

Mr. George McMillian
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Oct. 8th, 1971.

Re: James e. Ray
V
State of Tenn.
Shelby County. Indictment no. 10645.

Dear Mac.

After due deliberation and cautious consideration I have decided to reply to your distress signal dated Oct. 2-1971.

But first, as I recall I wrote you a brief note sometime ago, via Attorney Rud Fensterwald, explaining why it would be inappropriate and counter to Defendant's legal interest, in pursuit of a jury trial, to speak with you. However I gather from your latest letter that your the pushy sort.

To the latest letter's contents: I was momentarily left breathless, coming from you by your straight forward but Hollywoodite pitch. In recovering I thought perhaps you must have used the same technique to captivate that innocent Hellenic girl. Ole Percy would have said 'Right on.

Considering ole Plushbetton a minute: It comes as no great shock that he should gravitate to you for an advocate. Isn't there a common bond, even as to medis-enerandi? See- Singleton v Foreman, 12/1/70 LW 2303-2304 U.S. Law week.

In reflecting on the Foreman's Re: the Singletons, you would undoubtedly ask or say in defense of the Foremans: If their be something illegal in their tactics how do they evade the legal systems scrutiny.

In reply, my opinion is that their (the Foremans) tactics are somewhat deceptive to the layman, being unethical rather than illegal. I suggest besides occasionally selling out a client, when a prosecutor is frantic for a conviction, which is difficult for a client to prove, the game scheme goes something as follows:

- (a). Fleecer relieves client-preferably female-of worldly goods.
- (b). When client wakes up to fleecing and litigates Fleecer procure's local Fraternity brother.
- (c). Fraternity brother has litigation maneuvered before local Commissioner.
- (d). Local Commissioner's first pronouncement, no jury trial! Procedural rule then promulgated to make it difficult for Appellant Court to interpret suit on appeal.
- (e). After due commersing, for the fleecer, suit dismissed with prejudice.

Last act; Foreman takes to the boob tube, where his sort seem to be always welcome, fall's into the arms of 'talk show' Host; wherein after much gnashing of teeth and exercising of lach-ry-mal glands Fleecer receive's absolution.

Note). Sometimes there is still yet another act whereby the Appellant Court doesn't buy this humbug.

Before leaving ole plushy to his worldly goods you quote him as saying that you (McMillian) possess more knowledge of Defendant than anyone in America. Therefore a suggestion to you- see General Canale.

You also write that you are going to write a novel about the Defendant whether he (the Defendant) talk's with you are not; that you knew the worst but, that you would 'help' the Defendant.

For G. McMillian/Oct. 8th. 1977.

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Georgiel de I read a threat of an express if no cooperation is for "escaping from the Defendant? You must have judged that 'no cooperation' line from T.V.'s Efram Zimbalist.

Perhaps I should tell you, and those who utilize you 'Time Inc' that I am not considering running for public office and I doubt if the President nominates me for the high Court...altho there are two vacancies.

As to 'Time Inc' your parent employer, I now understand that prior to 1969 they had a sort of A.C. arraignment with the justice department when it came to knocking-off people they disagreed with or, in the instant cause, an incident they couldnt use.

You imply that you have recently received some type information from my father. Didnt your affected friends at 'Time Inc' report via Life Magazine, when they were doing their customary pretrial hatchet job on the Defendant, that he had died of delirium-tremens in the 1940's under poverty conditions?

Note) by the way what ever happened to you folks contemporary social equating poverty with saintliness?

You do make one valid point in your letter where you say it will take years of litigation to resolve the suit. But isnt that the prosecution's whole stratagem, to get a conviction in any manner, even if they know the conviction is clearly reversible, knowing that the Defendant will be incarcerated for years-especially if he doesnt have the support of any pressure groups- before adjudication?

(I suggest Sheppard v Maxwell, 384 U.S. 333-1966- as a classic example.)

In observation I think now, after three years, I can understand the same scheme of the Foremans, Time Inc., and you. It isnt profound, just sly. I can see I've been associated with your uneducated counterparts in penitentiaries for years; the type that usually end's up separated from the main prison body for prison morale. The sort that you been paying money to too corroborate your, and your couch doctor's, novel's contents.

Further, it is possible the Foremans, with media help, will make the frame in the instant cause held. But there are signs this may not be the case, after all Foreman didnt flee that New York 'Talk Show' out of modesty-especially when Tennessee Appellant Judge Robert K. Dwyer was on the same show to under-write Foreman. Also the State hasn't went to the unprecedented length of suspending the Great Writ to the Defendant for nothing.

Note) If Foreman can't face opposition enaa 'Talk Show' how would he fare under cross-exam?

Briefly in summary: Please don't do anything to 'Help' the Defendant; also don't write the Defendant any further letters as I've asked prison officials not to deliver them.

Further, I am not in the same legal position now as when the Defendant signed those Contracts with William Bratford Huie; then I was fundless and given no choice by defense Attorneys but to contract, with Huie, to finance what I had been led to believe would have been a jury trial. (Therefore I don't need your money.)

Finally, in the Defendant's opinion legal questions are a matter for the Courts, and jury, to decide not the communications industry.

Truly yours:
James E. Ray
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P.S. Naturally this letter will confirm all of your couch doctor's barn yard speculation.

James E. Ray