

JDW,

Your very helpful mailing of clips on the 20th came today. Unread but heads skimmed. I also got a fine batch from a Memphis friend. This hasty thanks and added Lane comment before I got out for a little work near the wier that is supposed to supply water to the pond.

Monday I leave for a week, first to near Boston, the Baltimore for speeches, then to be with Jim and John Ray for whatever help I can provide before the committee on 30. I have two speeches to overhaul and update. And I got three cartons from the FBI today. But I'm taking time, regardless of other considerations, for outside work when weather permits and believe it is best medicine.

From the first I was certain there would be a special angle for Lane in the Jones holocaust. I believed he'd have some understanding of the potential but that his selfish purposes would prevail. This now seems to be close to what the situation was. Freed rung him in. Freed was to do the unauthorized unofficial biography, as unofficial as saying what Jones wanted said could be. He arranged for Jones to hire Lane, initial fee \$5,000, to file FOIA case vs CIA (which Lane doesn't even do for himself). Lane got \$2,000 for Ray "defense" and was to get other \$3,000.

This a.m.'s Post confirms my belief that Lane had reason to know of the potential in advance. So while I don't know what will appear out there, any Lane angle will interest as it will Dave, to whom I'll provide copies.

Understand NYTimes had story today. Les Payne was to have done one several days ago. Les my source on Lane's deal.

No matter how incredible Lane's career, there is always a little more incredible he comes up with. Even for him this is extreme. Best HW 11/24/78