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Dear Phail,

Hasty thanks for the C-A story on Kershaw and his phones.

He lies in saying Ray just hired him last week. Secretly long ago. I knew last year. He has been ambulance-chasing ever since and has finally succeeded in what the 6th circuit described as commercializing of a sensational case.

If you want a measure, when I've been the only defense investigator he has not been in touch with me and has asked for no information about the case, directly or indirectly. Confidentially, I am sure you will find he and J.B. Stoner also represent Jerry Ray in a civil suit pretendedly filed pro se (drafted by well-meaning Richard Ryan) against Time, Haile, McMillan et al in Knoxville. There again he has asked nothing of me.

The bits and pieces that have reached me in recent months do not portray him as a boastion of lawyerly rectitude.

If you can provide any further info it might help save what the whores, self-seekers and self-promoters and the plain nuts have not already ruined.

The timing could not be worse. The committee has already "found" Ray guilty and has said so, even in its report, which also raises questions about Kershaw's motives and judgement. And my own work continues to be productive and very promising.

Appreciate in particular the promptness with which you sent this one clip because it contains what the WxPost did not report.

Many thanks,