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12/14/82

Mr. Joseph Seibert, #09111
Box 900
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102

Dear Mr. Seibert,

I'm glad to hear from you. As you ask, I'm using my stationary, but it is old and out of date because I was taken ill and had no need to reprint it. I'm also using an envelope I had printed over because if you know anything about the case you know that firm represented James Earl Ray from habeas corpus to the Supreme Court. I've attached my correct address. I haven't moved, the area grew and the rural routes were renumbered until we got a street address.

I'm returning both of your enclosures, thanks.

Were you interviewed by the FBI in 1968? I seem to have such a recollection. I've sued (case still in court) to get the FBI records and I have received many but not all of them.

The clipping is quite provocative. It seems to suggest that you and Ray got out at the same time.

Years ago I spent many hours, in fact days, with him at Rushy Mountain and Nashville pens and hours more during the hearing, for which I was the investigator. My recollection is that he made no mention of anyone else being with him when he escaped.

If I remember correctly, he told me that the bread-box story is the correct one. Mofen's investigation did disclose that the bread was pressed down such when it got to the farm.

Of course I'm interested in more than the escape, if you know or believe anything or know others who do.

I do appreciate your writing because my interest in this matter continues and I do plan to write another book when it is possible for me.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg

MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY
(WRITE ON THIS SIDE OF SHEET ONLY)

JEFFERSON CITY MISSOURI

DATE Dec 7, 82

TO _____
STREET AND NUMBER _____
CITY _____ STATE _____

FROM _____
REGISTER NO. _____
BOX 900, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65102

RELATIONSHIP _____

HALL _____ CELL NO. _____

Dear Sir,
I have some very important information about the Dr. M.L. King, James Earl Ray conspiracy. I have kept quiet about this information up to this time for good reason, as you will understand after you hear the information. You can have this information free, but you will have to write me ~~back~~ so I will know you want it. Also if you can would you use your publisher's stationery in the first letter, so I will know ~~that~~ not just any body is ~~considering~~ answering my letter. ~~In closing~~ I am inclosing a K.C. Star March 13, 1966 newspaper article to show you I did know J.E. Ray I'm also inclosing a photostatic copy of a court paper to show I was out of prison on escape at the same time J.E. Ray was. If you can I wish you would send the newspaper article back.

With Best Regards
JOSEPH SEIBERT
09111
Box 900
Jefferson City, Mo 65102

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R. I. (AP)—El- president of the Typographical cted last night cent increase in lces will not hurt r industry. the increase will somewhere along ybe in higher ad- es," he said. "But don't try to make e people who put ers together."

because federal Youth corps workers at the fair were getting \$1.25.

In discussing the total labor bill, she told one reporter, "My God, I had no idea it would run into such an amount."

Manpower, Inc., turned in a bill for 31,239 contract labor hours at \$1.78 and 6,220 hours at \$2.49 an hour.

A former secretary of the fair said the number of hours is about what would be required, but that labor used to cost about \$25,000.

Vonceile believes the state saved some money by using her company. Maybe being the center of attention, as Vonceile said, is "something that could happen to any woman"—particularly if you know the right people.

Four Pledge At Marshall

Four Kansas City area students have pledged fraternities at Missouri Valley college at Marshall, Mo. The four:

Sigma Nu—John Herschel Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor L. Maxwell, 5320 Northwest Hillside drive; Richard Hehr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Hehr, Liberty, and William Drinkwater, Oak Grove.

Tau Kappa Epsilon—Lee L. Lawhead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver L. Lawhead, 8318 East Eighty-fourth terrace, Raytown.

Other Missouri pledges:

Alpha Sigma Phi—Gale Mann, Parkview, Mo.; Joel Karr, Clinton, Mo.; Richard Lee, St. Joseph, Mo.; Brady Banta, Grover Redford III, and Joseph Bruns, all of Marshall, Mo.; Ronald Brown, University City, Mo.; and David Tomlinson and Harry Boegemann, both of St. Louis.

Sigma Nu—Ronald Davis, Mexico, Mo.; Robert Peterson and James Reid, both of Marshall, Mo.; Thomas Carver, Neosho, Mo., and Frank P. Scortina, St. Louis.

Tau Kappa Epsilon—Stephen Schuchmann, St. Louis; Robert Quigley and Dwight Marlin, both of Afton, Mo.; William Schmalz, Florissant, Mo.; Carroll Nighberger, Swain Springs, Mo.; Michael Morris, Macon, Mo. and John Ballinger, Mexico, Mo.

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ON IN CONVICT SEARCH

Missouri Warden Believes Escape Still at Prison

(By The Star's Own Service)

Jefferson City—A search for one of two convicts reported missing Friday night from the Missouri penitentiary continued last night. One of the two men, Joseph Seibert, 27, who was sentenced from Jackson County to life term for first degree murder, was captured one-half hour after the men were reported missing.

The other man, identified by the warden, Harold Swenson, as James E. Ray, 38, who was serving 20 years from St. Louis for armed robbery and car theft, was sought on the prison grounds.

Swenson said prison authorities have no reason to believe that Ray went over the wall. He said the search for Ray covered possible hiding places on the prison grounds such as storm drains, sewers and passageways.

Swenson said both men had attempted previously to escape.

RED TERRORISTS

At Least 26 Die With in Guatemala, Papp

Washington (AP)—The Star reported that Guatemalan police have captured and secretly executed with at least 26 prominent members of a Communist and terrorist organization.

The Star's Latin American writer, Jeremiah O'Leary, in a dispatch yesterday from San Pedro Sula, Honduras had learned authoritative information about the executions.

O'Leary reported that the list included Victor Manuel Perez, the top theoretician of the Guatemalan Workers and Peasants Federation, and Leonard Castillo Flores, secretary general of the Peasants federation, both Communist groups.

ON A SORORITY

Seven Students From Area Initiated at Baker

Seven young women from the Kansas City area have been initiated by the Delta Delta sorority at Baker University. The seven:

Cherrle Bales, 7614 Terrace Barr, 7315 Floyd, Overland Park, Mo.; Bussing, 602 West Nineteenth, 374 East Carol Callahan, 374 East North Kansas City; Kathy Gladstone, Annette Miller, 616 Sixty-sixth, Prairie Village; and Strack, 7236 Forest.

PLEDGES A SORORITY

Miss Harriet daughter of Mrs. Schwartz, 403 East eighth terrace, has pledged to the Delta Tau sorority at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

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K.C. Star March 13, 1966

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI,
AT KANSAS CITY.

JOSEPH SEIBERT,

Movant,

vs.

STATE OF MISSOURI,

Respondent.

No. 707084.

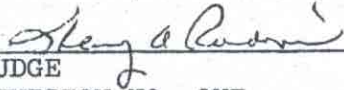
FINDING OF FACT

The Movant Joseph Seibert escaped from the courtroom of Division No. One at about the time for the hearing on the motion was about to proceed on Friday, October 13, 1967.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Therefore, the Movant is not a prisoner in custody under sentence as required by Rule 27.26.

Therefore the motion under Rule 27.26, filed August 15, 1967, is hereby overruled.



JUDGE
DIVISION NO. ONE

DATED: October 13, 1967.