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Mr. John Seigenthaler
Nashville Tennessean
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Siegenthaler,

I am aware of some of your papers reporting of the James Earl Ray evidentiary hearing and consider it not honest in fact or intent.

I have read "A Search For Justice" and believe it was not but does display other than the traditional American concept of both justice and the search for it.

However, I was not prepared to find your paper a common gyp with small sums.

I did find this to be true of the man you act as public relations agent for, Henry Halle. But finally he did get the State of Tennessee to pay for the two of my Frame-Ups he ordered.

Your reporter Pat Welch borrowed the only copy of this book I had with me at the hearing, knowing it was the only copy and that I might need it. When I did and she had promised to return it she failed to do this. Thereafter she said that if she did not she would pay for it.

She also knew that I had promised this copy to a Memphis lawyer.

After I returned and after I read her roundup that I would characterize as other than merely angled if I had not been reared before women's lib and in the belief that men owe special consideration to woman I wrote her about her writing and the debt your paper owes me.

She and your paper have been without comment on my letter and have not paid for the book. That you have not commented on the letter is not surprising. That you would be financially dishonest is surprising.

By now my costs are greater than the \$10.00, price of the book.

They include the time and trouble of making a package of a replacement book and of mailing and insuring it plus a ten-mile trip with it to the post office; and the cost of the time and mailing of two letters. You are a publisher. I'll accept your evaluation of your time to you when you pay me for mine. I, too, am a publisher.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg