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Dear Larry,

Thanks for the Ray wire copy, etc., which just came. Your people apparently did not give the AP's "kill" bulletin on the story or the replacement story. I got hold of Bud and Jim and AP reacted promptly. They say they lifted the story from the Memphis Press-Scimitar and how that sheet could quote Learer on what he did not say and without speaking to him remains a mystery.

What is not a mystery is that the State misused this in a propaganda distribute styled a "brief" after the "kill" and without reference to it. The inference is obvious. It was more clever than appears on the face because even a well-informed one like you persisted in the notion that "he asked for the pictures." He did not, he asked for any records of any kind of Foreman's dealing with LIFE or those pictures. We have had the pictures for years, each of us. I spent some time tracing them out. LIFE says considering buying them now because they were no better-to-visibility didn't.

Maybe they have spoken to you about it earlier, I don't know, but I do know what they told me early that he never did understand why Foreman was so anxious for him to say some of the things were familiar and that if he did it would be worth \$2-310,000. Foreman, as I recall what Ray said (and it is on tape) was insistent and pressured Ray to do it was all a mystery. It should have been. Had it not been there would have been something wrong. So much for what I and I believe and seek.

AP was decent once they realized what had happened. The only copy they provided that is readable you have provided legibly and thanks for the copy, so I can give Jim the original for his records. That copy be positive for the Memphis court right on.

Bud wanted to be there this time but I had other work and I couldn't go. I said I'd catch the first plane if he or the judge went to. Maybe the judge because I wrote him a long and indignant refutation of the "brief" stuff. He'll call me. This "brief" as it relates to me. After I wrote the letter, independently of Bud and Jim, I learned that Hails was to be in Bud's office today. I had business in DC that lasted 30 minutes. I hung around all day to give Hails a chance to question me. At my request Bud had a tape recorder so Hails could question me on tape. He said he wanted to but he managed not to. I offered to go to Nashville so he could but again he refused. Bud and Jim are both witnesses to this and in a chance I'll ask the same offer to the judge.

If the judge gets interested in why there is all this manufacturing, Hails will have plenty of crew waiting for him. If this judge wants to be educated, his education is out! have started!

Unless there is some emergency, I do not expect to know more until Bud and Jim return. Jim may stay to do a day's work. I'll be seeing him a week Monday, if not Friday. No, Tuesday. I have to be in DC both days....

What I am rushing to a conclusion is originally titled QUINCY IV. Because I'm in a hurry to get it out, I'm not going to say anything about the contents. But it is hot. I do not expect to be able to struggle with it, have no promotional money anyway (Jim borrowed the money for the printer and has a share), have little prospect of distribution, but we felt it had to be done. If there are any talk shows out there that would air me by phone I'd be interested. If you can find time to speak at Alan Rickley at BMI and ask him to let me know if he will be interested, would appreciate.

Good joke for Foreman to say that money coming it would help Ray when it was contracted in perpetuity for him to get not a penny and Foreman to get 1/2 of all. ...I'm sorry also in a way that we changed names, Foreman and this with copyright, etc. Not Hanes, not with the other two.

If today's hearing goes well, it is to Jim's credit. He has prepared himself as I have never seen a lawyer do it for money, and unlike most lawyers, he is both willing and anxious to learn and does not begin with the assumption that there is nothing for him to learn. It may be an effective pose in court but it kills clients when it doesn't so. But it is not Jim's way. Thanks and best,