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PENN JONES, JR., EDITOR

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Dear Sylvia,

You just can't possibly realize how heartening it is to hear from you. And other people like you.

When Penn first ^A ^{began} snooping around on this news story, knocking on doors, etc., the whole business made me physically sick. If he is right, then he should have been killed real quick. Real quick.

But he wasn't [#]. And now I fear so very much that he is going to be framed - but good. He is honest, decent, pays his income tax, etc. (He is also cute as pie, I think.) You know, 5' 3", short blonde crew cut, and so immensely full of fun. You're going to like him when you meet him.

If he is framed, how will it be done? I don't know. But I do fear an attempt will be made - if he is right - to discredit him.

Will it be the homosexual bit? Possibly. But of all the people I know, Penn has the most impatience - an actual dislike - of people who are abnormal in that respect.

I'm going to write to four other people that I fear this framing may happen... So then, if I should have ^{to} make a statement, it wouldn't be off the top of my head. Gosh, I hope my suspicions are unfounded. By that I mean: I hope no move is made to show that he is anything than a very fine man. Tough, in the newspaper sense? Yes. Fair-minded? Yes, he is.

And I love him very, very much. I've been asked: "What's it like to be married to Penn Jones?" The answer is difficult, but I would say it's somewhat like hanging on to the tail end of a comet. I simply don't have his zeal, his physical and mental strength. But, anyway, it's great to be married to Penn Jones. We have two pretty nice sons, one 17 the other 22.

I wish you would keep this letter somewhere, because I am going to write a more formal letter to you and the other four people. But I am leaving town for several days to visit my brother. It doesn't matter who the other four are. If anything should happen, they can either take the heat or stay out of the kitchen.

Write again. Your letters are articulate and interesting.

Louise Jones

Killed

I felt he was very much alone, you know!

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