JOHN LARRY RAY
ADAMS COUNTY JAIL
QUINCY, ILLINOIS
62301

July 22, 80

Dear Harold:

I Will drop you a few lines to let you know that the "Innocent one" is back in Jail again. I Was going to Write to Jim S., to get a couple pieces of Information, But. Maybe you know this too.

But First, George MacMillian, Wrote me last Week (they held the letter up Nine days). He stated he was Writing another book. He didn't say it Was about any of the Rays, But I assumed this when he Stated that I had some answers, which he still Wanted to know. He also stated Jimmy was Writing a book which I Was Unaware of. I have not had any Contact With Members of My family, Since they alleged I Escape.

In this Case, Somebody, Masked, Robbed a Bank in Liberty, Illinois. 5 days later the Chief of police in this town received a phone call that a Strange Car Was park on the side of a Road. upon Investigation the License Check out as not being Stolen, etc. However, he hid out and upon seeing the lights come on he gave Chase. the car Was Wreck and the unidentify driver escape. the car was Registered to a James LaRue. In Searching for the Driver, they found a Satchel of money in a ditch, between the Start and End of the Chase. the money was found the next day (9 hrs Later). the Chief, said he had the car in Sight at all times, But did not See the driver toss anything out the Window. the States attorney said it Was toss out because the Windows on the Driver Side was down, and it Was up When the car was Check out by the Chief. they Claim $11,000 was found in Satchel, and I Was being Stolen from the Liberty Bank.

Since the Robber Was Masked, No one knew Who Robbed the Bank, So Now they are trying to Build a Circumstance Case against Me. Not that I Robbed the Bank But that I Camped out in the Woods for a Week (near Liberty) and Must of have Robbed the Bank. they took Hair samples ~~of~~ they claimed they found a hair

P.S. Harold, If you have any Data on mentioned Material, please send it along I might be able to used it to impeached Expert Witnesses testimony.

In Human Waste. they took my Handwriting Sample, which they Indicated that a piece of paper was found With my Writing on it. I Expect they Will Say that they found it In the Satchel, Because there's no Connection Between the abandon Car and the Money-Satchel.

they got Caught In an Embarrasing Situation When the Sheriff and State attorney had to recalled a photo released to the News Media of a James La Rue (of Cicero, Ill.) who they Claimed Was the Robber. they admitted they Retouched up his photo to get an ID. My arrest Indicates that they are Still doctoring Evidence. for Instance I was only arrested, Because they found two of my prints In Car. they would not say When, Why, or What did they matched these two prints against (Compared). I Believe that it Was unusual, Because they released this doctor-up photo of La Rue 5 days after the Wreck. If they had two prints it look like they Would have had Eliminated La Rue, Instead of releasing his photo. thus, I appreciate it if you would do me a favor (Which I doubt I'll But want to be prepared — Is give me (and Jim too, if I told him) a Letter Stating that you advised me to tell My Employer, about my Black out problems, Because he was a good Employer, and I could Injury Someone Driving the Bus for the Airport Limousine Service.

there a couple of questions you might be able to answer, I believe I read them In your Book — at Least one of them — and Jim L. told Me one: Is Handwriting Valid? Is Hair Sample Valid? Jim Said police keep Radio transcript of Call's, Is that a fact?

It Was 105 here, But today it's Cool, 83. I haven't Heard to Much about Yours health problem, Better? I Can Never remember Susan address, I Believe it 1231 Something. I See J.B. got 10 years. He Will Have a Hard time In that alabama prison. that a Rough one. Hope you are getting along O.K..

Take it Easy — Jeff

Dear John,

7/28/80

Your letter of the 22d, which was not postmarked until the 25th, came today. Our mail leaves and comes at the one delibery, so with someone here who can save it a day in this reaching you, I respond in haste.

You ask that I give you a letter stating that I advised you to tell your employer about your blackout problem becausehe was a good employer and someone might have gotten injured while you were driving the airport bus. I did say that and on other occasions did more like it. I'm sorry you didn't listen.

When the marshals brought you to Washington for the House assassins committee's public hearing Jim and I met you in the jail in the federal courthouse building in Washington. As I recall it you showed signs of having been beaten up. I think I then asked you if you had had the medical checkup I'd urged you to get. I am without doubt that on the next day, in the room in which the committee held you when you were not testifying, I spoke to you about this at least twice.

After the fracas, which led to you being charged with attempted murder only long ehough for there to be coast-to-coast TV publicity on that, after which the charge was dropped, you had had some incomplete medical examination. You had a paper indicating that further or more careful and detailed examinations were required, I think having to do with an X-ray that had been taken.

I have had one experience with a blackout. I then learned that they can be indicative of serious conditions. (Whether or not connected, in my case impairment of blood circulation to the brain was later diagnosed.)

Whether or not we discussed this in the jail I did bring it up before you testified. And the last thing I did after you testified was to go to that same room with you and try to persuade you again. You seemed to believe that if you subjected yourself to such an examination somebody might toy with your mind. I then urged that you try to arrange for the examination that had been recommended through Dismas House.

Carol and/or Albert may have some recollection of this because I probably wrote her

on the chance that she might be able to overcome your fear or reluctance. I include Albert because I think I also tried to talk you into this earlier, when you were before the committee in executive session. I then met you in their motel room, with a tall writer who was doing an article. His name is Scott Malone, but I don't know where he is now.

Jim may have some recollection of this, although his mind was on other matters. He is away but I'll have copies waiting for him when he returns. He will then be quite busy, so if you have a time problem I suggest you write him separately because he'll be getting quite a bit from me and may not be able to go over all of it immediately.

The 1234 address you remember is on 4th St., SW, 20024. He has moved his office to 21-1 L St., NW, zip 20037.

You ask about handwriting analysis and is it valid? I understand that with an adequate sample and an authentic expert it can be. I believe I wrote about an unsatisfactory sample

On police broadcasts, I don't think that transcripts are made, ordinarily, but the tapes of the broadcasts are supposed to be kept.

The rest of what you said is interesting. Particularly if you have proof, if it does not depend on your word alone.

I'm glad you used a black pen. Blue does not copy well on my machine so Jim will have less trouble reading your ~~sk~~ letter.

You meantioned hearing that Jimmy is writing a book. I heard it, too, but I don't know anything about it. With all the lawsuits he files, how would he find time?

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Old Receiver Road - Route 8-12
Frederick, Maryland

John Larry Ray
Adams County Jail
Quincy, Illinois
62301