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Dear Rev. Williams,

Your letter did not reach me. Tim Oliver sent me a copy. I'm sorry there is a misunderstanding. I have given all my King and JFK assassination records to local Hood College, where they will be a public archive, for when I am no longer able to use them, as I now am still able to do.

What I'd told Tim is that because I now am not up to writing the kind of book I would want to write because of all my medical problems I might welcome a coauthor. I began a new King assassination book after the Ray evidentiary hearing in Memphis and then laid it aside to get government records under FOIA. The government, mostly the FBI, was able to stonewall that lawsuit for a decade. Before it was over I'd had arterial surgery with two emergency operations for complications, each one limiting me and what I am able to do more.

In 1989 I had open-heart surgery, with three bypasses, and that limits me still more.

When my first book on the King assassination, "Frame-Up," was out I tried without success to interest SCLC and then Rev. Abernathy. I also tried through Bill Stein, who sent copies to Stoney Cooks and Andrew Young, without any reaction or interest. When I was investigating for the evidentiary hearing, which really mean trying the case and destroying it, I tried to see Harry Wachtel. I did not get past the reception desk.

I do give access to all my FOIA records to other writers, if you know anyone who plans any writing.

Personally I am delighted at your description of your King chapter in your autobiography. I believe what you say and people were blind not to see it or were unwilling to recognize it. He was, truly, one of our all-time greatest!

A friend who is a history professor at Hood is nearing the end of his manuscript on the Poor People's Campaign, again based on FOIA records. He, Dr. Gerald McKnight, also wrote two scholarly papers for the South Atlantic Quarterly based on the FBI records I got on the Invaders and the sanitation-workers strike. He treated this as an FBI domestic-intelligence activity. If you or any of your friends or associates are interested, if he does not still have copies I am sure copies can be found in some libraries or from the publication. Hood is in Frederick, Md. The zip is 21701.

Thanks and best wishes,

Harold Weisberg
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Cc: Tim Oliver

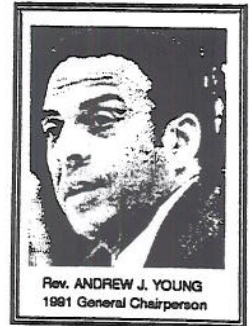
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March 13, 1992

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

It has been brought to my attention by Tim Oliver that you have done extensive research involving the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The purpose of this letter is to inquire about the possibility of my receiving a copy of that research.

I am Hosea L. Williams, one of the members of the "inner circle" of the movement of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s movement (see enclosed brochure).

I'm in the process of writing my autobiography, with the longest chapter entitled, "WHO WAS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.?" It's hard to believe, but no one who knew Dr. King personally as a revolutionary has ever written a single word about him. Only scholars have written about him. They had to go out and interview people who really didn't know him too well and then they had to go and interpret their interviews. I just have to think, sit down and write.

There are only two of us left who were in that inner circle (myself and Andrew Young) left to write about the TRUE life and works of Dr. King. Andy has received at least two grants to write a book, but both times he said his mind just froze up on him. So, I might be saddled all alone with this grave responsibility.

I have already organized my own "KING LEGACY ARCHIVES." This is one of the reasons I want the material you have so badly. Thank God, I'm still active, blessed with good health and mind: but I've turned 66 years old--meaning, completing this book must be my primary duty.

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Last, but not least, I have never believed James Earl Ray pulled the trigger that killed Dr. King. Although it's nothing like the work you've done, I've done a considerable amount of study on the assassination of Dr. King. Your giving us a copy of your research and findings would mean so much in keeping Dr. King's true legacy alive, but, MOST OF ALL, YOUR LETTING US HAVE THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WE HAVE AVAILABLE IN MAKING THEM OPEN THE ASSASSINATION FILES ON DR. KING.

My Executive Assistant or I will call you in a few days to discuss just how we can get those records. Please feel free to call me for any additional information.

In God We Trust,

Hosea L. Williams

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Enclosure

cc: ✓ Mr. Tim Oliver