

Mr. Gerald Frank
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Oct. 4th, 1971.

Re: James E. Ray
V
State of Tenn.
Indictment no. 10645.

Dear Mr. Frank.

Thanks for your two letters, one via my brother Jerry dated Sept. 17, 1971; the other direct dated Sept. 25, 1971, requesting to speak with me regarding questions of the above captioned cause.

First I think it necessary to say that since my arrest on the aforementioned charge I have been opposed to the media assuming judicial responsibility in the cause since that would have, and did, make the out come inevitable for anyone of my background. Consequently the defendant opposed all pretrial publicity and before the trial accepted to have the Trial Judge's pretrial order limiting publicity enforced on several occasions. Defendant's position as well as those now defending him in the instant cause.

I know their has been self-serving statements made, out of court, to the effect that it was all the defendant's idea to associate with newsmen's to finance defendant's trial with the accompanying publicity, but that pretension would wilt in the Court room.

Further, I understand the former Chief Prosecutor in the instant cause, Mr. Robert K. Dwyer, has barred the prosecution's exemplar file to you, the extent of which the honorable prosecutor chosen not to submit to a jury; therefore I don't see what help I could be to you except-like auto-help publicize prosecution theories.

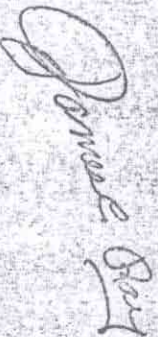
As to former prosecutor Robert Dwyer-- now Judge Dwyer, he being appointed to the Tennessee court of Appeals shortly after the 'Deal' in the instant cause resulting in the plea: It seems that since certain literary personalities began referring to him as 'The prosecutor with the Hollywood profile' the Judge began referring himself as a sort of back-woods Perry Mason in Petes and commenced performing for the New York based 'Talk Show'.

I assume when those 'Talk Show' exhibitors became bored with all concerned the former prosecutor shall find his way back to Tennessee and subject his investigative material to a little cross-exam in the Court-room.

In concluding, if their was anyway I could be of assistance to you without committing presents efforts to receive a trial I would. Further, it would seem to me that the notion of my alleged Attorney Perry Feram, and the Trial Judge, of maneuvering me into a legal position wherein I had no choice but to plead guilty solved all the commercial writers problems; they the press can now in effect make the official Court record.. wasnt that part of the prosecution game?

" Their is a possibility I may, in the future, find it necessary to be interviewed to finance pending litigation in England but only as a last resort"

Sincerely:



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cc/ file

(Note: Suggestion for your female audience enchantment include the profile symbolizing contemptary Roy Weed. (I understand your work includes pictures).)