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Dear Miss Sable,

By getting Oswald and Frame-Up in a single mailing the postage and insurance are reduced, so instead of \$31.50 just please send \$31.00 only.

Thanks for your kind words. They are a meaningful reward.

If I remember correctly, you planned to enter law school this semester. I do hope you did. The country needs more concerned lawyers and more women lawyers.

Frame-Up became the core of the James Earl Ray defense, which really means both making the system of justice work and forcing public authority to make a real effort to solve the crime, not merely the defense of a single man. If as you read it you consider that it is one man's way of making a case - it is an adversary book and I am an adversary writer - it may be helpful to you in your law studies. In time, if you should like or if your school would like a copy to xerox and file, you can compare it with the successful habeas corpus petition, sustained by the 6th circuit and (in refusing cert) by the Supreme Court. I went out and gathered affidavits with which to support it.

In this there should be encouragement for young lawyers. The man who did the actual drafting of the petition had not yet taken his bars when he began work on the case and if I'm not mistaken had either not heard the results or had just passed them when the petition was filed. This is his first real case. Then and since, he and I work closely. We have just returned from a trip to Memphis, preparing for the evidentiary hearing scheduled for 10/22/74.

And in this, too, there should be encouragement for your lawyers. In this we won unprecedented rights to discovery under habeas ~~corpus~~ corpus. The State, which used all the old dirty tricks and invented some new ones for us, appealed and lost.

The lawyer is Jim Lesar. He will lend you a copy of the petition (book length) if and when you want it, and you can copy it, but because he and I have been doing all this work pro bono it would be a thoughtfulness to return the postage to him. But read the book first so you can have a better understanding because the petition contains less and you'll see how a book can lay out a case for a lawyer.

I will not be surprised if Jim and I haven't blown enough State minds by now for them to concede Ray was denied his rights for several purposes: to keep from ruining the reputations of the State's A.G. staff and of the State in trying to wash Memphis' dirty linen; to keep from becoming part of the public record what would be admissible in an evidentiary hearing and could not be in a trial.

There may come a time, if you have access to a law library, when Jim might want you to research some precedents, decisions, etc. If you would be willing, please let me know. If that letter requires no answer, please do not misunderstand my failure to respond. I stay pretty busy.

We did get the money order, thanks.

Best regards,