

Dear Phil,

6/7/80

Thanks for your 6/2.

Glad to hear that Wayne has regular job. Hope he likes it and accumulates the experience lawyers need, more than DWI cases.

I've lost track of him and have no address. Will you please ask him to give me a physical rundown on Battle, including ~~if he got sick~~ when (about ) he got sick and lost the weight and if after heart attack, etc. But what I am most interested in is his appearance as of the time of his death, not the moment of it, but as of the hearing. I want to add it to some earlier writing I had to lay aside and saw just before I wrote you. I'd also like to know when he was in DA's office, exact title then (assistant?) and the name of the case that went to the Supreme Court, where he read the bible for 36 hours to a prisoner who after that tirade and long period under lights confessed.

The name of the AP man is Bernard M Gavzer.

Use your own judgement on telling Wayne because he is a good friend I'd not want to offend or further bruise his ego, but those Civil Rights Division types he spoke to hoping to do some public good were unreceptive and made a record I saw months ago that would not make Wayne happy. I'm sorry he would not listen to me.

Hope all is well with you both.

Best wishes,

• June 2, 1980

Dear Harold,

Glad to hear from you after so long a time. Spent last 9 months in Florida, & just got back. I check back issues of CA & PS & see little or nothing on Ray et al. Wayne now working for county Legal Services.

I can no longer get into CA-ES morgues readily. I do recall clips on Battle; Angus McEachran, now in Birmingham, had long interview with the judge. Wayne says a big AP writer, perhaps now retired, interviewed Battle. Wayne says AP guy is one you have quoted.

Wayne says Battle was big, bulky man, who lost much weight when he later got ill. Wish I could contribute more to your knowledge.

Take care!

Phil