

Lettergate

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page letter stating he was "amazed and appalled" by the "unfounded attacks" against Latham by Bell's attorneys.

Jackson said he was doing a "favor" for Bell by having GM authorize Latham to contact Bell. GM is paying Latham to audit the program and mediate its disputes with Black dealers.

Critics claim this dual role is a conflict of interest, a charge

rejected by Latham and GM. "You owe an apology to me, to Ms. Davenport, and, most importantly, to Mr. Latham," stated Jackson's letter that called Bell's complaints about Latham "despicable."

Jackson's March 20 letter to Bell arrived in an envelope marked: "Personal & Confidential - To Be Opened By Addressee Only."

However, a copy of this private letter from Jackson to Bell was faxed to a number of Black GM dealers on March 24 containing a "W. Latham Shaw Pittman" fax machine imprint.

Further, there are different signatures for Jesse Jackson on the letter sent directly to Bell and the letter faxed to Black dealers.

Bell sent Jackson a five-

page letter on March 25 asking Jackson how he could support Latham's alleged misconduct, and questioning how Latham obtained a copy of a supposedly confidential letter.

"Are you saying that you agree with Mr. Latham telling me to fire my lawyers ... I just do not believe you would support that kind of advice because you know that would be wrong," Bell stated in his

letter. "Did you sign my letter, and, if not, who did?" Bell's letter stated. "If this was a personal and confidential letter sent from you to me, how did Mr. Latham get a copy and why has he found it necessary to share the letter with other people?"

Jackson had not responded to Bell's letter at this current press time.

Troutman

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Near the end of last year, she said she talked to Louis Conners, public affairs director for KCEP, about her show and others being put on hold so that studio B could be refurbished and 12 phone lines added.

She claimed Conners called her and said her show would be off the air for three weeks because engineers had to work around programming schedules, giving them only weekends to do the job. Troutman said credible sources told her that studio B was not being refurbished and that her show was about to be canceled.

Rutledge denied the claims

and said work was done on the studio and is continuing. "If you listen to KCEP certain times of the day, we are off the air, especially on weekends," he said.

Troutman contends that Rutledge axed the show because her topics are outdated, irrelevant and don't concern West Las Vegas, a charge Rutledge rejected.

"I don't have a lot of interaction with Bobbie or any other talk show host," Rutledge said.

He said his primary concern

is that KCEP-FM 88.1 is not held liable for slander by not offering rebuttals or opposing view points.

Troutman said she has always alerted the station beforehand about her topics and asked for input from management.

Rutledge said he praised many of Troutman's shows.

"I have no problems with Bobbie," Rutledge said. "If they are looking for something to attack somebody with, they're going to have to do better than that."

Lawsuit

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males.

A Black female employee with almost 20 years at FSA "has had equal employment opportunity training but feels 'that it's probably a futile effort,'" according to the report.

Case after case uncovered by the report reveals that USDA is doing little more than window-dressing to cover up the discrimination.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights reported that at the current rate of loss, by the year 2000, there will be no Black farmers.

Tapes

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dryer and other items.

Jerry Ray said his brother never had a chance to use the tape recorder: he got it two days before he fell into a coma. Before that, he had a machine that would play but not record.

He said his brother's possessions will be stored as keepsakes.

Jerry Ray said he plans to fight to clear his brother's name. He is waiting for a decision by Attorney General Janet Reno on a request, supported by King's family, to open a new investigation into King's 1968 murder.

The King family, which publicly supported Ray's request for a trial and asked that he be freed, may attend a memorial service in Nashville next month, Jerry Ray said. It will be open to the public.

Funeral

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busy schedule.

"We're still considering the request," King was quoted as saying in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution earlier this week.

Lawson invited King to speak to striking sanitation workers in Memphis in 1968. It was on that trip that King was shot on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel. Lawson is among those who believe Ray was innocent or acted with help from others.

Lawson met Ray in the mid-1970s and later became his pastor, often visiting and later presiding over Ray's prison marriage. He is now pastor of Holman United Methodist Church in Los Angeles. Though he pleaded guilty to killing King and avoided the death penalty, James Earl Ray recanted. For almost 30 years he maintained his claims of innocence.

Ray's body is to be cremated. Jerry Ray says his brother's remains will be flown to Ireland, where his ancestors were from.

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From May 11, 1998 to June 19, 1998 an informational package is available from the Clark County Public Works Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Coordinator at 500 South Grand Central Parkway, 2nd Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155. This package describes the types of services and works requested, qualifications desired for each service and work, the combination of services required for each type of work and the application requirements and forms. Interested firms must pick up these packages in person or arrange for the sending of the package at the firm's expense. IBM-compatible microcomputer disks containing all the required forms are also available in a variety of software formats. Please contact the CIP Coordinator at (702) 455-8008 for further information on how to obtain microcomputer disks.

Selection is based upon evaluation of the following factors: (1) The firm's qualifications and experiences to provide the desired services; (2) Experience and qualifications of the firm's employees to perform the desired service; (3) The firm's equipment resources; and (4) Past history of providing similar services in the last five years.

All submittals are evaluated and ranked for each type of service proposed and for the several types of services needed to complete a specific kind of project. The final rankings are presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

It is mandatory for interested firms to obtain the informational package and submit materials according to the instructions and on the forms provided in the informational package. Only properly completed SOQs will be considered.

Interested firms must complete and submit five copies of their SOQ. Each copy of the submittal must be in its own three-ring binder. Submittals will be accepted only from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on June 19, 1998. Submittals sent by the U.S. Postal Service or hand delivered should be sent to the CIP Coordinator, Public Works Department, Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, 2nd Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106. SOQs received before or after the specified date and time will not be considered.
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