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MR. WEISBERG:

THE 1ST. LETTER ENCLOSED, IS SELF-EXPLANATORY. THIS BOY WAS ACCUSED OF BANK ROBBERY & MURDER OF A POLICEMAN. HE HAD A COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY WHO SAID HE HAD NEVER HANDLED A CASE LIKE THIS BEFORE. HE WAS FOUND GUILTY, EVEN THOUGH ANOTHER MAN CONFESSED TO THE CRIME. HE WAS TRANSFERRED 4 TIMES, SINCE HIS ARREST, LAST NOVEMBER.

I HAVE ENCLOSED THINGS HE HAS SENT TO ME FOR YOUR SCRUTINY, AND ALSO THINGS THAT I HAVE WRITTEN TO TRY AND HELP HIM.

MOST OF THEM, YOU CAN SEE TELL THE MESSAGE THAT HE SWEARS BY ALL THAT IS HOLY, HE IS INNOCENT. HIS PARENTS ARE OLD, HIS MOTHER IS ILL WITH CRIPPLING ARTHRITIS, SO I HAVE WRITTEN TO EVERYBODY THAT CHARLES HAS ASKED ME TO, IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT GET SOME HELP, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. HIS ATTORNEY APPEALED THE CASE, AND SINCE THAT TIME HE HAS BEEN BRUTALLY BEATEN, AT THE COUNTY JAIL IN RACINE, WISCONSIN UNTIL HIS BROTHER JIM WENT TO THE AUTHORITIES THERE, AND THEY CALLED AND GAVE THE SHERIFF WHAT-FOR, AND HAD HIM TRANSFERRED TO THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY JAIL, AT APPLETON, WISCONSIN. WE TALKED TO HIS BROTHER LAST NIGHT, MAY 12TH., LONG-DISTANCE, AFTER RECEIVING THE LETTER FROM MR. BRANEN, TELLING THAT THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO GET HIS STORY. HIS BROTHER WAS TO CONTACT A MR. DILLON, /MARSHALL OR SHERIFF OF MILWAUKEE/ THIS MORNING, TO FIND OUT WHY. HE HAS NEVER BEEN SENTENCED.

DURING THIS WEEK SOMETIME, HE PROBABLY WILL BE RETURNED TO MILWAUKEE, TO COURT, TO SEE IF THERE IS TO BE A RE-TRIAL OR WHAT IS TO HAPPEN TO HIM.

I FEEL THAT WE MUST DO SOMETHING IMMEDIATELY TO HELP HIM, BECAUSE AS HE SAID, HE IS UNABLE TO WRITE TO ANYONE ABOUT HIS STORY, IN JAIL.

WILL YOU LOOK OVER THESE ITEMS, AND IF POSSIBLE DO ALL YOU CAN, TO GET AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

WE WILL PRAY FOR YOU IN THANKSGIVING, ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP.

SINCERELY,

*Mrs John C. Irving*

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P.S. AT APPLETON, HE IS CONFINED TO A CELL FOR 3 DAYS, THEN LET OUT FOR 1 HOUR OF EXERCISE, THEN BACK INTO THE CELL FOR ANOTHER 3 DAYS.

→ PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE ←

OVER

MAY 14, 1968

MR. WEISBERG,

I SENT YOU THIS LETTER YESTERDAY. WHEN I ARRIVED HOME FROM WORK LAST NIGHT, MON. MAY 13, MY DAUGHTER SAID CHARLES COX HAD CALLED LONG-DISTANCE AT 4.00 P.M. OUR MICHIGAN TIME, AND SAID HE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE:COUNTY JAIL

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HE WAS TRANSFERRED THERE MONDAY MAY 13TH. THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OR HIS ATTORNEY HAD SO MAY DAYS TO FILE A BRIEF, AND THEY MAY HAVE RETURNED HIM THERE, SO HE WOULD BE CLOSER TO MILWAUKEE FOR THE NEW HEARING.

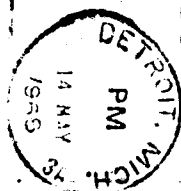
THOUGHT I SHOULD LET YOU KNOW, IN THE EVENT YOU ENDEAVOR TO HELP A MAN WHO HAS NO MONEY TO HELP HIMSELF, HIS FOLKS DO NOT HAVE ANY, AND IF WE HAD ANY, WE WOULD HAVE HIRED A 1ST. RATE LAWYER, A LONG TIME AGO. SO ANY HELP YOU MAY GIVE, WE WILL BE MORE THAN GRATEFUL.

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