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martin,since i am being copied on your recent message, and since i see you have quite a list of jfk

Researchers included on this e-mail train (somewhom I know, many whom I do not know), I thought I'd take this opportunity to pass along an article that appeared in today's WALLSTREET JOURNAL, regarding the MLK case. While I neither necessarily endorse or support the editorial positions taken (I have not studied the MLK case and therefore do not feel qualified to comment on it), I thought it best to get the information out there to those who may be interested in what's out there in the mainstream on MLK, and in the spirit of the title of this e-mail train, as well. Feel free to delete this or pass it along to others, or even respond by writing a letter to The Wall Street Journal, if you wish. Best

regards, STEVE=====

CONSPIRACY SWAMPS SWALLOW KING ASSASSINATION BY PHILIP TERZIAN

Since a majority of Americans now endorse the Oliver Stone view of the death of John F. Kennedy - a conspiracy, probably a government plot, with probable CIA and FBI involvement - it is scarcely surprising to learn that the family of Martin Luther King Jr. recently concluded a deal with Oliver Stone to furnish materials for a movie on the death of Dr. King. The only thing more grotesque than this is the fact that Dr. King's survivors - notably his widow, Coretta, and younger son, Dexter - have publicly exonerated James Earl Ray, Dr. King's assassin, endorsed his version of events and demanded that the state of Tennessee grant a retrial for their new friend. At long last, truth is slightly more peculiar than Oliver Stone's imagination. But the truth, of course, remains resolutely prosaic: Martin Luther King Jr., the only American apart from George Washington whose birthday is a national holiday, was killed by a single rifle round fired by a career petty criminal whose racist views and desire to cash in for murdering King were known long before he shot his victim in Memphis, 30 years ago tomorrow. Chaos is Disturbing That Mrs. King and her entrepreneurial son have descended into the fever swamps of conspiracy theory is sad, to be sure, but not entirely surprising: Americans have a fondness for ready explanations and all-encompassing theories of history. As in nature, chaos is disturbing in civic life, and it's hard to concede that great lives, or the course of public events, are disrupted by otherwise inconsequential people such as Lee Harvey Oswald or James Earl Ray. The emotional vacuum created by violence is easily filled with conjecture, presumption, conviction and delusion. And thanks to the First Amendment, it only gets worse with time. In one sense, there is a critical similarity between the Kennedy and King assassinations: In neither instance was there a definitive judicial resolution - no "closure," as Oprah would say. Oswald was murdered by a Dallas strip club owner, Jack Ruby, while in police custody; and Ray's lawyer, the flamboyant Percy Foreman of Houston, advised his client

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