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Dear Jack,

I've been meaning to write you for a while but have been so preoccupied with a book I've completed (twice as long as any I've printed) and the documentary appendix I'm preparing for it, I just haven't gotten to it.

Most of this book is devoted to the Martin Luther King murder. It is the only serious work on it of which I am aware, therefore I find it unpublishable. In many ways, this is by far the most shocking of all my work. (I've done two other books also unprintable since I introduced my fourth on your show.)

For various unpleasant reasons, the two chief ones seeming to be abdication and the new racial discrimination (I'm white), I've not been able to interest any responsible black leader in seeing what I have. Before too long it will be in court, for I'm about to file a suit under the so-called "Freedom of Information" law on what has been illegally suppressed. I think it important some of them be aware of the contents before it hits the fan.

Just before the first anniversary of the assassination, I was in New York and spoke to the SCIC leader by phone. He was stopping off in Philadelphia to pick up Reverend Bevel. They were to stop here on the way back. I never heard from him again, not even a call to say he couldn't make it or had decided not to. I had asked him to speak to Bevel because of some of the things Bevel has said. He is the one of King's former friends who has, in public at least, displayed any understanding of what happened, what is involved (and it is far worse than what may have been regarded as the extreme statements he made). I'd like very much for him to see this (all 500,000 words of text and large documentation besides). But I do not know how to get in touch with him, hence this letter to you. Could you please relay this message to him, with the offer of accommodations? We are but an hour west of Baltimore. There is an advantage in your giving him this message. You know me and my work and the meaning of my word when I give it. He does not know me. He can also check me with Janie Silverman, who he knows.

There is much more here than the subject would indicate. I am satisfied I have several areas ready to go to court, aside from the suit against the Department of Justice. There is current, immediate importance in part of it. And, I am pretty sure, if he doesn't, the time will come when he will be scurrier than I would want to be. It is an incredible, unbelievable, impossible story, but it is all true and thoroughly documented. Best regards to you all. Hope you had a good holiday and have a good year coming. And Thanks.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg