

Dear Phil,

6/22/80

Thanks for the prompt response and for answering one of the questions - that Battle was an assistant AG.

Beasley, Dwyer and the rest will never respond to me.

There is no rush. I just want to get the info for the day toward which I look with longing, when I can write again instead of fighting to get records. (And I get many.)

Wayne covered Battle's court. Can't he provide a physical description?

I don't think Livingston would respond. We had quite a hassle during the evidentiary hearing and I was quite critical of his crazy Cliff business.

After I wrote you I thought of Ray Pittman Black and wrote her. She has not responded.

Don't let this be a burden to you, but if you can give me a word picture of Battle after your preoccupation with the Elvis anniversary is past, thanks.

John Ray, thanks for quoting AP. WxStar carried an item I'm to get, very short. Wx Post ignored.

All the Rays are crazy, so John could have robbed a bank and while at it was crazy enough to go back to one he was suspected of robbing earlier, but it does seem pretty crazy for even John.

Missing from federal custody is not quite precise. He was let out of Springfield, to which he had been transferred briefly, and was on his way to a half-way house when he disappeared. Originally I wondered if something had happened to him because there was no real interest in getting him and little effort made to locate him. He had written his sister, asking that she get some of his clothes to their father's home because he was going there when released. On the day of his release, after he was out, he phoned Jerry, from what Jerry told me, only Jerry was not available for a few moments. He did not call back.

John is crazy enough not to have gone to the half-way house, too. But it makes no sense because in a short while he'd have been paroled.

His being back in jail was dubious at best, perhaps wrong, and that could turn any Rau I know on.

Thanks and best wishes,

PS did they change your box number or did the labels get printed wrong?

June 18/80

Dear Harold:

Wish I could help on Battle questions, but Elvis death anniversary coming and I'm loaded.

Wayne suggests these people who knew Battle:

Judge James Beasley, was prosecutor

(Battle was asst. atty. gen. before being judge.)

Richard Ryan.

Bob Livingston (knows of Battle & Bible).

AP QUINCY, ILL.--John Larry Ray missing from federal custody since Feb. Warrant out charging him in \$15,000 robbery of Farmers' Bank of Liberty on May 30. --AP, June 17, 1980.

Best,

Phil