Dear Jim,

6/24/80

Carol phoned me today to tell me about John and how to write him, c/o the Quincy, Ill. police. She has not heard from him.

She sent the clips on charging him to Jerry, thinking he would make copies. Instead he sent them to Jim. She will be sending me new clips. Gerald Boyd of the Post-Dispatch also phoned. He provided clips. I told him that the FBI is mimicing Mark Lane, gone in for conspiracy theories. Their present theory, put out to the press several days ago, is that John did the Virgil Jordan job or was in one it. Their basis is the I.D., the same as in King, robbing banks. Boyd doesn't seem to buy that on the Potts story.

Carol says that John told the press that he did not recall if he robbed a bank or not, that he'd had a blackout. He refused the phone call permitted. All her info from press. The police claim to have found his prints in the car you referred to. The money supposedly was found along the road, like it had been thrown out of a moving car. She says there is a story that he was carrying a brown paper bag.

The father has had further surgery and it appears to have been an instant success, from what he tells her. He feels that much better.

Her boys are doing well, going to school, paying their own costs that teen-agers have and making enough to save. One has put aside enough to get a decent used car. She is working part-time.

Boyd is the only reporter to call me. Good.

I did tell him what I include in the letter John asked me to write to the parole board several years ago - that government was making it impossible for him to live other than by a life of crime.

John's failure to get the blackouts shocked out does not persuade that they are real. But with John, they could be, such are his notions.