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Dear Paul, Valentine

If Wayne Chastain had taken his bars, which I doubt, by the time he went to see Ray, he certainly had not passed them and he was not and could not have represented himself as even a lawyer, leave alone one of Ray's, all of whom are a matter of record.

What was actually done was stupid enough, but do you really believe anyone is that stupid?

I can't believe that Wayne would have jeopardized admission to the bar that way.

Or that Livingston would have jeopardized his standing.

How can I imagine too many sources for this lie to you.

I received what I regard as a snide non-response from Henry today in supposed answer to my letter to Warden Ross about the continued opening of all Ray's mail from all his defense. Not just me. No denial. Not even full denial that it was copied. And that not by Ross. Or under oath.

Do you for a minute suppose that the Press-Scimitar had to have Wayne surveilled to allege bias on a story he hadn't been on in months?

Have you the remotest notion of the real bias in both papers - ~~any~~ bias?

There was not one of a long string of Haile's lies not repeated faithfully, without any checking with these about whom he lied.

For that matter, the judge's reprimand about this also went unprinted.

Bias was hardly a factor.

And with Wayne's stuff having begun to appear in Computers about nine months ago, were his holding a personal view the factor, then surveillance still was not necessary on him.

Even our relationship - or that we saw each other - ~~was~~ ^{not} secret from the paper. Until I remembered to get his number, which was not until after the period of known surveillance, I left messages for him with his editor.

You covered the hearing. Whether or not you have read the 6th circuit's ruling, can you imagine anything at issue to which Wayne ~~could~~ have been a witness?

Frankly, I'm surprised fellow reporters took no interest in this. Not in the fact that Henry never intended calling him. Not in the fact that there was no official service of the subpoena. Not a State check issued for witness fees. (I saw Henry's personal check attached to the personally-served subpoena.) The marshal has a record of these subpoenas he serves only, so you'll find none on Wayne. And what a coincidence: Henry waits until he has to know Wayne is to leave for Nashville for the ceremony of getting his lawyer's license and the attendant counsel. And after all this tells Wayne verbally, not in writing, that unless he is called by the end of the day ~~after~~ Wayne was supposed to leave for Nashville he can't be called and can leave. He denied this in my presence but never made any allegation in court. The slightest checking on his allegations about poor sick Manfred Mays would have disclosed that he and the rest of the State assistant AG's had Mays to lunch while they were making these noises. If you want to check, the lawyer who saw them and conversed with Manfred is Walter Muford. It was in Cooper's and in their presence Manfred said they had no intention of calling him because a) they say he is crazy and b) they don't want the testimony he would give.

To me. Watergate by the big water. Best,