in the Sirhan matter.

I am disturbed by the parallel behavior of the Los Angeles cops vis-a-vis the Dallas and Memphis histories, to say nothing of Ramsey Clark's broken record replay of "There is no evidence to indicate conspiracy."; if I have any concrete comment about this about-to-be-repeated procedure, it is this: Cats dig holes and bury their ca-ca, too.

Somewhere between Weisberg and Clark there exists provable truth; it unquestionably is not as we are being told by the authorities; there is, however, a common modus operandi in the King and Kennedy murders that should not be ignored, no matter how expedient it may appear to those in charge.

Had I have told you six months ago what was to occur til now, you would have dispatched the White Jacketcers after me; in his most shrill way, Weisberg did; for Christ's sake don't prove him right again.

I have access to more information about Sirhan and his associates prior to the assassination (execution); I'll not direct same to the current investigators for obvious reasons, but will see that you (personally) receive same - if you request.

Otherwise; I will sit here in my lair and sulk - and just grin at all my friends who still insist that "it can't happen here.....".

Best Personal Regards,

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Sacramento, California
July 19, 1968

Jonn G. Christian, Esq.
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Dear Jonn:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Kennedy
assassination.

I do not want to become involved personally with
any detailed inquiry into this tragedy, but I suggest that
you might be interested in talking to my attorney, Frank
J. Burns, Jr., whose Los Angeles telephone number
is 624-8506. Frank was with me and the Senator at the
time of the shooting and would be interested in any infor-
mation you might be able to supply to him.

Sincerely,



Jesse M. Unruh
Speaker of the Assembly

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July 15, 1968

Frank J. Burns, Jr.
650 S. Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Dear Frank:

My pleasure speaking with you this morning; I am equally pleased with your co-operative attitude.

Let me summarize my view of matters: The Los Angeles authorities seem bent on building a non-conspiracy case around Sirhan, to the exclusion of accepting or pursuing alternate leads or evidence; the news media has not the background, nor curiosity, nor willingness to commit the time, manpower, and resources to conduct a concurrent (and independent) investigation; I have the necessary background and capacity to fill this void - and I have the will; I sense a distinct probability of conspiracy, be it isolated to an indigenous element or related to previous assassinations in Memphis and Dallas; the promised taped interview/statement (confession?) by the key witness has provided me with an ideal blueprint vehicle to establish conspiracy.

As stated, I am proposing that George Hearst, Jr. sponsor my undercover investigation for possible (eventual) release under the Hearst aegis; it would be both the news "coup" of the decade and a monumental public service in one fell swoop; if Hearst accepts the challenge, I will start to wire together my investigative newsteam immediately; if not, I'll try to shop the concept elsewhere.

If one must rationalize this calling - it might come out like this: If there is no conspiracy, then such an investigation would tend to build confidence in all affected civil authority; if there is no conspiracy, the air would be cleared of existing suspicion and cynicism; if there is conspiracy, isolated or broad, then justice must be done or history will be repeated; furthermore, politics will effectively be removed as an impetus force. (Assassination is a political crime nonetheless.)

Eighteen months ago I was essentially satisfied with the words of my government on the murder of John F. Kennedy; that satisfaction was born

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of equal parts ignorance and lethargy, components that I reject in others; after considerable investment of time and discernment, I am now satisfied that an element exists in the country that has the will and capacity to "systematically eliminate leaders of a common political instinct."; it can (and has) happened here in America; the only questions unanswered are who and how.

If our current institutions were able and willing to accept the given challenges and responsibilities inherent in this seeming dilemma, I would be more than willing to get the hell out of the traffic and let them have at it; but, their actions and words tell this republic's body-politic they must accept that we live in the best of all possible societies, which is purely an unacceptable non-sequitor vis-a-vis the unavoidable facts. In other words, the cops are full of crap and are fooling no one.

Again, the word is caution; my carcass is no less tender than yours or Jess'; there is, however, a job to be done.

I shall dispatch the tape within the week, with an appropriate memo.

Thanks for the concern.

Sincerely Yours,

John G. Christian
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cc: Jess Unruh
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