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Dear Jim:

After reading your materials, received today, I feel an even deeper sense of disgust and outrage. You have indeed characterized one Henry Haile. Even the apologies outside of court or a Board is part of his general, normal tactics, and just as insincere as the rest of him.

To answer your questions:

John Haile is the Cousin of Henry Haile, and is a Tennessean Reporter. I suspect the easy way for your referenced article to get on the wires would be for Henry to pass the info to John, who would step about 15 paces from his desk into the AP room, between the Banner and Tennessean. There, he'd hand someone an unsigned story, and walk out. The AP attendant, taking everything in good faith, would simply slap it on the circuit. When I had my half million dollar grant with the National Science Foundation, I carried my own press releases, and in like manner to that described, got info on the wires. There is another way, more technical and complicated, which requires a conspirator at the telephone company. He simply throws in a patch cord in the proper holes, and you can have a teletype terminal running conjointly with computer, splice in anything without ever telling anybody that you've done this. No one would ever know where it came from, nor could they trace it. That, however, sounds too complex even for Henry. I'd vote for either the John Haile approach, or for the "reliable source," approach. From your content, I'd guess that the explanation that it came from the case files is pure crap — unless they read one of Haile's lying motions and then claimed it was yours, instead.

The address for Davidson County Chancery Court is just that: Chancery Court, Davidson County, Metropolitan Court House, Nashville, Tenn. If there is anything I can get for you, please let me know. Had you given me the case number and approximate date I could probably get what you want and ship it on.

Your image — that is, the James Earl Ray image — is not good here in Nashville because James Earl Ray is a "convicted" killer. In the South — and in particular Tennessee — one never attacks any part of the governmental or social structure without attacking it all. Southern politics will fight most hardy when it envisions embarrassment to itself coming. I hate to sound platitudinous but it's simply true. There's an old writer's saying, from Southern writers (and I'm also a professional writer who cannot exercise his craft because of Haile) that the Southern politician is free to commit any crime — murder, arson, robbery, burglary, larceny, absolutely anything — except one. That one is, of course, rape. Raping a woman, particularly a white woman, is hanging offense. No politician can tolerate that. So, you are not only fighting that Southern problem, but also the peculiar problem of Henry W. Haile III who apparently can do what no other attorneys are free to do. Since he is a member of the Attorney General Office, he can do no wrong, in the eyes of state courts. You also have to envision the newspapers catering to Henry, since Henry may be their next source of juicy stories. I've been press black-balled in Tennessee for five years, in spite of excellent judgment in my favor, with statewide significance, and in spite of real good friends on both papers, including one who helped get evidence against Haile for me.

The way I got to you is this: Warren Causey, formerly with Banner, introduced me months ago to W. T. Hardison, on parole, and bouncer at Muhlenbrinks. I asked
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Hardison for the name of James Earl Ray's attorney. Hardison did time in the same prison as James Earl Ray, claims to know him, and to like him, and has written a manuscript with a James Earl Ray poem that I read, plus comments about Hardison's belief that Ray is innocent of the killing.

Hardison gave me the name of Fensterwald. I called that office and was told by some female that he was out of the office. I then asked for anyone connected with the James Earl Ray case. She gave me your number. I called your number, and there you were.

I don't blame you for being suspicious. That's also Haile's advantage, and tactic. Divide and conquer. The truth, however, drives Haile absolutely crazy, I've noticed.

By now you've received my final copy of Motion for disbarment. I'm adding to the attachments your letter, and your other materials. This is based upon my footnote 10, wherein pleadings and proof in cases in which an attorney appeared either as an attorney or as a party can be offered in evidence to the extent that they are relevant to the issue of fitness to practice.

I hope to get the case filed during this coming week. If you have any more items to attach, please airmail. Furthermore, if you know of any other cases that will support our claims, please hollar quick.

Cordially,


Percy A. Chapdelaine