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Dear Jim,

Of the convenient memory and the determination to continue to behave as would not be accepted in a boy.

When I got Ray to ask Bud to be his counsel it was with certain preconditions to which Bud agreed and then did not adhere. I was concerned about the conflict with CTIA, among other things. This concern led to some of the simple terms to which Bud agreed. One was that the literary property would be ^{my} mine. That was to prevent what Huie did, not because I wanted to own anything. Another was that I would be the investigator. Another is that he would not see Ray unless I was with him. After agreeing to that, he ^{S/} saw Ray only when I was not with him and he alienated and turned Ray off with his efforts to be Perry Mason rather than Ray's defense lawyer. My source was Ray. And Bud was to pay the costs. I was brook in debt and had no income.

I did do the investigation for the habeas corpus petition and for the evidentiary hearing and without asking me you give my work to the ARRC and then charge an inflated price for copies? Without telling me that you have given it to the ARRC? Or my cost?

I did not ask the ARRC for the few pages I asked for originally, I asked you, not knowing that you gave it all to the ARRC. You did not tell me that you have given it all to the ARRC. Or that you have made a glorified mess of historically important records in doing that or before doing it. The only reason I asked for all the exhibits was to be able to get what few pages I wanted, and not one of them was included when you sent me the remnant of the court record. *What you*

have not post! What a way for a lawyer to behave - not even keep a file of the court cases!

You did send me the decision, with the one page I wanted to quote missing, you said you'd replace that, and you have not.

Those pages from the book the DJ prepared for the sheriff to use with Ray in his custody directed the sheriff to deny Ray the most basic rights and if the hearing had not been in the deep south would probably have been enough to determine the outcome. In an ordinary case pretty certainly. So, you have lost them, and you defend that by being critical of me!

could not use them if they had been what I wanted.
By the time I got the remnant of the exhibits I'd finished the book I was writing. Dave has read the first third and can give you an idea of whether or not it is worthwhile.

Neither I nor I recall your buying three copies of Frame-Up at \$20 each, which you refer to to justify the usury of charging me 20¢ a page for xeroxing

without telling me in advance of this cost. That book, whatever the circumstances of you getting it, is a hardback of just under 550 page. Is \$20 an inflated price for it in terms of harboack prices?

And what about the costs of my doing that book that were never recovered and could not be?

I did not pay for the remainders. They were part of the deal that was not lived up to until I saw the Giant advertising them. I then got what had not been sold to the Giant.

It comes to mind that when I finished that book, which was based on what the media had published, I gave you those clippings. From the mess you have made of the records in the Ray case I suppose that was a mistake because you now have no idea what you did with them!

I'm old and I'm feeble but I am still trying to do what can be of some usefulness in the future and I'm sorry that you were not able to do what we would once have expected the average high-school student to be able to do, go to his files and retrieve what is in them.

If you do not suffer a disaster from this kind of thing, and I hope you do not, you'll be lucky.

You can't keep case records, not taking the time for that, but you have time to represent a whore who can whore no more and instead gets attention to herself with obvious lies that are also hurtful to the country and you blind yourself to what is without question, for this you have time. But for behaving like a grown-up lawyer you have no time.

If you ever give thought to anything other than assassination ~~nut~~ nuttiness, has it occurred to you that all the nuttiness helps and tends to protect the assassins? And excuses the official and other covering-ups?

Regretfully,

Harold

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold:

Enclosed are (1) Power of Attorney dated 7/5/68; (2) Agreement dated 7/5/68; (3) Agreement dated 7/8/68; (4) Undated Agreement that is otherwise the same as (3); and (4) the Huie-Hanes-Ray Letter Agreement dated 7/8/68. Presumably one of these, most likely the Power of Attorney, is the document with the strange language in it that you complain about not receiving.

I haven't found any document corresponding to your description of "the two pages we got from the sheriff's office from that book on how they were to take control of Ray." I think I know what you are talking about, but I don't know how it was filed, and the obvious possibilities have proved unsuccessful. I will keep looking.

Dan alcorn has Whitehurst's address. I have a call into to him, but he is out on some engagement now and will not be back in the office until tomorrow.¹

I agree that 20 cents per page is a high copying charge, although it is 20% less than the National Archives charges and 60% less than the federal courts charge. The xeroxing charge goes to the AARC, not to me (although I forgot to tell you to make the check to the AARC). The AARC's xeroxing rates (12 cents for members and 20 cents for non-members) were imposed on me by Board of Directors over my objection that they were too high.

Like you, I did a mountain of work on the Ray case for free. Unlike you, I do not feel that this entitles me to free copies of everything in perpetuity. I do recall that a year or so ago I purchased three copies of Frame-Up for, if I remember correctly,

¹Dam called me back from home, where he retrieved my message after returning from jogging. He didn't have Whitehurst's address at home, but said you can write him care of his lawyers, the firm of Kohn, Kohn & Colapinto, 3233 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

\$60, which figures out to \$20.00 per book for books that, as I recall, you bought when they were remaindered for \$1 a copy.

I will be sending you a dub of a tape of Posner's appearance on a Los Angeles radio station back in April.

Sincerely yours,

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