

INKSTER, MICHIGAN 48141  
APRIL 9, 1968

TO THE EDITOR:

I RECEIVED THIS LETTER ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 5TH., SPECIAL DELIVERY.. HE IS A FRIEND OF A NUMBER OF YEARS, AS WELL AS HIS FOLKS.

WHEN HE RECEIVED THE VERDICT FROM THE JURY, THEY FOUND HIM GUILTY, EVEN THOUGH ANOTHER MAN HAD CONFESSED TO THE CRIME. THE APPEAL WILL BE HEARD SOME TIME THIS WEEK. HE HAS NOT BEEN SENTENCED, YET. SO PLEASE HELP, IF YOU CAN, AND WILL.

HE SHOWED THIS LETTER TO HIS ATTORNEY, AND HE ADVISED HIM NOT TO SEND IT IN TO THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL, AS IT WOULD MAKE THE ATTORNEY, HIMSELF, LOOK BAD. HE SENT A COPY TO HIS FOLKS, AND THEY ARE OLD, AND HIS MOTHER IS VERY ILL, AND OF COURSE HEARTSICK ABOUT THE WHOLE THING.

HIS FOLKS DID'NT WANT TO SEND IT TO THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL, BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID THEY WOULD RECEIVE ALL KINDS OF / CRANK CALLS, & PEOPLE BOTHERING THEM DAY & NIGHT;/ AND AS I SAID, THEY -----

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ARE OLD PEOPLE. THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO, AND ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD AN ABLE ATTORNEY FOR HIM, AND WE ARE NOT ABLE TO, EITHER, ALTHOUGH WE SURE WISH WE COULD.

IF YOU WILL PUBLISH THIS IN THE EDITORIAL COLUMN, DO NOT USE HIS FOLKS NAME & ADDRESS, NOR OURS EITHER. PLEASE. JUST USE OUR INITIALS J.I., PLEASE. YOU WILL NO DOUBT HAVE TO CUT IT DOWN, TO SOME DEGREE, OR ELSE IT WOULD TAKE UP THE WHOLE PAGE.

PLEASE, SOMEBODY MAY BE ABLE TO HELP HIM.

ANYTHING YOU ARE ABLE TO DO, OR YOUR REPORTERS DIG OUT, WILL CERTAINLY PROVE THAT HE IS NOT GUILTY.

SINCERELY,

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P.S. WE HAD HIS MOTHER ORDER THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL FOR US, AND WE RECEIVED IT FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 1ST., FOR WHICH FIND CHECK ENCLOSED. HOWEVER, WE WANTED THE BACK COPIES, WHICH COVERED THE TRIAL, AND ALSO WILL WANT THE COPIES, THAT WILL COVER THE APPEAL.