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Dear Jim,

Sorry to hear in your letter of the 11th that the Mississippi bar remains as determined to continue to keep the number of lawyers low so as to perpetuate a sort of monopoly in restraint of trade. Have you and you colleagues considered such an approach?

It was good to see you again. By coincidence there was someone here yesterday who reminded me of an earlier kindness in which you drove me around in New Orleans.

The one certain way for anyone NOT to be hired by the assassins committee is for me to try to influence it. It really is this way. I can't help. And I think you'd be very unhappy should you get a job there. However, I have heard that some in the research end have left if you can think of any other way of interesting them in you.

The clippings relating to Stoner, that indictment and the rest of the state prosecution are of interest and value because of some FBI records I've obtained in which they fabricated the ridiculous and then achieve wide distribution of it: that I had conspired with Stoner on some of what he is now saying to defame the FBI. So the more I know about what Stoner says and what is said about him the better off I am if there is more such utter insanity.

I'm more than usually pressed for time because I've just completed a long affidavit for one of the FOIA cases and that meant letting a stack accumulate.

I don't know if I can give you good advice but I'd suggest that you keep your job and study to take the bars of other states, including Texas and Alabama if not also Tennessee. You are still young and your job will keep you going and you are a southerner.

If you could advance yourself into a law clerical job, one of the things I had in mind in mentioning your father to you, that could contribute to your law education and still give you a base of self-support while studying for the bars.

Some of the women students I know have similar problems. The ~~xxx~~ exams for admission into law school are angled against them. Some truly superior students just can't get in.

But do keep at the law and in time you'll make it in some state. You have advantages in the south and you can do more good as a lawyer utilizing your advantages.

Sorry about the haste, but ~~xxx~~ I have to tackle the stack so I can return to other work.

You assumed there would be Stoner stories here. Virtually none.

Again our thanks,