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Harold, June 11, 1974

Ray stuff got very big play here on all 3 local network outlets and papers.

Lipson called today saying Jim had called him wanting to talk. I told him Jim was okay.

As far as I can determine we didn't keep a copy of the Strader contract. Lipson thinks we sent it back to his attorney in Indianapolis, Ind. doesn't remember name. I haven't found Linstead yet. Said he wanted a lot of money.

LARRY S. FINLEY

Dear Larry,

Finley

6/15/74

Many thanks for the note of 6/11 and the enclosures, which I'll read tomorrow when Bud and Jim will be here to read about a hundred pages and I'll have time to copy whatever they may want, the Trib story for sure, if only for the head!

Jim has seen Lipson, who grieved about all the good stories he missed when he got to understand the meaning of his own notes.

Of all your many kindnesses, perhaps the most important one will be the unconscionable delay in providing those notes after I asked for them. More than three years? Well, it is important that we neither had them nor had any way of knowing their contents before I conducted the interviews for the affidavits for the habeas corpus petition and before Jim drafted the affidavits based on those interviews! They put a 1968 date on the content that is important, but I didn't get it until I think 1971, May. And Lipson remembers, too!

It worked out great this time, the rare exception, so our sincerest thanks for your grossest negligence! Only PLISS don't expect lightning to strike twice.

This thanks will serve for Jim, who is getting ready to leave for Memphis and some kind of pre-pre proceeding before the judge and for the filing of motions.

When Foreman even now says he expected \$400,000, the Trib head, he confirms our charges and the opinion of the sixth circuit. Jim and Bud will love that!

Best,

cc:JL