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Harold Weissberg

Just a short note of clarification. In your recent letter to me, you said that the press release on Ray's sixth circuit appeal that I did for WYSO People's News back in February was "in error" because Ray never knew any of the other conspirators or "Mafia hit men". Close reading of the release shows that not even by implication did I suggest Ray knew them. Perhaps the double pronoun reference to Livingston, Ray's attorney, was ~~was~~ confusing. Livingston told me that he could name the hit men, and they could name the 4 prominent backers. I have that on tape, I listened to it again, no error. Ray was a patsy, he would never have known.

Did you note the death of Sixth Circuit judge William E Miller? A secondth heart attack victim (Battle was first) during a Ray appeal. Died in the middle of considering the Ray v Rose appeal I reported on, was one of the presiding judges, and died in judge Phillips chambers. His vote against Ray was never ~~written~~ written down, but Phillips says he concurred prior to his death, so the final vote is recorded on the slip at 3-0.

Take care,

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